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= not worth the film

recorded on, or watching.

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=B movie, poor

effects either/or poor story-line, barely worth watching

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=average, worth

watching.



Viewing level, <u>average</u> episode length, genre, years in production.

# episodes and seasons.

Basic plot description.

Creator.
Main stars.



=very good, better

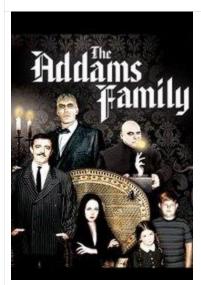
than average.

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=exceptional, above

par, a must see, my personal favorites.

This column includes my ratings, additional notes, associated movies, and my comments.



#### **The Addams Family**

TV-G | 30min | Comedy, Family, Horror | TV Series (1964–1966) 64 episodes – 2 seasons actually was more, as I do have a 3<sup>rd</sup> season. The misadventures of a blissfully macabre but extremely loving family. Creator: David Levy Stars: John Astin, Carolyn Jones, Jackie Coogan

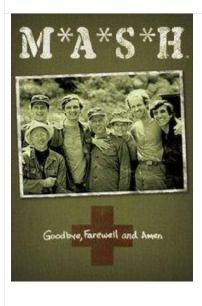
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Amusing, didn't ever make me laugh, but imaginative.

# \*\*\*\*

Folder includes the 2 later movies:

1991 The Addams Family, 1993 The Addams Family Values.



#### M\*A\*S\*H

TV-PG | 25min |
Comedy, Drama, War |
TV Series (1972–1983)
251 episodes – 11
seasons
The staff of an army
hospital in the Korean
war find that laughter is
the best way to deal
with their situation.
Creator: Larry Gelbart
Stars: Alan Alda, Wayne
Rogers, Loretta Swit |

# \*\*\*\*

Cute mostly, not really funny because in war, but I liked it.

# \*\*\*\*

Folder includes original full length movie:

1972 **M\*A\*S\*H** the movie.

1978-2010 battlestar galactica includes several remakes and sub-series.



#### **Battlestar Galactica 1978-1979**

1h | Sci-Fi, Action, Adventure | TV Series (1978–1979) 21 episodes – 1 season After the destruction of the Twelve Colonies of Mankind, the last major fighter carrier leads a makeshift fugitive fleet on a desperate search for the legendary planet Earth. Creator: Glen A. Larson Stars: Lorne Greene, Richard Hatch,

# \*\*\*\*

Did not like when it first came out, just too campy. Still don't like for the same reason, but, I keep everything.

### \*\*\*\*

Includes the original movie: **Battlestar Galactica** 



#### Galactica 1980

Dirk Benedict |

1h | Sci-Fi | TV Series (1980) 10 episodes – 1 season When the Battlestar Galactica finally arrives at the planet Earth, they find they must subtly raise its tech level and protect Earth from the Cylons. Creator: Glen A. Larson

Stars: Kent McCord, Barry Van Dyke, Robyn Douglass | \*\*\*\*

Marginally better than the original series, <u>continuation</u> of the 1978 version.



#### **Battlestar Galactica 2004-2009**

TV-14 | 44min | Action, Adventure, Drama | TV Series (2004–2009) 73 episodes – 4 seasons When an old enemy, the Cylons, resurface and obliterate the 12 colonies, the crew of the aged Galactica protect a small civilian fleet - the last of humanity - as they journey toward the fabled 13th colony, Earth.

Creators: Glen A. Larson, Ronald D. Moore

Stars: Edward James Olmos, Mary McDonnell, Jamie Bamber |

#### \*\*\*\*

Exceptional remake, excellent storyline, top of the line CGI, casting/acting was perfect.
A definite must see, a definite 5 star.
Several spin-offs below.

#### \*\*\*\*

Folder contains starting 3-hour mini-series, in season 01 as:

2003 bg s100 the miniseries.



### **Battlestar Galactica: Razor** (2007)

Not Rated | 1h 41min | Action, Drama, Sci-Fi | TV Movie 24 November 2007 1 episode

A two-hour Battlestar Galactica special that tells the story of the Battlestar Pegasus several months prior to it finding the Galactica. Director: Félix Enríquez Alcalá (as

Félix Alcalá)

Writers: Ronald D. Moore (developed by), Michael Taylor | Stars: Edward James Olmos, Mary McDonnell, Katee Sackhoff |

# \*\*\*\*

Also, very good single movie.

Stored in 2004-2009 new battlestar galactica in season four as episode: bg s4d1-00 razor



# **Battlestar Galactica: The Plan** (2009)

The Plan (original title) 1h 52min | Action, Adventure, Drama | Video 27 October 2009 1 episode

When the initial Cylon attack against the Twelve Colonies fails to achieve complete extermination of human life as planned, twin Number Ones (Cavils) embedded on Galactica and Caprica must improvise to destroy the human survivors.

**Director: Edward James Olmos** 

Writer: Jane Espenson

Stars: Edward James Olmos, Dean

Stockwell, Michael Trucco |

### \*\*\*\*

Again, carrying through with the improvements.

Produced after new 2004 Battlestar Galactica but before in the storyline, but also before Caprica was produced which this story comes after.





#### **Caprica**

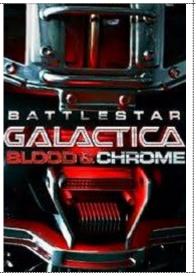
1h | Action, Drama, Sci-Fi | TV Series (2009–2010)

18 episodes – 2 seasons
Two families, the Graystones and the Adamas, live together on a peaceful planet known as Caprica, where a startling breakthrough in artificial intelligence brings about unforeseen consequences. A spin-off of the Sci Fi Channel series
"Battlestar Galactica" set 50 years prior to the events of that show.
Creators: Remi Aubuchon, Ronald D. Moore



Prequel to BG, start of Cylons.

Produced after "The Plan." But comes before all of them in the story-line.



# Battlestar Galactica: Blood & Chrome (2012)

Stars: Eric Stoltz, Esai Morales, Paula

Unrated | 1h 34min | Action, Sci-Fi |
TV Movie 9 November 2012
1 episode split into web blogs
The adventures of young William
Adama in the First Cylon War.
Director: Jonas Pate
Writers: Michael Taylor (creator),

David Eick (creator) | 5 more credits

Stars: Luke Pasqualino, Ben Cotton, Lili Bordán |

### \*\*\*\*

Another backstory post-Caprica but before The Plan.

In its own folder and in extra folder as "Adama's First Mission."

# So, the proper viewing order in the storyline would be:

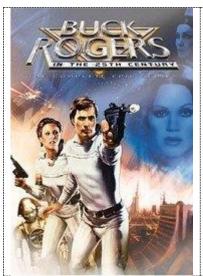
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2009-2010 Caprica

2012 Blood & Chrome

2009 The Plan

2004–2009 Battlestar Galactica (Mini-series in season 01 & Razor included in season 04 new BG)

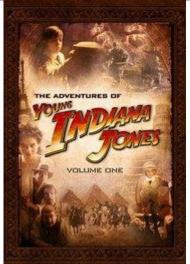


#### **Buck Rogers in the 25th Century**

1h | Action, Adventure, Sci-Fi | TV Series (1979-1981) 32 episodes – 2 seasons A 20th century astronaut emerges out of 500 years of suspended animation into a future time to become Earth's greatest hero. Creators: Glen A. Larson, Leslie Stevens Stars: Gil Gerard, Erin Gray, Felix Silla



First season was good, second season not as good



#### **Young Indiana Jones**

The Young Indiana Jones Chronicles (original title) 45min | Action, Adventure, Family | TV Series (1992–1993) 28 episodes in 2 season 97 historical/cultural vignettes, USA & global The adventures of the archelogical treasure hunter in his youth. Stars: Sean Patrick Flanery, George Hall, Corey Carrier |

### \*\*\*\*

Movies are great, YIJ series average, the 97 historical vignettes are informative.

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Includes all 4 Indiana Jones movies:

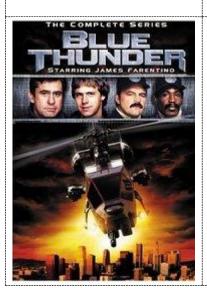
1981 1 - The Raiders of the Lost Ark

1984 2 - The Temple Of

1989 3 - The Last Crusade

2008 4 - The Kingdom Of The

Crystal Skull



#### **Blue Thunder**

Series (1984) 11 episodes – 1 season An advanced prototype police helicopter and their ground support crew battle crime. Stars: James Farentino, Dana Carvey, Sandy McPeak | Includes the original 1h 49min movie.

1h | Action, Crime, Drama | TV

#### \*\*\*\*

Movie was better than the series.



#### **Airwolf**

1h | Action, Adventure, Sci-Fi | TV Series (1984–1986) 55 episodes – 3 seasons As part of a deal with an intelligence agency to look for his missing brother, a renegade pilot goes on missions with an advanced battle helicopter.

Creator: Donald P. Bellisario Stars: Jan-Michael Vincent, Alex Cord, Ernest Borgnine |

### \*\*\*\*

Beautiful helicopter, decent story lines, until the last season (or was it the 2<sup>nd</sup> season as Caitlin started flying Airwolf with Santini, without Hawke on board) when the pilot let his real-life alcoholism impede his performance, to point that he didn't show up for call ins. 2<sup>nd</sup> season was too focused on his search for his MIA brother.



#### **Miami Vice**

TV-14 | 48min | Action, Crime, Drama | TV Series (1984–1990) 111 episodes – 5 seasons Resplendent with authentic 1980's music, fashion and vibe, "Miami Vice" follows two undercover detectives and their extended team through the mean streets of Miami. Creators: Anthony Yerkovich, Andres Carranza

Stars: Don Johnson, Philip Michael Thomas, Saundra Santiago |

# \*\*\*\*

Good cop show. Music was exceptional.

# \*\*\*\*

Includes the 2006 movie remake not as good as the original series, but now a days they remake everything for lack of fresh ideas.



#### Highlander

1h | Action, Adventure, Fantasy | TV Series (1992–1998)
119 episodes – 6 seasons
Duncan MacLeod is Immortal, and must live in modern society, concealing his true nature while fighting other Immortals.
Stars: Adrian Paul, Stan Kirsch, Jim Byrnes | and sub-series The Raven, 22 episodes – 1 season: A female Immortal and thief tries to redeem herself with the help of an ex-cop.
Stars: Paul Johansson, Elizabeth Gracen, Patricia Gage |

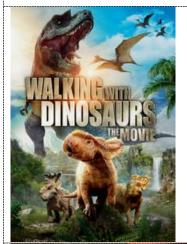
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Reasonable series, got long in the tooth though.

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Includes the 8 movies:
1986 1 Highlander
Directors Cut
1991 2 Highlander
1991 2 highlander
renegade version
1991 3 Highlander The
Quickening [director's Cut
- Renegade Version]

1994 4 COUNTERFEIT
1994 5 HIGHLANDER FINAL
DIMENSION
2000 6 HIGHLANDER
ENDGAME
2004 7 UNHOLY ALLIANCE
2007 8 highlander the
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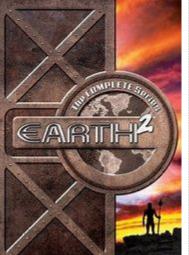


#### **Dinosaur series:**

1993 dinosaurs myth and reality – 1 episode
2001 allosaurus – 3 episodes
2001 walking with prehistoric beasts – 5 episodes
2002 PREHISTORIC\_PLANET – 7 episodes
2005 walking with monsters – 1 episode
2013 Walking with Dinosaurs – 6 episodes



BBC series on dinosaurs.



#### Earth 2

1h | Adventure, Sci-Fi | TV Series (1994–1995)
21 episodes – 1 episodes
Colonists, crash-landed on an alien planet, begin the long trek to their originally designated landing place, facing both alien and human threats.
Creators: Michael Duggan, Carol Flint, Mark Levin | 1 more credit »
Stars: Debrah Farentino, Clancy
Brown, Sullivan Walker |

#### \*\*\*\*

Decent scifi.



#### **Babylon 5**

45min | Action, Adventure, Drama | TV Series (1994–1998)
110 episodes – 5 seasons
A space station in neutral territory is the focus of a unique five year saga.
Creator: J. Michael Straczynski
Stars: Mira Furlan, Richard Biggs,
Stephen Furst |
Includes 6 "Lost Tales" movies.
Crusade included in this folder.

### \*\*\*\*

Not as good as new BG still good for a mostly stationary series, better than Star Trek DS9 though.



#### Crusade

44min | Action, Drama, Sci-Fi | TV Series (1999– ) 13 episodes – 1 season A team of soldiers and scientists has five years to find a cure for a plague decimating Earth. Creator: J. Michael Straczynski Stars: Gary Cole, Tracy Scoggins,

### \*\*\*\*

CGI was outstanding, storyline so-so, acting good.

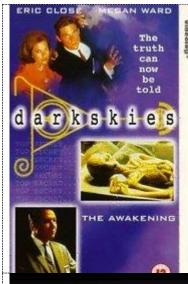
#### **JAG**

Daniel Dae Kim |

TV-14 | 1h | Action, Crime, Drama |
TV Series (1995–2005)
227 episodes – 10 seasons
The cases of Harmon Rabb, former
Navy fighter pilot, and his fellow
lawyers of the US Navy's Judge
Advocate General's office.
Creator: Donald P. Bellisario
Stars: David James Elliott, Catherine
Bell, Patrick Labyorteaux |

#### \*\*\*\*

Both for being Navy and Law good series.



#### **Dark Skies**

1h | Adventure, Drama, Mystery | TV Series (1996–1997) 19 episodes – 1 season In 1960s America, a young couple struggle to expose the truth about a hidden alien invasion, while a secret government organization follows its own agenda in dealing with the threat.

Creators: Brent V. Friedman, Bryce

Stars: Eric Close, J.T. Walsh, Lackos |

Unrated | 1h | Horror, Sci-Fi | TV

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OK, but lackluster.



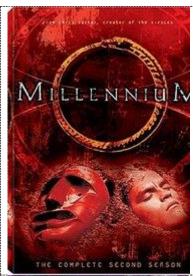
### **Poltergeist: The Legacy**

Series (1996–1999)
87 episodes in – 4 season
I only have 21 episodes.
"The Legacy" is a secret society that began many centuries ago to accumulate knowledge and artifacts to help fight against the evil in the world. This particular Legacy team is set in San Francisco in a castle-like house on Angel Island. Dr. Derek Rayne heads up the team comprised of psychiatrist, Rachel Corrigan; priest, Philip C.; ex-Navy SEAL, Nick Boyle; and researcher/psychic Alex Moreau.

Creator: Richard Barton Lewis Stars: Derek de Lint, Martin Cummins, Robbi Chong |

### \*\*\*\*

Was fairly good for a supernatural show.



#### Millennium

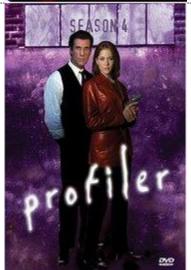
45min | Crime, Drama, Mystery | TV Series (1996–1999) 67 episodes – 3 episodes A former FBI profiler with the ability to look inside the mind of a killer begins working for the mysterious Millennium Group.

Stars: Lance Henriksen, Megan Gallagher, Terry O'Quinn |

### \*\*\*\*

Interesting that 2 networks came out with profiler series in the same year, this and Profiler below.

Both were a toss up as to which was better.

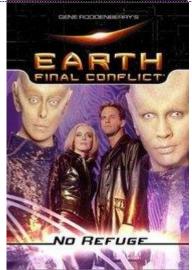


#### Profiler

TV-14 | 1h | Crime, Drama, Thriller | TV Series (1996–2000) 85 episodes – 4 seasons Ally Walker stars as Dr. Sam Waters, a detective with the Violent Crimes Task Force, a federal agency which often works with the FBI, ATF, and other crime-solving agencies. The VCTF ... See full summary » Creator: Cynthia Saunders Stars: Ally Walker, Julian McMahon,

# \*\*\*\*

See Millenium above.



#### **Earth: Final Conflict**

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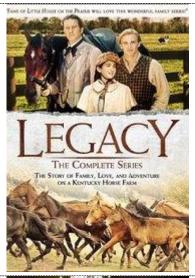
TV-PG | 1h | Action, Drama, Mystery | TV Series (1997–2002)
110 episodes – 5 seasons
When an alien species comes to
Earth bearing boons to Humanity, a
few suspicious humans seek to learn
and resist the newcomers' true
designs.

Creator: Gene Roddenberry Stars: Von Flores, Leni Parker, Anita

La Selva |

# \*\*\*\*

Ok premise, story=line ending up being a little long in the tooth.



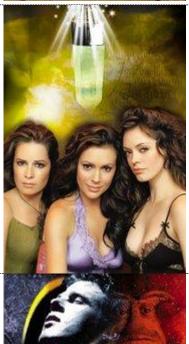
#### Legacy

1h | Drama | TV Series (1998–1999)
18 episodes – 1 season
An 18 episode show without a
conclusion. A widower tries to raise
his 4 children to carry on his legacy.
The show is set on a horse farm and
deals with the families struggle to
keep their name pure while also
embarking on their own adventures.
The show was canceled and ends
with things completely up on the air.
Stars: Brett Cullen, Jeremy Garrett,
Ron Melendez |

### \*\*\*\*

Excellent series.

Missing last 6 episodes and can't find them anywhere.



#### Charmed

TV-14 | 42min | Drama, Fantasy, Mystery | TV Series (1998–2006) 180 episodes – 8 seasons Three sisters discover their destiny to battle against the forces of evil, using their witchcraft. They are the Charmed Ones.

Creator: Constance M. Burge Stars: Holly Marie Combs, Alyssa

Milano, Brian Krause |

# \*\*\*\*

Good supernatural series.

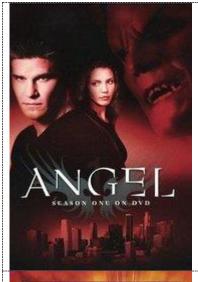
### **Farscape**

TV-14 | 50min | Adventure, Drama, Sci-Fi | TV Series (1999–2003) 88 episodes – 4 seasons Thrown into a distant part of the universe, an Earth astronaut finds himself part of a fugitive alien starship crew.

Creator: Rockne S. O'Bannon Stars: Ben Browder, Claudia Black, Anthony Simcoe |

### \*\*\*\*

Excellent scifi considering mostly puppets/aliens.



#### Angel

TV-14 | 44min | Action, Drama, Fantasy | TV Series (1999–2004) 111 episodes – 5 seasons The vampire Angel, cursed with a soul, moves to Los Angeles and aids people with supernatural-related problems while questing for his own redemption.

Creators: David Greenwalt, Joss

Whedon

Stars: David Boreanaz, Charisma Carpenter, Alexis Denisof |

### \*\*\*\*

Good show for what is was.



#### Cleopatra 2525

1h | Sci-Fi, Action, Fantasy | TV Series (2000–2001) 28 episodes – 2 seasons An exotic dancer, cryogenically frozen in the year 2001, is accidentally thawed out in 2525 by two female warriors who are fighting against evil robots which have taken over the world. The three join forces and try to escape the underground caverns to which humanity has been banished, meeting up with all sorts of strange creatures along the way.

Creators: R.J. Stewart, Rob Tapert Stars: Gina Torres, Victoria Pratt, Jennifer Sky |

### \*\*\*\*

Not too bad for low budget, but could tell it was low budget.



### **Dark Angel**

TV-14 | 1h | Action, Drama, Mystery | TV Series (2000–2002)
42 episodes – 2 seasons
A group of genetically-enhanced children escape from a lab project.
Years later we meet Max, one of the escapees who now works for a messenger service in the postapocalyptic Pacific Northwest.
Creators: James Cameron, Charles H. Eglee

Stars: Jessica Alba, Michael Weatherly, Richard Gunn

# \*\*\*\*

Can always tell when I'm going to like a series...early cancellation.

Remember original Star Trek was only 3 seasons, and they had to fight hard for the 3rd season.



#### **Andromeda**

TV-PG | 43min | Action, Adventure, Drama | TV Series (2000–2005) 110 episodes – 5 seasons Captain Hunt and the crew of the Starship Andromeda set out on a mission to rebuild the Systems Commonwealth 300 years after its fall.

Creators: Gene Roddenberry, Robert

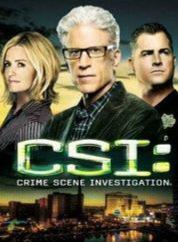
**Hewitt Wolfe** 

Stars: Kevin Sorbo, Lisa Ryder, Laura

Bertram |

# \*\*\*\*

Great scifi series.



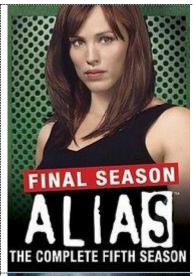
# **CSI: Crime Scene Investigation**

TV-14 | 1h | Crime, Drama, Mystery | TV Series (2000–2015)
335 episodes – 15 seasons
An elite team of police forensic evidence investigation experts work their cases in Las Vegas.
Creator: Anthony E. Zuiker
Stars: Laurence Fishburne, Marg Helgenberger, George Eads |

### \*\*\*\*

You should be able to tell how good a show is by how many seasons they last, but not always as I mentioned above.

That said this is a very good show. Did a very good job on forensics and explanations.



#### Alias

TV-14 | 42min | Action, Drama, Mystery | TV Series (2001–2006) 105 episodes – 5 series Sydney Bristow is an international spy recruited out of college and trained for espionage and selfdefense.

Creator: J.J. Abrams

Stars: Jennifer Garner, Ron Rifkin,

Carl Lumbly |

### \*\*\*\*

Good espionage, stunts and acting was good.



#### **Birds of Prev**

TV-14 | 1h | Action, Adventure, Drama | TV Series (2002–2003) 14 episodes – 1 season In the future, long after the Batman has driven himself into exile, his legacy lives on in the form of the Birds of Prey-Black Canary, Oracle, and the Huntress.

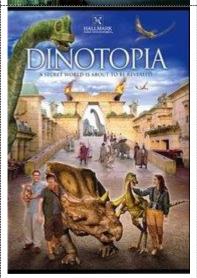
Creator: Laeta Kalogridis

Stars: Ashley Scott, Dina Meyer,

Rachel Skarsten |

### \*\*\*\*

Again, short lived series that had potential.



#### **Dinotopia**

1h | Adventure, Family, Fantasy | TV Series (2002–2003)
13 episodes – 1 season
James Gurney's popular books come to life in this action-packed series about two teenage brothers who are stranded with their father in a mysterious land where humans coexist with talking dinosaurs and battle rapacious predators and deadly rebels.

Stars: Erik von Detten, Shiloh Strong, Zoltan Papp |

# \*\*\*\*

Interesting concept, well played.



#### **Firefly**

TV-14 | 44min | Adventure, Drama, Sci-Fi | TV Series (2002–2003)
14 episodes – 1 season
Five hundred years in the future, a renegade crew aboard a small spacecraft tries to survive as they travel the unknown parts of the galaxy and evade warring factions as well as authority agents out to get them.

Creator: Joss Whedon

Stars: Nathan Fillion, Gina Torres,

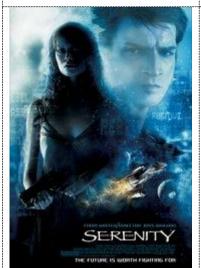
Alan Tudyk |

Folder includes "Serenity."

### \*\*\*\*

This is the quintessential show on my premise that upper management at the studios don't know what they have when they cancel. It had such potential. The fans threw such a fit that they had to make the movie "Serenity," to close the loose ends. And it was as good as the series.

See below



#### Serenity (2005)

PG-13 | 1h 59min | Action, Adventure, Sci-Fi | 30 September 2005 (USA) 1 movie

The crew of the ship Serenity try to evade an assassin sent to recapture one of their members who is telepathic.

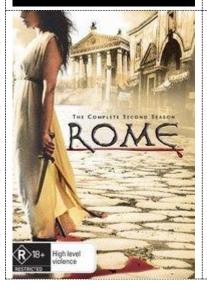
Director: Joss Whedon Writer: Joss Whedon

Stars: Nathan Fillion, Gina Torres,

Chiwetel Ejiofor | See Firefly above...

# \*\*\*\*

Perfect wrap on a great series. See Firefly above, in Firefly folder.



#### Rome

TV-MA | 1h 30min | Action, Drama, History | TV Series (2005–2007) 22 episodes – 2 seasons A down-to-earth account of the lives of both illustrious and ordinary Romans set in the last days of the Roman Republic.

Creators: Bruno Heller, William J.

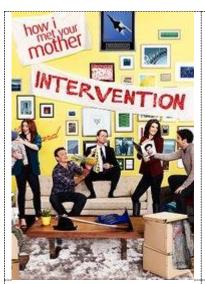
MacDonald, John Milius

Stars: Kevin McKidd, Ray Stevenson,

Polly Walker |

# \*\*\*\*

Good historical depiction of life in ancient Rome, probably as it really was.



#### **How I Met Your Mother**

TV-14 | 22min | Comedy, Romance | TV Series (2005–2014) still in production...

208 episodes – 9 seasons A father recounts to his children, through a series of flashbacks, the journey he and his four best friends took leading up to him meeting their mother.

Creators: Carter Bays, Craig Thomas Stars: Josh Radnor, Jason Segel,

Cobie Smulders |

# \*\*\*\*

Got into it because Ryan wanted the series. Gets a giggle out of me every once in a while. On a par with MASH.



#### **Criminal Minds**

TV-14 | 42min | Crime, Drama,
Mystery | TV Series (2005–) still in
production
272 episodes – 11 series
The cases of the FBI Behavioral
Analysis Unit (BAU), an elite group of
profilers who analyze the nation's
most dangerous serial killers and
individual heinous crimes in an
effort to anticipate their next moves
before they strike again.

Creator: Jeff Davis

Stars: Matthew Gray Gubler, Kirsten

Vangsness, Thomas Gibson |



Very well done.



TV-PG | 45min | Adventure, Drama, Family | TV Series (2005–) though doesn't have an end date I don't think it is still in production 167 episodes – 10 seasons The further adventures of the time traveling alien adventurer and his companions.

Creator: Sydney Newman

Stars: Peter Capaldi, Jenna Coleman,

Matt Smith |

### \*\*\*\*

Though several ideations were made, think this was the best one.





#### Heroes

TV-14 | 45min | Drama, Fantasy, Sci-Fi | TV Series (2006–2010) 79 episodes – 4 seasons Common people discover that they have super powers. Their lives intertwine as a devastating event must be prevented.

Creator: Tim Kring

Stars: Jack Coleman, Hayden Panettiere, Milo Ventimiglia |

### \*\*\*\*

I'm surprised the series lasted as long as it did with a limited story line, that said series was very good.



#### Eureka

TV-14 | 1h | Comedy, Drama, Sci-Fi | TV Series (2006–2012)
77 episodes – 5 seasons
The best minds in the US are tucked away in a remote town where they build futuristic inventions for the government's benefit.

Creators: Andrew Cosby, Jaime

Paglia

Stars: Colin Ferguson, Salli Richardson-Whitfield, Erica Cerra | Interested premise, all around well done.

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#### **Bionic Woman**

1h | Action, Sci-Fi, Thriller | TV Series (2007–) 9 episodes – 1 season A reimagining of the popular 1970s TV series about a female athlete who is given bionic strength. Creator: Kenneth Johnson

Stars: Michelle Ryan, Miguel Ferrer,

Molly Price |

# \*\*\*\*

Though a remake and didn't last very long was actually better than the original.



#### Moonlight

1h | Drama, Fantasy, Horror | TV Series (2007–2008) 17 episodes – 1 season A vampire lands work as a private investigator and falls for a mortal woman.

Creators: Ron Koslow, Trevor

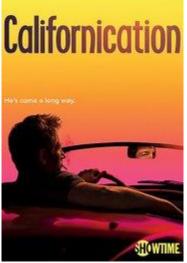
Munson

Stars: Alex O'Loughlin, Sophia Myles,

Jason Dohring |

# \*\*\*\*

Another one with potential that got cancelled early.



#### Californication

TV-MA | 28min | Comedy, Drama | TV Series (2007–2014) 84 episodes – 7 seasons A self-loathing, alcoholic writer attempts to repair his damaged relationships with his daughter and her mother while combating sex addiction, a budding drug problem, and the seeming inability to avoid making bad decisions.

**Creator: Tom Kapinos** 

Stars: David Duchovny, Natascha

McElhone, Evan Handler |



Never could quite figure out whether it was more comedy than drama. I would label it situational comedy but mostly "the times" drama.



#### **Legend of the Seeker**

44min | Action, Adventure, Drama | TV Series (2008–2010) 44 episodes – 2 seasons After the mysterious murder of his father, a son's search for answers begins a momentous fight against tyranny.

Creators: Stephen Tolkin, Kenneth Biller

Stars: Craig Horner, Bridget Regan,

Bruce Spence |

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Good myth and magic in medieval garb.

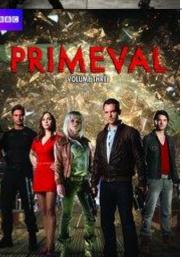


#### Fringe

TV-14 | 46min | Drama, Mystery, Sci-Fi | TV Series (2008–2013) 100 episodes – 5 seasons An FBI agent is forced to work with an institutionalized scientist and his son in order to rationalize a brewing storm of unexplained phenomena. Creators: J.J. Abrams, Alex Kurtzman, Roberto Orci Stars: Anna Torv, Joshua Jackson,

### \*\*\*\*

Well written/acted. Just not that interesting.



#### **Primeval**

Jasika Nicole |

TV-14 | 1h | Action, Adventure, Mystery | TV Series (2007–2011) 36 episodes – 5 seasons When strange anomalies start to appear all over England, Professor Cutter and his team must track down and capture all sorts of dangerous prehistoric creatures from Earth's distant past. Creators: Tim Haines, Adrian Hodges Stars: Andrew Lee Potts, Hannah Spearritt, Ben Miller |

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Was very good until veered off into the future story line.

See new continuation below...

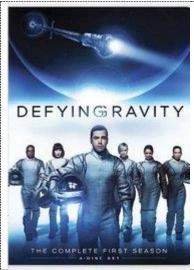


#### **Primeval: New World**

42min | Action, Adventure, Drama | TV Series (2012–)
13 episodes – 1 season
A North American spin-off of the hit
U.K. television series, PRIMEVAL:
NEW WORLD follows a specialized team of animal experts and scientists that investigates the appearance of temporal anomalies and battles both prehistoric and futuristic creatures.

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This one stayed more in the past and present, which I liked better.



# **Defying Gravity**

1h | Drama, Sci-Fi | TV Series (2009) 13 episodes – 1 season Eight astronauts living aboard an international spacecraft on a mission through the Solar System, as the world watches from billions of kilometers away.

Creator: James D. Parriott Stars: Ron Livingston, Malik Yoba,

Andrew Airlie |

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Again, had great potential and then cancelled...



#### Merlin

45min | Adventure, Drama, Fantasy | TV Series (2008–2012) 65 episodes – 5 seasons These are the brand new adventures of Merlin, the legendary sorcerer as a young man, when he was just a servant to young prince Arthur on the royal court of Camelot who has soon become his best friend and turned Arthur into a great king and a legend.

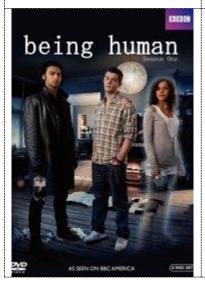
Creators: Johnny Capps, Julian Jones, Jake Michie

Stars: John Hurt, Colin Morgan,

Bradley James |

### \*\*\*\*

Very good adaptation of the Arthurian Camelot myth...



#### **Being Human**

1h | Comedy, Drama, Fantasy | TV Series (2008–2013) 37 episodes – 5 seasons A werewolf, a vampire, and a ghost try to live together and get along. Creator: Toby Whithouse Stars: Lenora Crichlow, Russell Tovey, Aidan Turner |

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Though I wouldn't really call it a comedy I liked it.

2 versions of the premise with two different sets of actors doing virtually the same things.



#### Glee

TV-PG | 44min | Comedy, Drama, Music | TV Series (2009–2015)
121 episodes – 6 seasons
A group of ambitious misfits try to escape the harsh realities of high school by joining a glee club, where they find strength, acceptance and, ultimately, their voice, while working to pursue dreams of their own.
Creators: Ian Brennan, Brad Falchuk,

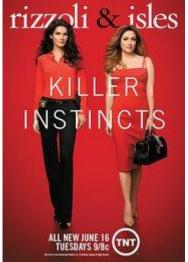
Creators: Ian Brennan, Brad Falchuk, Ryan Murphy

Stars: Lea Michele, Jane Lynch,

Matthew Morrison |



If you love song and dance, you'll love this high school.



### Rizzoli & Isles

1h | Crime, Drama, Mystery | TV Series (2010–2016) 105 episodes – 7 seasons Detective Jane Rizzoli and Chief Medical Examiner Dr. Maura Isles team up to solve crimes in Boston. Creator: Janet Tamaro

Stars: Angie Harmon, Sasha Alexander, Jordan Bridges |

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Good crime drama with a twist, main characters female.



#### Grimm

TV-14 | 45min | Drama, Fantasy, Horror | TV Series (2011–) 123 episodes – 6 seasons A homicide detective discovers he is a descendant of hunters who fight supernatural forces.

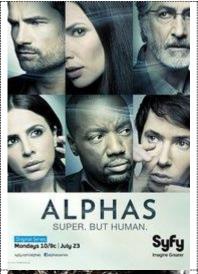
Creators: Stephen Carpenter, David

Greenwalt, Jim Kouf

Stars: David Giuntoli, Russell Hornsby, Silas Weir Mitchell |

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Ok premise, not enthralling.



### **Alphas**

TV-14 | 44min | Action, Drama, Sci-Fi | TV Series (2011–2012) 24 episodes – 2 seasons Dr. Lee Rosen leads a team of "Alphas", (human beings with enhanced abilities) who investigate the death of a witness in a court case. They soon uncover more than they had bargained for.

Creators: Michael Karnow, Zak Penn Stars: David Strathairn, Ryan Cartwright, Warren Christie |

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This one was good enough that it seemed a lot longer than 2 seasons.



#### **Once Upon a Time**

TV-PG | 44min | Adventure, Fantasy, Romance | TV Series (2011– ) 132 episodes – 5 seasons still in production

A young woman with a troubled past is drawn to a small town in Maine where fairy tales are to be believed. Creators: Adam Horowitz, Edward Kitsis

Stars: Jennifer Morrison, Lana Parrilla, Jared Gilmore |

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Exceptionally good twist on fairy tale themes.



#### **Falling Skies**

TV-14 | 42min | Action, Adventure, Drama | TV Series (2011–2015) 52 episodes – 5 seasons Survivors of an alien attack on earth gather together to fight for their lives and fight back.

Creator: Robert Rodat

Stars: Noah Wyle, Drew Roy, Maxim

Knight |

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Once you got into it, good show.

I just feel the show started with season 2, that season 1 (The War) was missing.



#### **Game of Thrones**

TV-MA | 56min | Adventure, Drama, Fantasy | TV Series (2011-) still in production

73 episodes – 6 seasons Nine noble families fight for control over the mythical lands of Westeros. Meanwhile, a forgotten race hellbent on destruction returns after being dormant for thousands of

Creators: David Benioff, D.B. Weiss Stars: Emilia Clarke, Peter Dinklage, Kit Harington |

### \*\*\*\*

Has to be one of my all-time favorite series.

Very involved, good stories intertwined, good acting. Would give it a six star if I hadn't limited myself to 5. Most talked about series at work (when I was still working).

Good mix of myth, medieval, magic, stories and characters on a broad world base.

Dragons are super-great.



#### Arrow

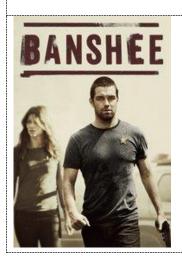
TV-14 | 42min | Action, Adventure, Crime | TV Series (2012-) still in production 116 episodes – 5 seasons

Spoiled billionaire playboy Oliver Queen is missing and presumed dead when his yacht is lost at sea. He returns five years later a changed man, determined to clean up the city as a hooded vigilante armed with a bow.

Creators: Greg Berlanti, Marc Guggenheim, Andrew Kreisberg Stars: Stephen Amell, Katie Cassidy, David Ramsey |

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Good hero story, talent without super powers.



#### Banshee

TV-MA | 1h | Action, Crime, Drama | TV Series (2013–2016) 38 episodes – 4 seasons An ex-con assumes the identity of a murdered sheriff in the small town of Banshee, Pennsylvania, where he has some unfinished business.

Creators: David Schickler, Jonathan

Tropper

Stars: Antony Starr, Ivana Milicevic,

Ulrich Thomsen I

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For the premise, more interesting than imagined.