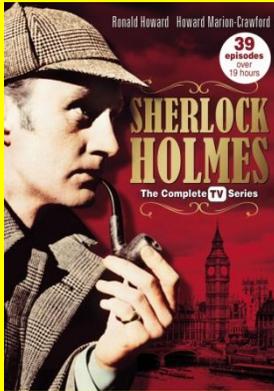


CLASSIC TV SERIES - The Best Episodes

The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes, AKA: Sherlock Holmes



Cast: Sherlock Holmes -- Ronald Howard Sr., John H. Watson -- H. Marion-Crawford, Inspector Lestrade -- Archie Duncan

Genre: Mystery, Drama, Series

Year: 1954 **Length:** 39 HALF-HOUR EPISODES **Color/B&W:** B&W

Origin: USA **Directors:** Sheldon Reynolds

Synopsis: This series was filmed in France and produced by Sheldon Reynolds, who also directed most of the episodes. Some of the stories were based on Arthur Conan Doyle's works, and others were newly written. In each episode, featuring the most famous detective in literature, Sherlock takes on a new mystery to solve. Highly entertaining for fans of the great detective.

Dick Van Dyke Show



Cast: Dick Van Dyke--Rob Petrie, Mary Tyler Moore--Laura Petrie, Larry Matthews--Ritchie Petrie, Jerry Paris and Ann Morgan Guilbert--Jerry and Millie Helper, Morey Amsterdam--Buddy Sorrell, Rose Marie--Sally Rogers, Richard Deacon--Mel Cooley, Carl Reiner--Alan Brady

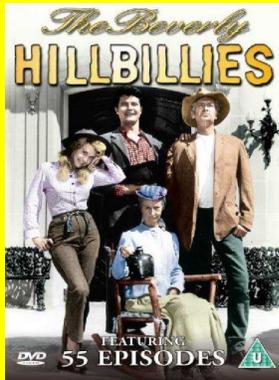
Genre: Comedy, Series

Year: 1961-1966 **Length:** 7 half-hour episodes **Color/B&W:** B&W **Origin:** USA **Directors:** [Robert Butler](#)

Synopsis: The "Dick Van Dyke Show" centers around the life of Rob Petrie, a New York comedy writer who lives in suburban new ROchelle with his wife Laura and son Ritchie, plus a pair of zany next door neighbors, Jerry and Millie Helper. Rob is the head writer of the fictitious "Alan Brady Show", and creates funny scripts with fellow writers Buddy and Sally. The team is under the constant scrutiny of Mel Cooley, the balding, sarcastic producer of the show, and the target of Buddy's jokes.

One of the most popular variety comedy television shows of all time, winning 15 Emmy awards in its run and ongoing generations of loyal fans.

Beverly Hillbillies, The



Cast:Buddy Ebsen, Irene Ryan, Donna Douglas, Max Baer, Jr., Raymond Bailey, Nancy Kulp, Bea Benaderet, Harriet MacGibbon, Frank Wilcox, Phil Gordon, Authur Gould Porter, Sirry Steffen, Louis Nye, Sharon Tate

Genre:Comedy

Year:1962-1963 **Length:** 55 Half-Hour Episodes **Color/B&W:**B & W

Origin:USA

Synopsis:The number one comedy in the United States for several years, it was the story of a backwoods Ozark mountain family who struck it rich when they discovered oil on their land. They immediately packed up their belongings and moved to Beverly Hills, California, where they deposited the 25 million dollars, paid to them for their oil drilling rights, into Milbuarn Drysdale's Commerce Bank. As his largest depositor, he was concerned about their naivete and ignorance of the big city, so he moved them into a mansion next door to his to keep an eye on them. Jed Clampett, the patriarch of the scatterbrained family, was a widower. His mother-in-law Granny spent most of her time concocting potions and trying to find a husband for the buxom Elly May, who was in love with animals. Cousin Jethro was a giant of a man, as stupid as he was strong. He was always after every skirt that passed by. The Clampett's run-ins with corrupt politicians, city fashions, and indoor plumbing made for hilarious episodes. Other recurring characters in the series included Mrs. Drysdale, the banker's wife, who couldn't stand the Clampetts, and Mr. Drysdale's efficient assistant Jane Hathaway.

Adventures of Fu Manchu, The AKA: Dr. Fu Manchu



Cast: Glen Gordon, Lester Matthews, Clark Howat, Carla Balenda, Laurette Luez, John George

Genre: Crime, Drama, Series

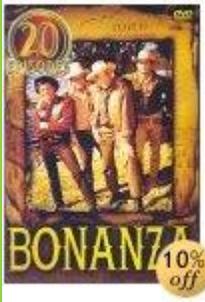
Year: 1955-1956 **Length:** 30 min x 13 eps

Origin: USA **Color/B&W:** B&W

Synopsis: This unusual series follows the exploits of the villain, rather than the hero, in the guise of the famous Oriental mastermind Fu Manchu, created by Sax Rohmer. In each episode, Dr. Fu creates new diabolic scientific inventions, sends his evil agents out on acts of subversion, engages in acts of illegal smuggling and other criminal activities. His ultimate goal is the destruction of all Western-based democracies to avenge wrongs done to him in the past. Dr. Fu's sworn enemy was

Sir Dennis Nayland-Smith of Scotland Yard, who managed to stop most of Dr. Fu's schemes but never was able to capture the evil genius himself.

Bonanza- The best episodes



Cast: Lorne Greene -- Ben Cartwright, Pernell Roberts -- Adam, Dan Blocker -- Hoss, Michael Landon -- Little Joe, Victor Sen Yung -- Hop Sing, Ray Teal -- Sheriff Roy Coffee, David Canary -- Mr. Canaday (Candy), Mitch Vogel -- Jamie Hunter, Tim Matheson -- Grif
Genre: Western **Year:** 1960-1961 **Length:** 5 HOUR EPISODES

Color/B&W: Color **Origin:** USA

Synopsis: Second only to Gunsmoke among long-running westerns, Bonanza was the archetype of the "property" western that dominated the genre during the 1960s. Set in Virginia City, Nevada, it told the story of the Cartwrights, owners of a nearby 600,000-acre (give or take a few) ranch -- the Ponderosa (named because of the Ponderosa Pines growing there). Hardworking, resourceful, and independent, the Cartwrights seemed to devote little time to running the ranch, despite the fact that their hired help never numbered more than four; obviously, the Cartwrights knew good labor when they saw it. During its first two seasons, the show was seen on Saturdays and failed to outdraw CBS's Perry Mason. In the fall of 1961, it was scheduled on Sundays at 9 p.m. It remained there for 11 years, ranking consistently among the top ten.

Directors: Robert Altman, Lewis Allen.

THE CISCO KID The best episodes (Doblada al Español)



Cast: The Cisco Kid -- Duncan Renaldo, Pancho -- Leo Carillo

Genre: Western

Year: 1950-1956

Length: 5 HALF-HOUR EPISODES

Color/B&W: Color **Origin:** USA

Synopsis: One of the most popular and durable westerns of early television. The Cisco Kid was a Mexican adventurer who ranged the old southwest with his trust sidekick, Pancho. Cisco's horse was Diablo, and Pancho's was Loco. In the eyes of the law, Cisco and Pancho were desperadoes, wanted for unspecified crimes; in the eyes of the poor and downtrodden, the two were do-gooders who often acted where inept and unscrupulous lawmen would not. They saw a lot of action together. Usually Cisco's fast draw was to shoot the gun out of the bad guy's hand. The ready fun-loving camaraderie between Cisco and Pancho was what made the series work. **Directors:** Eddie Davis, Leslie Goodwins.

Dragnet The Best Episodes



Cast: Sgt. Joe Friday -- Jack Webb, Sgt. Ben Romero (1951) -- Barton Yarborough, Sgt. Ed Jacobs (1952) -- Barney Phillips, Officer Frank Smith (1952) -- Herb Ellis, Officer Frank Smith (1953-1959) -- Ben Alexander

Genre: Crime

Year: 1951-1956

Length: 3 HALF-HOUR EPISODES

Color/B&W: B&W **Origin:** USA

Synopsis: Theme: "Dragnet" (also known as "Dragnet March" and "Danger Ahead"), by Walter Schumann. Dragnet was the most successful police series in the history of television. By providing the prototype of the realistic action series, it marked a major turning point for the medium that had, for its first few years, been dominated by comedy and vaudeville. Dragnet's hallmark was its appearance of realism, from the documentary-style narration by Joe Friday, to the cases drawn from the files of a real police department (Los Angeles). At the end of each episode, after the criminal was apprehended, an announcer would describe what happened at the subsequent trial and the severity of the sentence. The series was an enormous hit. **Director:** Jack Webb

The Lone Ranger The best episodes



Cast: Clayton Moore -- Lone Ranger, Jay Silverheels -- Tonto, Silver Scout.

Genre: Western **Year:** 1949 **Length:** 10 HALF HOUR EPISODES

Color/B&W: B&W **Origin:** USA

Synopsis: George W. Trendle created one of television's most popular westerns, The Lone Ranger for radio in 1933. The Lone Ranger was really a Texas Ranger named John Reid, who was the only survivor of an ambush by Butch Cavendish's Hole in the Wall Gang. Nursed back to health by Tonto, his faithful Indian companion (coincidentally, the two had been childhood friends), he vowed to help bring justice to the West and donned a mask (originally, to fool the Cavendish gang). Armed with silver bullets, he shot only to wound, not to kill. Tonto would frequently appear in town as the "ignorant" Reskin while obtaining information against the enemy. The Lone Ranger would also disguise himself as different characters in order to walk among his enemies and obtain information. Tonto and the Lone Ranger were not the only famous, well-loved characters of this show. Viewers would tune in to see Silver (Ranger's horse) and Scout (Tonto's horse).

Directors: George Archainbaud, Earl Bellamy, etc.

The Lucy Show The best episodes



Cast: Lucille Ball -- Lucy Carmichael, Vivian Vance -- Vivian Bagley, Jimmy Garrett -- Jerry, Candy Moore -- Chris, Ralph Hart -- Sherman, Dick Martin -- Harry, Charles Lane -- Mr. Barnsdahl

Genre: Comedy **Year:** 1962-1968

Length: 10 HALF-HOUR EPISODES **Color/B&W:** Color **Origin:** USA

Synopsis: Lucille Ball returned to the air, without her ex-husband Desi Arnaz, in this half-hour sitcom. She remained on the air for the next 12 seasons. On The Lucy Show she played Lucy Carmichael, a recently widowed bank secretary. Originally she worked at the First National Bank in Danfield, Conn., and the show also featured Vivian Vance as her pal and contentant. In the fall of 1965 all the supporting players (except for her current boss (Gale Gordon) were dropped, and the new format found Lucy as a bank secretary in San Francisco. **Directors:** Jack Donohue

One Step Beyond The best episodes



Cast: Host -- John Newland

Genre: Occult Anthology

Year: 1959-1961

Length: 5 HALF-HOUR EPISODES

Color/B&W: B&W

Origin: USA

Synopsis: John Newland also directed this anthology series of tales of the supernatural and occult. The stories were based on true incidents. Confrontations with ghosts and various forms of ESP were frequent themes, and the stories were always told with a suitably eerie and mysterious air. **Director:** John Newlan