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I DREAM OF JEANNIE

The Complete First Season

Barbara Eden, Larry Hagman

Unrated, 8 hrs., 57 mins.,

1965-66 (Sony)

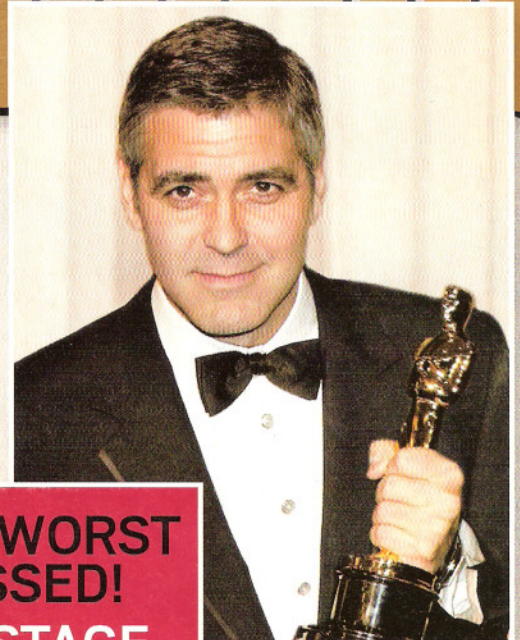
TV Series

In 1965, a comedy about a 2,000-year-old genie and her "master" hit NBC with a spell for sitcom success: a pinch of *Gilligan's Island* (cue: marooned astronaut Tony Nelson...), a slice of *Bewitched* (...discovers a beautiful blonde who wields magic facial twitches), and a dash of *I Love Lucy* (back in Florida, she's a well-intentioned mischief maker). But despite its conventions, *Jeannie* gave audiences something new—a program centered on an unmarried couple cohabiting at a time when an exposed navel still irked censors.

EXTRAS The digitally remastered four-disc set comes in two editions, color and the original black and white. In "I Dream of Jeannie Out of the Bottle," creator Sidney Sheldon and cast reminisce (on the day she landed the midriff-baring role, Eden learned



she was pregnant, forcing production to speed up). The pilot includes commentary with a giggly Eden, a subdued Hagman, and a gushing Bill Daily (Major Healy): "Gorgeous, both of you...gorgeous." **B** —Çemile Kavountzis



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