

TV Shows Tried. by SciFiOne (scifione.net)					
Show Name	Watch	Ln	Yr Tried	Review / Comments	Final results
Call Me Kat	No	0.5	2021	I was almost instantly bored and did not get far.	Abandoned
Call Your Mother	unlikely	0.5	2021	A no laughs pilot for a sitcom about an empty nest mom who can't let go flying to LA to be with her semi-functional kids. I'll try one more.	
L.A.'s Finest	No	1.0	2021	A much too gritty and graphic cop / crime drama..	Abandoned
Mr Mayor	No	0.5	2021	This sitcom pilot was too stupid and acrimonious. I did not get far.	Abandoned
New Tricks	OK	1.0	2021	A slightly humorous 2004 UK police procedural. A team of retired old school male cops lead by a not so young female detective investigates old crimes. The personal life bits are weak but the detective interactions are good.	Disposable
Queen's Gambit	OK	1.0	2021	A 7 part miniseries on Netflix about a young damaged and addicted character who just happens to be a chess prodigy too. It's about 33% too long.	Disposable
Resident Alien	No	1.0	2021	Two votes. One= nothing was happening. Two= it was dumb. We gave up less than half way. Later I finished it & it was OK at 120% speed= not worth it.	Abandoned
Shetland	No	1.0	202	Slow, dour, dark. and nasty police murder investigation series in the Shetlands. Well done, but way to unlikable to watch.	Abandoned
Vera	No	1.5	2021	A well done police murder detective show but too long, slow, and depressing (even the irascible protagonist).	Abandoned
Zoey's Extraordinary Playlist	NO	1.0	2021	Odd, especially starting with season 2. I'll have to try another. Nope- it was very mundane and not enjoyable early in episode 202.	Abandoned
68 Whiskey	No	1.0	2020	Modern and longer version of MASH in the middle east with more war, more sex, dumb characters, no laughter, and serialized on top of it all - a definite negative all around.	Abandoned
Alfresco	No	0.5	2020	An old British sketch comedy that no longer works despite Fry, Lauri, and Thompson (the best actor in the show).	Abandoned
Avatar - The Last Airbender	No	0.5	2020	A kind of childish series from Nickelodeon that I am not sure I can finish, especially since there are 20 episodes in season one and three seasons. Gave up in episode 4.	Abandoned
Away	No	1.0	2020	A Netflix primetime soap opera with a SciFi theme about a near future trip to mars. I couldn't even finish episode 1.	Abandoned
B-Positive	No	0.5	2020	A young introvert needs a kidney and has a donor, but she is a rather flakey extrovert who moves in with him for her own safety. No joy in the pilot so it is unlikely to be watched. Several episodes in, still no joy.	Abandoned
Baron, The (1966)	OK	1.0	2020	A British show a lot like The Saint but with the character more formally an agent when needed. It is a tad slow after all this time, but OK once and a while. Speeding it up would be good, but that can't be done with streaming.	Disposable
Bomb Girls (2012)	NO!	1.0	2020	Wow, this is bad! A nasty look at the unpleasant lives of the women making bombs in 1941 Canada during WW2, including industrial accidents and terrible treatment in the incredibly sexist, prejudiced, and bigoted society of the time. Watch only if you want to see people mistreated mentally and physically.	Abandoned
Boy Meets Girl (2015)	No	0.5	2020	Britcom. I couldn't even get past the stereotypical pedestrian working class characters in the opening, mom, dad, & two sons.	Abandoned
Breeders	No	0.5	2020	A supposed cable based adult sitcom. There were no laughs or even interesting characters in the first half of episode one and I gave up. I'd rather watch Japanese animation on Netflix.	Abandoned
Carnival Row	No	1.0	2020	Serialized, dark, slow, unpleasant period fantasy mystery cop show from Amazon. A lot of people are violently hurt or killed very fast. I didn't get far.	Abandoned
Cranford	No	1.0	2020	The first hour of the UK period drama was amazing, but then the shows started killing people off and showing the reality of the period. Gave up in the middle of one.	Abandoned
Creepshow	No	1.0	2020	Two ordinary horror segments per hour. It is surprising how slow they progressed. So slow I sped it up eventually.	Abandoned

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Dead Still	No	1.0	2020	Interesting characters in this slightly dark humorous story centering on a Victorian era portrait photographer of the deceased. From Acorn.tv.	Abandoned
Deputy	No	1.0	2020	LA County Sheriff's department. Sort of an old school cop show with modern political and criminal problems. It got predictable and boring.	Abandoned
Delicious (2016)	No	1.0	2020	UK primetime soap opera about a chef, wives, kids, and stupidity. Only managed 20 min.	Abandoned
Dispatches from Elsewhere	No	1.5	2020	Miniseries with very a very boring start even with 1.3x, FFWD, and ad free. It gets better at about 20/50 minutes but is still not good enough, especially with the crappy end..	Abandoned
Drifting Dragons	OK	0.5	2020	An odd 12 part series viewed via Netflix. The premise seems to be old style sail based whaling for meat and oil except it is now dragons via odd Japanese zeppelins. If you can get over the gruesome concept is is actually pretty good.	Disposable
Feed, The	No	1.0	2020	Another serialized bit of slow SciFi garbage from Amazon. This time a global social media feed is permanently in your head and is going wrong in some people.	Abandoned
Filthy Rich	No	1.0	2020	Primetime serialized soap opera. What a waste of talent.	Abandoned
Ghost in the Shell (2020)	OK	0.5	2020	Spin off 12 episode series viewed via Netflix. Some is good, some isn't. The biggest problem is there is no conclusion at the end of the season. The best thing about it is that it is adult.	Disposable
Gift, The (original title Atiye)	No	1.0	2020	A Turkish combination of Fantasy and Soap Opera. The fantasy is good, but the soap opera dominates the time. I finished season one but skipped most of the soap opera and a couple of episodes.	Abandoned
Good Karma Hospital	OK	1.0	2020	UK medical drama about a UK hospital in the "suburbs" of India. Season one was great. Seasons 2 and 3 pushed the boundaries and melodrama a bit too much and were not quite as good. Still very worth watching though.	Disposable
Jonathan Creek (1997)	Yes	1.0	2020	A UK mystery show with a magician's prop builder solving odd crimes, usually murders. The first three seasons are great and should have been called the Maddie show. Season 4, is poor but watchable. Some of the specials are quite good. Season 5 is OK.	Archived selected seasons.
Journey Quest	No	0.1	2020	A Youtube.com comedic fantasy adventure closer to cosplay than actual theater.	Abandoned
Katy Keene	No	1.0	2020	Another typical CW entry for young adults. They all feel the same from dark fantasy to modern melodrama. I did not like a single character from the moment of introduction. Oh well.	Abandoned
Mallorca Files	Optional	1.0	2020	An almost works detective story about two homicide detectives with conflicting personalities forced to work together. Sadly the individual characters are not that enjoyable and there is no chemistry between the characters.	Abandoned
McCallum	No	1.5	2020	Good police procedural but padded too much with side stories and a bit too dark. They should have made it a one hour show.	Abandoned
Most Dangerous Animal Of All	NO	1.0	2020	A four part miniseries docudrama about a loser and a serial killer (sort of).	Never Watched
Motherland	No	1.0	2020	Typical serialized fantasy of the era, this time with witches in a military school in an alternate version of the USA, fighting supposedly evil rogue witches. There is not enough speed and not enough development of character or the long arc to be interesting.	Abandoned
Mr & Mrs Murder	yes	1.0	2020	Thirteen episode series about a husband and wife team of crime scene cleaners who solve the murders too. A pretty delightful set of characters, but a bit hard to believe and not quite archivable. Only one season sadly.	Disposable
Mum (2016)	No	0.5	2020	A dumb dry Britcom based on a woman who's husband died, and her strange son with his even stranger live in girlfriend - unknown because I could not finish even one episode.	Abandoned
Murder City	No	1.0	2020	A British police detective series that is supposed to have two interesting interactive protagonists. It was too graphic and dark right from the start and spent so much time with secondary characters and guest guest characters that I couldn't even finish episode 1. I'm not a big fan of Noir.	Abandoned
neXt	No	1.0	2020	Serialized primetime soap opera SciFi based on an advanced AI trying to take over the world. Would have been acceptable shorter, with less soap opera, and more successful detective work. The ends do not justify the means.	Abandoned
One Foot In The Grave	No	0.5	2020	Another old British sitcom That isn't funny.	Abandoned.

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Pie In The Sky (1994)	No	1.0	2020	It is a good premise but the pilot progressed slowly. In addition the "bad cops" win softly & have the protagonist (who is not quite smart enough) "over a barrel" The show is not quite good enough to watch streamed unfiltered.	Abandoned
Queen Sono	No	1.0	2020	Espionage agent in S Africa who plays by her own rules but still has a job because she gets results. Kind of a violent and gross soap opera.	Abandoned
Ray Bradbury Theater (1985)	No	0.5	2020	Short horror stories of the era by the master, but out of date.	Abandoned
Rising Damp	No	0.5	2020	1974 British sitcom about a beat up apartment house called "Bleak House" and a bigoted, cheap landlord. It is out of date even to me.	Abandoned
Sandbaggers	No	1.0	2020	A nasty back office British spy show that follows the head of an elite spy organization. Almost everything is in London offices and field operatives are so expendable, their own side will kill them.	Abandoned
Scott & Bailey (2011)	No	1.0	2020	A British cop show following two women detectives. The crimes are pretty nasty and verbally graphic. The detectives are not that great either.	Abandoned
Seachange (1998)	No	1.0	2020	How can one person do so many things wrong? Aussie light drama about a big city lawyer who is "forced" to move to a small coastal town as a magistrate. The protagonist was just too dumb for me to take. Tried two episodes on Acorn.	Abandoned
Shakespeare & Hathaway (2018)	Yes	1.0	2020	An unlikely pair to be detectives but very enjoyable. Reasonably light and not often graphic.	Archived
Silent Witness (1996)	No	1.0	2020	Depressing unpleasant BBC police procedural.	Abandoned
Snowpiercer	No	1.0	2020	Just as gross and impossible as the movie but slower.	Abandoned
Star Trek Discovery	No	1.0	2020	I tried a lot of these but it is just one giant spread out movie and the Klingons are very simple and boring. Gratuitous graphic violence too.	Abandoned
Star Trek Picard	Opt	1.0	2020	I managed to finish season 1 but speeded up 20%. I had to FFwd over the Romulans a lot too. Again one long story arc movie but with more intelligent characters. Gratuitous graphic violence too.	Disposable
Stargirl	No	1.0	2020	A serialized superhero show with a great pilot but bad follow up. VERY quickly the villains were winning episodes, more time was spent on them, and the CW teen formula was visible.	Abandoned
Swamp Thing	No	1.0	2020	Serialized primetime soap opera based on DC Comics Horror. Primarily filmed mostly, and very illogically at times, at night. The rest of the scenes are not that bright either. There more unlikable characters than likable. Predictable 90m pilot.	Abandoned
Teenage Bounty Hunters	Opt	1.0	2020	Netflix prime time soap-opera about two Christian High Schoolers working as clandestine bounty hunters. Their mom apparently turns out to be wanted fugitive. It is well done but mostly predictable. I finished it but had to use FFwd a lot. It also has a crappy semi-open end. It does not deserve a second season.	Disposable
United You Fall	No	0.5	2020	Good actors, bad script.	Abandoned
Upload	No	1.0	2020	Before you die, you can upload yourself into a virtual world. But something isn't right of course. I finished episode 1 but it was slow. I could not finish episode 2 and skipped ahead to the 25min conclusion. Lame!	Abandoned
Vagrant Queen	No	1.0	2020	Childishly simple, stupid, and bloody SciFi from SyFy with cos-play level acting - couldn't even finish the pilot.	Abandoned
Warrior Nun	No	1.0	2020	Via Netflix, a well done religious action fantasy with good episodes despite itself and the church. A lot of skipping was used to speed it up. But in the end, not only did the story not end, but things were actually worse. I won't be watching anymore and don't recommend it. At least the season was watchable.	Abandoned
3Below	OK	0.5	2019	via Netflix. Using the same town and characters of Arcadia from Troll hunters, del Toro has created a "fish out of water" animated scifi comedy with three royal refugees from an overthrown high tech society. Aug 2019. season 2 abandoned	Disposable, then Abandoned
7Seeds	No	0.5	2019	Watched about 3 of the animated episodes of this Netflix SciFi series before giving up.	Abandoned
Abby's	No	0.5	2019	A bar comedy with selfish loser characters.	Abandoned
All Rise	No	1.0	2019	A good pilot but by episode 2 it had turned into good verses bad law enforcement, nasty & unpleasant cases, and courtroom drama just as I expected.	Abandoned

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Almost Family	No		2019	Rejected based on reviews and having tried the original Australian version.	Never Watched
Always A Witch	No	1.0	2019	A Netflix show about a witch transported from the past to the present. A bit rugged in places but tolerable. Dubbed from Spanish I think. I watched two episodes before giving up.	Abandoned
Angel Beats	No	0.5	2019	Another below par Japanese animation.	Abandoned
Anohana: The Flower We Saw That Day	No	0.5	2019	A teen(?) boy sees the ghost of a long time friend who wants him and their other friends to grant a wish. Japanese animation. It was way too boring and took me two sittings to finish episode one.	Abandoned
Batwoman	No	1.0	2019	Well done pilot. A viewer has to like damaged people, villains, & a story that never ends to like these kinds of fantasies. But there is no good episodic hard-SciFi being made, so this might do for a while, until CW screws it up too much. Episode 2= Wow- boring. Cruel dark repetitive storyline, flashbacks, & interactions, and boring damaged characters. Typical CW interpretation.	Abandoned
Black Mirror	No	1.0	2019	A Netflix based Twilight Zone copycat.	Abandoned
Bless this Mess	No	0.5	2019	I gave up half way through this sitcom pilot about a young idiotic city couple who move the the mid west to take up farming.	Abandoned
Blood and Treasure	No	1.0	2019	A serialized, repetitive, summer adventure show with the same villain every week who seems to always end up winning. It must be easy to write when new plots and actions don't have to be developed every week.	Abandoned
Bluff City Law	No	1.0	2019	I didn't even make it through the teaser. If that's what the show runners want to present, I don't want to watch it.	Abandoned / Never Watched
Bonding	No	0.3	2019	A dull Netflix show set in the sex bondage scene with odd length episodes.	Abandoned
Cannon Busters	NO	0.5	2019	A gross and dull Nexflix animated dystopian SciFi series. Never finished Ep 1!	Abandoned
Carmen Sandiego	No	0.5	2019	A Netflix animated story telling a version of the old educational game. The two part pilot was good. I abandoned it after 4 episodes.	Abandoned
Carole & Tuesday	Yes	0.5	2019	This animated show is sort of SciFi because the setting is a city on Mars in the future. It's really about two young women and an old manager trying to make it in the music industry. It could be set anywhere. Sometimes one episode at a time is not enough. I'm up to the point where they enter the talent competition though which is making me doubt the show. I don't like competitions.	Disposable
Carole & Tuesday - update	No	0.5	2019	I've never seen a show fall apart as badly as this one. Once the competition started there was almost nothing worth watching. I am only watching scenes with Carol and Tuesday at this point. At lest it goes quickly. They pulled it out of the fire with the last episode but the end still does not justify the means.	Abandoned
Carol's Second Act	No	0.5	2019	Medical interns sitcom - doesn't work - racism, ageism, sexism. I only made it a short way past the first ad.	Abandoned
Charlotte	No	0.5	2019	Japanese anime series in which a boy can possess others for 5 seconds. Abandoned in episode 2.	Abandoned
Clannad	No	0.5	2019	Maybe this Japanese animated series would have gotten better with time but I abandoned it 5 min from the end of episode 1 which was mostly confusing school sexism and bullying.	Abandoned
Code Geass- LeLouch	No	0.5	2019	Watched two of this Japanese series on Netflix before giving up.	Abandoned
Dark Crystal- Age of Resistance	No	1.0	2019	Based on the movie but we were unable to suspend our disbelieve, besides, it was boring.	Abandoned
Dawn of the Croods	No	0.5	2019	Netflix series based on the movie	Abandoned
Dead to Me	No	0.5	2019	A Netflix half hour murder drama and I think deception. Watched one.	Abandoned
Derry Girls	No	1.0	2019	A bunch of girls in N Ireland during WW2. Never finished episode 1.	Abandoned & Never watched
Detective Anna	No		2019	Live action hour long period mystery series I think. I didn't feel like watching subtitles.	Never Watched
Discovery of Witches	No	1.0	2019	The pilot was good, but episode 2 & 3 did not hold my attention. After reading a bunch of reviews on IMDB explaining where it goes, I gave up.	Abandoned
Dragon Pilot	No	0.5	2019	Via Netflix. Japanese animated scifi/fantasy comedy where the dragon pilot flies a dragon after being swallowed. Odd and funny for the first 2 episodes but dumb after that.	Abandoned

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Elfen Lied	No		2019	Japanese animation. Just the start was too graphic for me and I abandoned it. nlt needs as R rating.	Never Watched
Emergence	No	1.0	2019	An unusual serialized pseudo-scifi about a strange girl found at an odd plane crash site, being chased by persons unknown, and taken into safe keeping by the sheriff. It is well done but will have to go some place if we are to watch it. Update Oct 30. Gave up mid-episode. It was going no where and the protagonists were losing too much. I could no longer suspend my disbelief.	Abandoned
Enemy Below	No	1.0	2019	Mid-season series about the FBI and a released traitor prisoner fighting terrorists. Both the situation and the characters were not likable and I abandoned it early in the pilot.	Abandoned
Enemy Withing	No	1.0	2019	FBI trying to stop terrorists. Unpleasant & unreliable characters, situations, and filming. No thanks. Abandoned at 10 min.	Abandoned
Evil (fall 2019)	No		2019	Read the reviews and decided to skip this one. I didn't like the descriptions even from the critics who liked the show and did not like any of the previous shows from the show runners.	Never Watched
Garfunkel and Oats (2014)	No	0.5	2019	I liked the actors but not the characters or script in episode 1 and I gave up.	Abandoned & Never watched
Girls & Panzer	No	0.5	2019	A rather dumb animated show about girls fighting mock battles in tanks, I think. It was so bad I abandoned it in episode 1.	Abandoned
Good Trouble	No	1.0	2019	I was thinking of giving this a try until the critic mentioned the flashbacks. Backstory always slows down shows & these types of shows which tend to be slow by nature.- The pilot was broadcast so many times that I did give it a try. The boring characters were so very routine & predictable that I gave up early.	Abandoned & Never watched
Granblue Fantasy- the Animation	OK	0.5	2019	Weird Japanese animated flying ships going from sky island to sky island on a quest. It started OK but slowed down to conventional pretty fast. Still worth a watch though.	Disposable
Hardcastle and McCormick	No	1.0	2019	This 80s show is a too out of date. It consists mostly of TV grade car chases and a few other action scenes, all of which don't really work any more. The plot, dialog, and character development are minimal.	Abandoned
Haunted House	No	0.5	2019	Chinese (I think) animated fantasy. I only managed to watch a short bit of episode 1.	Never watched
Hero Mask	No	0.5	2019	A Netflix show I abandoned 2/3 of the way through. Don't remember the contents.	Abandoned
High Seas	No	1.0	2019	A dubbed, serialized, period mystery, telenovela from Spain via Netflix. It is very well executed but I can never quite get into the characters or story.	Abandoned
I Am The Night	No		2019	A TNT limited series that I decided to skip based on reviews.	Never watched
In-between, The	No	1.0	2019	That was ugly. Involuntary psychic helping cops solve gross murders.	Abandoned
Ingress - the Animation	No	0.5	2019	Fantasy based Netflix animated spy drama I think. Watched one.	Abandoned
Is It Wrong To Pick Up Girls in a Dungeon	yes	0.5	2019	In this odd animated series the gods (Greek this time) made the land and then came down to join the mortals. The whole land is a game with the "real" world just supporting adventurers who fight in a tower. The story actually has a soul even if it is incredibly sexist. But, except for over endowed over-thin women fawning over the men, it is not Mature Audience at all.	Disposable and watched at 1.1x
K-On!	no	0.5	2019	Animated high schoolers and an non-functional music club?	Abandoned
Kabaneri of the Iron Fortress	No	0.5	2019	Zombies by any other name and shape are still just zombies. Animated Japanese about zombie fighters.	Abandoned
Kaisama Kiss	No	0.5	2019	Japanese animation. Show about a girl who enters a shrine and kisses a familiar binding him to her.	Abandoned
Key the Metal Idol	No	0.5	2019	Animated series about a robot girl who needs 30000 fans to become "human?" It never really made any sense about who was who or why.	Abandoned
Love, Chunibyo & Other Delusions	OK	0.5	2019	An odd but endearing animated show about high schoolers who still like to live in a fantasy world. The fantasy scenes are too long/frequent and need to be sped through occasionally and I skipped a few episodes, but I'm still watching. Season 2 is actually better.	Disposable
Magmell	No	0.5	2019	Half hour animated adventures on a new and very odd continent. The content changed after about episode 4 and I didn't like it.	Abandoned

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Maid Sama	No	0.5	2019	Another Japanese animation excuse to show over-endowed women.	Abandoned/ Never watched
March Comes In Like A Lion	No	0.5	2019	I only lasted about 15m into the Japanese show with an incredibly depressed protagonist.	Abandoned
Marley's Ghosts	No	0.5	2020	British sitcom about a woman who sees three annoying ghosts. It has a great cast but no subtly, horrendous scripts, and poor execution.	Abandoned
Mobile Suit Gundam, Iron Blooded Orphans	No	0.5	2019	I didn't even like the first scene of this Japanese animation and it got worse when they tried to add personalities. Abandoned within a few minutes.	Abandoned
Monster MuSuMe (Everyday Life with Monster Girls)	No	0.5	2019	Just plain dumb. A Japanese animation excuse to show lusty characters with naked over endowed female torsos on animal bases. I wish Hulu allowed ratings because it would get the lowest possible.	Abandoned
Moodys, The	No	0.5	2019	Not sure if this was to be a full series or just a Christmas limited. Either way, I disliked it from scene one (it got worse as it went) and I did not like the characters. I shut it off very early.	Abandoned
Nancy Drew	No	1.0	2019	Pro=good photography. Con=everything else. It is exactly what I expected- trite, predictable, CW schlock with all damaged characters, NO relation to the originals at all, pure serialization and some fantasy added. The author would be spinning in the grave, which may happen in this series.	Abandoned
Neon Genesis Evangelion	No	0.5	2019	Japanese animated SciFi. Kids running giant robots with limitations to save the world from mysterious monsters called Angels. The thing that sustains it is the characters are good. (Update) This show really fell apart at the end. I don't think I've ever seen any other show fall apart that bad.	Abandoned
Pandora	No	1.0	2019	Typical CW characters and schlock in a mediocre SciFi vehicle resulting in a mediocre show which ended reasonably. Episode 2 - Nope, I kept getting bored. Seems like it should be more interesting but it is not.	Abandoned
Perfect Harmony	No	0.5	2019	That was good. The time passed so fast it was over before I expected. Please keep it up show runners. They didn't and I gave up about 6 weeks in.	Abandoned
Pyramid Code	No	1.0	2019	Fake science about the building of the pyramids.	Abandoned
No Good Nick	No	0.5	2019	Netflix live action about a girl conning her way into a family. I did not like the characters.	Abandoned
Reef Break	No	1.0	2019	By episode 5, I had demoted the show to disposable. By episode 10, I already knew I would abandon it. I used FFWD through most of 12. The finale (13) was better but overall they blew it. Not only was there no closure but the end was a cliff hanger! The show runners seem stuck in the 80s. I won't be back.	Abandoned
Reef Break	OK	1.0	2019	ABC/Australian detective adventure for the summer about a smart, street wise ex-thief trying to live a clean but not totally straight life on Reef Island. I liked the not too young lead actress and character. The pilot was not overly gross for a kidnapping story either. Sadly, the scripts and most of the other characters went bad pretty quickly.	Disposable, Abandoned
Revisions	No	0.5	2019	Japanese animated SciFi about two layers of time and a kid driving a giant robot. I gave up after episode 5.	Abandoned
RobozuneR	No	0.5	2019	A Japanese Netflix animated series about battling humanoid robots. Watched 1.	Abandoned
Roswell NM	No	1.0	2019	After episode two I knew where CW was going with it and only continued to watch because my wife wanted to. She abandoned it after the April flash back episode. I mostly put a puzzle together on my phone. Really, Really Bad.	Abandoned
Russian Doll	No	0.5	2019	A Netflix live action show with unlikable characters.	Abandoned
Team Kaylie	No	0.5	2019	Kids show that was so dull I can't remember what it was about.	Abandoned
Teasing Master Tkgisan	No	0.5	2019	School bullying disguised as comedy.	Abandoned
Tucker's Witch (1983)	Yes	1.0	2019	Amazon - Shows were odd back then - sexism. The lead character is the witch, but using her name alone in the title is not allowed. Anyway, it's a husband and wife detective team and she is an inexperienced witch. It's out of date but fun.	Disposable
Sailor Moon Crystal	No	0.5	2019	This is one of those extremely stupid animated light teen fantasies.	Abandoned
Saint Seiya	No	0.5	2019	Animated fighting about Greek gods this time.	Abandoned
Santa Clarita Diet	No		2019	Netflix. - Half hour bloody comedy horror on Netflix. No Thanks	Never Watched

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Seven Deadly Sins	Yes	0.5	2019	Via Netflix, a Japanese animated series about a rogue princess out to find seven odd warriors to save the kingdom I guess. Very odd and fun. Later. I enjoyed this feudal fantasy series which had a lot of potential. But it became too long winded. I watched 7 episodes before giving up.	Disposable
Sex Education	No	1.0	2019	A Netflix show I abandoned early in the first episode	Abandoned
Shakugan no Shana	No	0.5	2019	This Japanese animated fantasy series started good but faded fast. I found I had to force myself to watch it by episode 4 and abandoned it in episode 6. Since there are 72 episodes, it didn't seem worth it.	Abandoned
She-Ra and the Princess of Power	OK	0.5	2019	Netflix animated fantasy. A young outcast warrior woman gains the power to turn into the magical SheRa, joins the castle group, and apparently fights for "right." It is better than it sounds although still a bit childish. Gave up after about 4 episodes.	Abandoned
Snow White With Red Hair	Yes	0.5	2019	Japanese animation about a young herbalist with red hair. Season 1 starts with her kidnapping and rescue by a handsome white haired prince and turns into a palace romance. But even as a poor girl rich prince romance it is pretty good.	Archived
Spice and Wolf	Yes	0.5	2019	A delightful Japanese animated fantasy about a traveling merchant who befriends and travels with a wolf girl. Subtitled on Hulu and with limited reading time it was difficult to watch but worth it anyway. Expensive on Amazon but dubbed. Apparently the price gives access to both seasons.	Archived
Spirited (2010)	No	1.0	2019	An Australian show about a middle age woman who sees the ghost of a dead and missing rocker - it kind of messes up her life. Episode 1 was good, gave up on episode 2, and skipped to the last episode which was OK.	Abandoned
Steins Gate	No	0.5	2019	I abandoned this unmemorable Jananese animated SciFi in th first episode.	Abandoned
Stumptown	No	1.0	2019	Two episodes in, I like interesting characters but these people are too damaged and messed up.	Abandoned
Sunnyside	No	0.5	2019	Nope - I didn't like the protagonist from word one and only made it 3 min into this sitcom.	Abandoned
Team Kaylie	No	0.5	2019	Live action about kids having outdoor adventures. Too low for an adult.	Abandoned
Tidelands (2018)	No	1.0	2019	Via Netflix. Interesting, a show with no Protagonists. Every character was a criminal at one level or another. No thanks.	Abandoned
Tokyo Ravens	No	0.5	2019	Surprise, animated normal looking women and a good fantasy so far. Episode 6&7 - there does not seem to be a story anymore - just dumb antics.	Abandoned
Treadstone	No	1.0	2019	Jason Bourne style spy series with bad camera work, serialized, and too nasty. Gabrielle Scharnitzky is good.	Abandoned
UFO Ultramaiden	No	0.5	2019	Japanese Animation. This may develop into something but it will do it without me. I did not care for the teen protagonist and liked the poorly behaved little girl (an alien lacking memory?) he was in charge of even less. Watched 15min.	Abandoned
Ultraman	No	0.5	2019	Tried two of these Netflix animated alien invasion shows & gave up	Abandoned
Umbrella Academy, The	No	1.0	2019	A Netflix show about superhero orphans, raised by a mean old rich man, who get back together when he dies. None of the characters were likable so I gave up after one episode.	Abandoned
Unicorn	No	0.5	2019	A new single dad who's friends are trying to get him to date, his daughter's feel mixed about it, and they are trying to make it. Not funny but a good light drama. Gave up at the end end of October.	Abandoned
Wanderlust (2018)	No	1.0	2019	Via Netflix. A sad UK drama that sounds interesting and sexy in the description but is decidedly not interesting.	Abandoned
Watership Down	OK	1.0	2019	A beautifully animated and pretty good rendering of the novel as a four part miniseries.	Disposable
Weird Wonders of the World	No	1.0	2019	Some kind of nature show about abnormalities if I recall correctly. I tried scrubbing thru problem bits but it was not worth it.	Abandoned
What/If	No	1.0	2019	Watched one episode of this Netflix Drama before giving up.	Abandoned
Whisky Cavalier	OK	1.0	2019	A spy adventure with the male lead sensitive and the female lead pragmatic. The pilot was enjoyable and we'll have to try a few more. - Episodes 2&3 were not as good for some reason but at least it is new material to add to the reruns. -- Gave up on the show in April	Abandoned

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Working Moms	No	0.5	2019	Netflix live action dramedy. Watched one.	Abandoned
Younger (update)	No	0.5	2019	I've been losing interest for a couple of seasons and gave up after episode 2 this season. It was kind of frustrating instead of enjoyable.	Abandoned
A Million Little Things	No	1.0	2018	A primetime soap opera or melodrama about friends with Major problems. I just couldn't make myself like any of them.	Abandoned
Charmed	No	1.0	2018	An entertaining reboot of the 1998 series with the same basics. Three young adult sisters become witches when their mother dies. Even the house looks similar. The proof is in the details. There is an enjoyable multi-ethnic cast for the sisters and much better effects of course. The pilot was very well made! - - By episode 3, it turned into just another CW young adult angst show for millennials with a pushy adult supervisor no less.	Abandoned
Chilling Adventures of Sabrina	Unlikely	1.0	2018	This Netflix reboot of the series is not the Sabrina of old. It is evil and dark (figuratively and literally). It also has no comic relief, takes forever to get any place, lacks adequate relevant content for its length, and is slow. It works better at 1.18x and with FFwd as needed, but it is Heavily serialized and ends on a negative note in every episode. I doubt I can take it for 10 episodes. Good music though. Episode 3 = There are a lot of subplots that do not move the main plot forward. Successful novelists learn to delete those. Video writers should learn the same thing. I had to speed it up to 1.23x and was still a little bored.	Abandoned
Conners	No	0.5	2018	I don't see any way a sitcom can be good when it starts with the grandmother's death, especially by overdose. Anyway, judging on content only, the script and the characters were boring and not in the least funny.	Abandoned
Cool Kids	No	0.5	2018	Four mixed gender friends in a retirement home. It had its laughs but the script was predictable and not great. The Hank character was very grating and will have to be toned way down for me to watch it. Disposable at best. Episode 2, I got bored, erased it, and watched Penn & Teller's Fool Me.	Abandoned
Crazy Ex-Girlfriend 2015	No	1.0	2018	Tried episode 1 of this via Netflix and even at 1.18x it was not good. I got a little over half way before I gave up.	Abandoned
Dragon Prince	No	0.5	2018	This nine episode, animated, young adult, period fantasy on Netflix was actually pretty good but not good enough to watch the next season. It's takes place in a time of castles, elves, dragons, and deception. The kids predominate and are more interesting than the adults, but it's still a little slow and pedantic.	Abandoned
Forest of Piano	Yes	0.5	2018	This Japanese animated drama about a kid who plays a broken piano in the forest becoming a real pianist is pretty good so far (4 episodes).	Disposable
FBI	No	1.0	2018	Basically a crime drama - well done, but still a crime drama and an overly dramatic one with a high body count at that. I fast forwarded through most of it.	Abandoned
God Friended Me, season 1	OK	1.0	2018	An atheist podcaster is friended by God. He assumes he's been hacked but goes with the flow and ends up saving and improving several lives. The pilot was quite good on fast play - good enough for me to try another. Episode 2 - same review plus it is a show about people and better than expected. Still watching.	Disposable
God Friended Me, season 2	No	1.0	2018	Although I made it through season 1 (with FFWD assistance), I could not take season 2 and gave up in the middle of episode 4 (I think).	Abandoned
Happy Together	No	0.5	2018	A young rock star moves into his young married accountant's house. I didn't care for the accountant character enough to watch the show but it seemed otherwise OK.	Abandoned
Heathers	No		2018	Based on the Rotten Tomatoes description and the low critics rating, there is not chance I would be interested in this show.	Never Watched
I Feel Bad	No	0.5	2018	Home & office sitcom starring a nagging mom and artist at a video game company. Kind of dumb, I never laughed, and the camera work was bad.	Abandoned
Kids Are Alright	No	0.5	2018	Period comedy of a controlling catholic family with eight kids, all of which seem to be dishonest and argue all the time, as do the parents. No laughs here.	Abandoned
Kim's Convenience	Opt	0.5	2018	Via Netflix. Marginally good live action comedy about a Korean girl who's conservative parents run a convenience store. Not sure if I will finish it.	Disposable
Kulipari	No	0.5	2018	Via Netflix. Childish animated show I only got part way into episode 1.	Never watched



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Last Man Standing - 2018 restart	OK	0.5	2018	Sadly this is no longer the same show. The daughters are not the same and they were the best part of the show. Even the son-in-laws and the business end of the show do not work as well. To top it off, the scripts are weaker and not very funny. It is now disposable at best.	Disposable
Legacies	No		2018	Based on reviews, I decided to not watch this cliched show about a 17 yr old witch in a school for witches, vampires, werewolves, and probably more.	Never watched
Lost Song	yes	0.5	2018	Japanese animation via Netflix. Two young women in a war torn country have the power to change things via magical songs. Looks good but we'll see.	Disposable for now
Magnum PI	OK	1.0	2018	I didn't care much for the pilot of this reboot because it was a bit too predictable and graphic. But it is a good reboot and might find fans in younger viewers. The basic structure of the original is still there although the characters are changed in many ways. Episode 2. This show was better although the script was not great. The Magnum character acts like a dumb brute with a big heart. The Higgins character though is very smart, commanding, and tough. I like her. They could lose the flashbacks, brutality, and past history (as well as the dogs). I'll watch for a while but probably using FFWD. 2019=still watching.	Disposable
Manifest	No	1.0	2018	Pseudo SciFi show in which a plane load of people are instantly transported from 2013 to 2018. Now they see and hear things in their heads about the immediate future. On the surface it is SciFi but there are so many melodramatic and boring side plots that we had to FFWD quite a bit. We will try another episode though. Episode 2: The show is just an excuse for a serialized melodramatic soap opera, and it's a slow, unpleasant, and nasty one at that. As near as we can tell, this episode didn't even have a plot.	Abandoned
Murphy Brown	OK	0.5	2018	A true restart with four of the original cast just starting right back up. Most of the show was pretty routine except the scenes on the new broadcast set at the mid point and the end. Those were great. Worth trying at least.	Disposable
Neighborhood, The	No	0.5	2018	A white family moves into an all black neighborhood. The characters in this kind of show always seem rather stereotyped to me but what do I know. Anyway, I didn't find it funny or interesting.	Abandoned
New Amsterdam	No	1.0	2018	A new medical director takes over the oldest public hospital and shakes things up apparently for the better. The pilot was good, only falling apart in the last 1/4 but it is still a medical melodrama and did require some FFWD. It's worth trying though. Episode 2. Not as exciting but smoother and it really is a very good show. But in the long run, modern hospital medical shows are about sadness and life threatening problems, and I am not interested.	Abandoned
Nightflyers	No		2018	A four minute trailer convinced me not to watch the scifi horror show.	Never watched
Rookie	No	1.0	2018	A "forty" year old man joins the police force as a rookie, let the hazing begin. I'm not sure joining at 40 is even possible. In any case, the pilot for the script was bad as was the photography. We gave up at thirty minutes but will try episode two. Managed to finish episode 2 which was better but even if they survive being rookies, it is still a cop on the street crime drama with few redeeming points.	Abandoned
Single Parents	No	0.5	2018	Oh boy, that was bad. A sitcom about a bunch of single parents. In the pilot they add a new and truly desperate new parent to the group.	Abandoned
Star Wars: Resistance	No	0.5	2018	Pretty childish for supposedly young adult. A Disney animated Star Wars series.	Abandoned
Travelers (2016)	OK	1.0	2018	A Netflix series in which travelers from the future take over the minds of people at their time of death. Technical issues aside, I skipped over some cruel areas but did not have to speed up episode 1 or make any other adjustments. It was well produced although a lot takes place in the dark of night. Through episode 6 - Episode 5 was unnecessary, the characters are a little less likable, it is an episodic long story arc show, video quality has improved, but I now watch at 1.1 to 1.2x speed. Disposable. It falls apart after episode six (the was no longer a story to tell) and I abandoned it after season 1.	Abandoned
AICO	OK	0.5	2018	A Japanese animated SciFi drama I picked up on Netflix. It tended to be rather repetitive, melodramatic, and slow, but it was good enough to finish season one. I will not watch a season 2 though.	Disposable

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Alienist	No		2018	I skipped the apparently violent, gross, and gory period serial killer based on reviews.	Never watched
Blue Bloods	No	1.0	2018	Rich family with most of the people associated with the NY police in some way. Much too serious for me. From about 2008.	Abandoned
Burden of Truth	No	1.0	2018	Serialized primetime soap opera/melodrama about a heartless big city attorney who returns to her small hometown, develops a conscience(?), and decides to stay.	Abandoned
Crossing Lines 2015	No	1.0	2018	Some kind of broadcast cop/crime drama I tried on Netflix. Too dark.	Abandoned
Crossing, The	No	1.0	2018	Such an interesting start to become unwatchable so fast it's sad. By the second serialized episode every character lied to every other character. And the situation was so dire I don't see any way out, don't care anymore, and don't want to watch hours and hours just to find out what happens to characters I don't like to start with.	Abandoned
Deception	OK	1.0	2018	This show has a fatal flaw that prevents it from being really good, the brother in jail for murder. A magician helps the FBI solve crimes in order to figure out who framed his brother in this Castle clone. It lacks that special spark but it is worth watching for a while. The network agreed and the show was canceled which is appropriate since the last episode ended very poorly.	Disposable
Doctor Blake Mysteries	No	1.0	2018	Tried the Australian mystery show on Netflix and did not like it	Abandoned
Final Space	No	0.5	2018	Weird animated SciFi sitcom without one laugh or one interesting moment. I managed to finish the first episode, but barely.	Abandoned.
Good Girls	No		2018	Via Variety review: Desperate housewives become clumsy criminals. More anti-heros - no thanks.	Never Watched
Grown-ish	No	0.5	2018	A young freshman woman who discovers college is not what she expected - with students that don't match any college students I have ever seen, and a weird overprotected dad. Dull.	Abandoned
Insatiable	No		2018	A Netflix drama rejected based on the 17 to 1 negative reviews and 1hr shows are hard to watch on Netflix which lacks full playback controls.	Never watched
Inspector Lynley Mysteries 2001+	No	1.0	2018	UK mystery series about an annoying, conceited, lord policeman, and his commoner sergeant policewoman partner. Both depressing characters in a depressing pilot episode.	Abandoned
Kakegurui	No	0.5	2018	Animated Japanese series on Netflix about a high school where student hierarchy is determined by gambling. Not nice.	Abandoned
Kiss Me First	No	1.0	2018	Netflix original series dealing with an odd VR. Way too slow and unpleasant.	Abandoned
Krypton	No	1.0	2018	SyFy. I expected a dystopian society (not even human this time) with negative vibe - like most SyFy shows. It was worse. Not only negative but dumb and brutal. They killed off half the potential protagonists on screen in the first episode. I'll take The Orville over this any day.	Abandoned
LA To Vegas	No	0.5	2018	Wacky comedy about the crew and re-occurring passengers of a weekend flight to Vegas. Not great but needs to be tested. - - - Not good enough.	Abandoned
Mapp & Lucia 1985	No	1.0	2018	Period dramedy about the friction between too single women in a small village in the UK.	Abandoned
Marvelous Mrs Maisel	OK	1.0	2018	An Amazon Prime drama about the trials and tribulations of a jilted Jewish woman who becomes a stand up comic. She and her manager are good but the people around her are marginal and I tended to FFWD over them. Season 2 = I got bored.	Abandoned
Marvel's Cloak and Dagger	No	1.0	2018	It's not too often that a show is this bad from 0 minutes on. This fantasy had unlikable characters, situations, events, and photography. It was dark both figuratively and literally. It did not get better when the kids grew up after the teaser. I didn't make it to the so called superpowers.	Abandoned
Miz & Mrs	No		2018	Docu-series reality TV about the home life of two WWE performers. No Thanks.	Never watched

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Mum 2016	No	0.5	2018	A very dry UK sitcom about a normal woman who lost her husband and the strange people around here. Not a stitch of background music in it and not funny, just weird.	Abandoned
New Legends of the Monkey King	OK	0.5	2018	An odd live action Australian fantasy with action, stunts, and comedy I found on Netflix. Through episode 3 it is OK. I did FFWD a bit but I'm still watching.	Disposable
Pink Collar Crimes	No	1.0	2018	Either a docudrama or a show presented as a docudrama (didn't watch enough to find out) about moms who commit crimes after dropping off the kids.	Abandoned
Pose	No		2018	LBGTQ series from FX about their problems in 1987.	Never watched
Reverie	No	1.0	2018	When people become trapped in a memory game, a talented woman is sent in to get them out. The pilot was superb except for the flashbacks. But with all the flashbacks, damaged characters, long story arc hints, and nefarious people, I don't hold out much hope. Six weeks or so in and it has turned into a slow, boring melodrama.	Abandoned
Rise	No	1.0	2018	An unhappy teacher in an impoverished town full of depressed people in desperate straits takes over the theater program.	Abandoned
Saiki K. 2016	No	0.5	2018	Japanese (I think) animated fantasy comedy(?). Most of episode one was just characters arguing.	Abandoned
Siren	No	1.0	2018	A single theme serialized show about a mean mermaid/siren looking for her sister who has been captured by the military. Not good even at 1.3x speed.	Abandoned
Station 19	No	1.0	2018	A medical melodrama similar in feel to Gray's Anatomy being passed off as a show about a fire station crew. Not good. (Not surprising since it is also by Shonda Enterprises.)	Abandoned
Take Two	Yes	1.0	2018	From the makers of Castle, Take Two lacked the sparkle that Nathan Fillion and Stephen Cannell gave Castle, but it was interesting enough at the start to watch. However, it slowly degenerated during the season to a Grade F season finale. Modern audiences see to like dark serialized material though, so maybe it was the right thing to do for them. I ended up editing and saving some of the episodes just in case. UPDATE JULY 19. Canceled show but I watched the 9 I kept and enjoyed them enough to repeat them again some day.	ARCHIVED
Violet Evergarden	Yes	0.5	2018	A Japanese animated drama about a young woman who does not know anything but being a soldier. Now she is trying to learn to be a normal person. The show is slightly SciFi or Fantasy because of the underlying premise, but just barely. Episode 8 became a bit graphic and I suspect the next few will be, but it is incredibly good and I still recommend it.	ARCHIVED
Widower 2014	No		2018	3 part story of a wife killer.	Never Watched
9JKL	No	0.5	2017	Nothing to see here, just another predictable sitcom about an adult son who moves "back in" with his parents after a bad divorce. Even though I like a couple of the actors, it still has to have an enjoyable script.	Abandoned
APB	No	1.0	2017	A tech billionaire takes over a police precinct by upgrading it with the best tech. The episodes so far hinge on coming up with new tech each time to solve the problem of the week, which I doubt they can sustain. The show is marginal to start with and after that it will be just another cop show. Episode 4, it's already just a cop show and a nasty one.	Abandoned
Beyond	No	1.0	2017	A dark fantasy or scifi (the story was too disjointed to tell which) about a teen who wakes up from a 12 yr coma, fully functional, but with strange uncontrolled powers. It was all long story arc with no specific episodic themes, most of it seems to take place in the dark or in a dream state, and none of the characters were likable. Abandoned after episode 3.	Abandoned
Bleach	Opt	0.5	2017	An initially interesting Japanese animated fantasy about soul reapers who hunt hollows (invisible monsters that eat humans). By episode 10 the characters were no longer interesting and the stories were very repetitive.	Abandoned
Bold Type	No	1.0	2017	Freeform primetime soap opera about the private and professional lives of three young women who work for a fictional Cosmopolitan equivalent. Two are assistants, one just got promoted to writer, but they want to advance. The boss was interesting. The rest were predictable and superficial.	Abandoned
Damnation	No		2017	Avoided based on reviews from Variety and Hollywood reporter.	Never Watched

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Cable Girls	No	1.0	2017	Primetime serialized Spanish period soap opera about women in 1928 trying to make it alone in the male dominated world. It's well done, including the English dubbing, but it still has all the problems of a soap opera made worse by the nasty society they live in.	Abandoned
Chesapeake Shores	Opt	1.0	2017	Hallmark primetime soap opera. Very well executed but still a melodrama that needs to be speeded up with time compression. That is a pain in the ass to do from Netflix so I will probably skip the show. I usually don't watch anything more than 30 min on Netflix because of the viewing limitations.	Abandoned
Class	No	1.0	2017	A Doctor Who spin off with half a dozen high school students & one teacher defending the world from monsters and the like. Sadly, there were no likable characters and not much to like about the scripts.	Abandoned
Cromarties	No	0.5	2017	Didn't like this sitcom from scene 1 and promptly fell asleep.	Abandoned
Devil Is A Part Timer!	Yes	0.5	2017	Seen via Netflix this Japanese animated comedy fantasy series is pretty cute with fun characters and stories, but it is not archivable. Subtitles are needed in a few places to understand one alien language.	Disposable
Doubt	No	1.0	2017	Despite great acting, characters, stars, and presentation, the show has several fatal flaws. It is still serialized with poor episode endings, about lawyers, and a primetime soap opera. But the Heigl and Hill scenes were great.	Abandoned
Elephant Princess	OK	0.5	2017	An Australian live action fantasy about a 16 year old girl who gains magic powers on her birthday because she is the princess of a magical land. The villain is boring but the other characters are interesting enough.	Disposable
Emerald City	No	1.0	2017	A dark feudal fantasy series based on the Wizard of Oz. L Frank Baum would be appalled. It was not interesting. The characters were dimensionless, dark, dirty, dumb, dishonest, mean, and uninteresting. I got bored as soon as Dorthy reached the overgrown munchkins. My wife fell asleep. Even researching the show on IMDB could not fill the void and we gave up at about 40 minutes.	Abandoned
Famous In Love	No	1.0	2017	Serialized, multi-track Freeform primetime soap opera about a Hollywood newbie and the old hands. Superb acting and beautifully bookended but not my type of content.	Abandoned
Fate/Stay Night	OK	0.5	2017	A Japanese animated fantasy. Approximately half a dozen human mages with their summoned super warrior spirt characters fight to kill the others for the holy grail in a repeating war. It started out good, although the battles were quite dull, with a few interesting characters, but it became rather one dimensional and even unpleasant in places once all the characters were introduced.	Disposable
Ghost Wars	No	1.0	2017	Not sure what this will be. I disliked it so much I quite just after the titles. Just plain terrible characters. It will probably be a hit.	Abandoned
Ghosted	No	0.5	2017	A SciFi sitcom? It is very odd, but the pilot caught my attention enough to give it a try. Hope it is not too serialized. Episode 2 - It's not serialized but the lead characters are way, way too dumb.	Abandoned
Gifted, The	No	1.0	2017	This is an X-files clone. X-files has always been about persecution but each movie had a discrete story with good characters and an end. This is serialized. Episode one had potential despite serialization. But episode 2 did not solve anything at all, and the situations went from bad to worse. No only were soe of the situations something I do not want to watch, but I'm not into 15 hour movies, which is what this boils down to, assuming it even has a conclusion at the end of the season.	Abandoned
GLOW	OK	0.5	2017	A Netflix light docudrama 10 part mini-series about the start up of women's profession wrestling. There was just enough spark in the pilot to keep me interested. The next two episodes locked in that I wanted to finish the series. However, I did scrub over some bits.	Disposable
Good Doctor	No	1.0	2017	An autistic and serious Doogie Howser age new doctor joins an unpleasant, abrasive, and dishonest hospital staff as a surgeon after saving someone in an airport. The pilot was intriguing but episode two killed it. It would have made a good one off movie.	Abandoned
Good Fight, The	No		2017	Lawyer drama spin off from the Good Wife. I read two reviews and decided not to watch it even if it ever makes it from streaming to broadcast..	Never Watched
Grantchester	No	1.0	2017	1950 English vicar solves mysteries with his cop friend and deals with all the prejudice of the era. OK on Fast-Play. The secondary plots are too damn depressing - amazing since it is a murder mystery.	Abandoned

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Great News	No	0.5	2017	Sitcom in which a young woman wants to produce leading news reports instead of puff pieces while her mother butts in as an intern. Rather unpleasant, no likable characters, and no laughs. More like a bad drama!	Abandoned
Greenhouse Academy	No	0.5	2017	A Netflix original with a bunch of snotty teens at a prestigious school with a tech mogul leader.	Abandoned
Grown-ish	No	0.5	2018	Young freshman woman who discovers college is not what she expected - with students that don't match any college students I have ever seen, and a weird overprotected dad. Dull.	Abandoned
Happy!	NO!	1.0	2017	Worst opening scene of any show I have ever tried. If that is how they want to start it, I am Not interested.	Abandoned
Hooten & The Lady	OK	1.0	2017	"Romancing the Stone" reduced to it's lowest common denominator. The plot had many technical and continuity errors. You're only going to like the show if you like the interaction of the shallow stereotypical characters. My wife gave up after 30 min. Episode 2. The characters were better but the script feel apart in the second half.	Disposable
Imaginary Mary	OK	0.5	2017	Jenna Elfman as a successful single woman who gets so scared when she meets a nice single man with three kids that she "reactivates" her imaginary childhood friend Mary. Everything is great except when Jenna is in public With Mary. That does not work. Probably disposable.	Disposable
Kevin (Probably) Saves The World	No	1.0	2017	This started as a comedy SciFi but appears to have turned into a fantasy along the lines of the movie "Oh, God" but not as good by a long shot. The main problem is Kevin is a dumb ass who I don't like. I quit at 30 min because my spouse was bored. I'll finish it later on fast-play before deciding. Why don't modern characters talking to invisible people pretend to talk on their cell phones?	Abandoned
Kuromukuro	Yes	0.5	2017	This Netflix financed Japanese animated SciFi series is actually pretty good. One samurai from the far past awakens when aliens invade. He and a present day teen girl drive a battle robot, also from the past, to fight their robots off. The Samurai is a bit one dimensional but the girl is interesting. The battles are pretty routine and dull in my opinion but they are infrequent and usually short. What makes the show work, is the more than a dozen diverse and well developed secondary characters.	Archived
Legion	No	1.2	2017	Apparently a very odd and disjointed rendering of a schizophrenic Marvel X-Men superhero character. Even the two reviews were so disjointed it was hard to evaluate. - I'm glad I decided to try it because although disjointed it was pretty good. I did scrub through some bits of it which could have been left out but the characters are interesting and casting Jean Smart was a wise decision. I'll keep watching for now. Episodes 4 & 5 were too abstract and long to be interesting. Season end = No Go. The show just kept getting slower and slower. They did bring it to an end but a very unsatisfactory one. The villain is still alive and the protagonist, although well, was captured by the government(?).	Abandoned
Making History	No	0.5	2017	Dumb Fox sitcom with two dumb guys who have a time travel bag who go back in time to try and fix history, unsuccessfully, big or small.	Abandoned
Marlon	No	0.5	2017	Family comedy, well done but not my kind of comedy.	Abandoned
Marvel's Jessica Jones	No	1.0	2017	A grade F- very dark, nasty, and unpleasant Marvel fantasy product from Netflix. I really wish I had not tried it.	Abandoned
Marvel's Inhumans	No	1.0	2017	God, that was bad, mean, and very predictable. Even on fast play I used FFWD. They spent more time with the killers than the peaceful people. I kept waiting for something positive to happen, nothing ever did. Even when the security villain was "killed" she came back to life. It is serialized and will never end, and I don't feel like wading thru 9 months of inhumans vs inhumans vs humans vs humans to see what little happens at the end of the season.	Abandoned
Mayor, The	No	0.5	2017	A sitcom about a young wannabe rapper who runs for and becomes mayor of a small CA town. No thanks.	Abandoned
Me, Myself & I	No	0.5	2017	One loser at three ages- kid, adult, and retired. We know he makes it eventually but it too is painful.	Abandoned
Mick, The	No		2017	I did read a review of this sitcom but it only confirmed I was not interested.	Never Watched
Midnight, Texas	No	1.0	2017	A serialized dark supernatural fantasy and not a particularly pleasant, enjoyable, or well done one.	Abandoned

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Mist, The	No		2017	Based on Stephen King's novella - the reviews made me reject it.	Never Watched
My Mother & Other Strangers	No	1.0	2017	Imported BBC drama about the reactions of a small village in Ireland and the fliers from a US airbase set up nearby during WW2. Predictable and slow even at 1.3x speed. Gave up during episode 1.	Abandoned
Orville, The	Yes	1.0	2017	A graphically beautiful Star Trek TOS imitator with characters and dialog for millenials. I like that it is episodic and bright instead of dark, serialized, and ominous like most crap in recent years including Star Trek Discovery. But it is not good enough to watch more than once.	Disposable
Powerless	No	0.5	2017	A normal in a Marvel universe works for a security company R&D dept to make devices to protect people from super villains and heroes. As a sitcom the pilot was quite bad with a poor premise, bad jokes, and very weak presentation. Episode 2 - boring characters.	Abandoned
Ransom	No		2017	I did read a review of this crime drama but it only confirmed I was not interested.	Never Watched
Riverdale	No	1.0	2017	An overly slow, melodramatic, and soap-operatic rendering of the the Archie comics. Rather dull actually and I did not manage to finish the pilot.	Abandoned
Rurouni Kenshin	OK	0.5	2017	A 1996 animated Japanese samurai fantasy available on Netflix. A "retired" warrior lives in a young woman's dojo and fights crime. Cute enough to watch with scrubbing but rather limited. Season two - quite a bit more boring.	Abandoned
Salvation	Opt	1.0	2017	An extinction event asteroid will hit in 186 days and only 40 people know because of a conspiracy. Can the world or anyone save themselves? Can the asteroid be diverted? Can an arc be launched in time? Can you suspend your disbelief? Do we care? We'll see. The story was predictable and the characters stereotypes. Someone please tell the writers they don't have to introduce everything in the first episode. Episode 2 - this is a conspiracy story with amateur spies, not SciFi. So far there are no likable characters.	Abandoned
Seal Team	NO	1.0	2017	Oh, I did not like that from frame one. A poorly filmed show about a seal team I guess. I did not even like it after the flash backs were over and gave up!	Abandoned
Shots Fired	No		2017	I read several reviews and decided I was not interested.	Never Watched
Somewhere Between	No		2017	Docudrama following four USA adopted Chinese girls.	Never Watched
Superior Donuts	No	0.5	2017	A workplace sitcom. Good concept and actors but the characters in the pilot were rather annoying and the script was weak. I'll have to see if it is better later. Gave up 2/3 of the way through episode 2. I did not care for the young kid and the characters I like were underutilized. I didn't laugh or smile once.	Abandoned
Sword Art Online	OK	0.5	2017	A Japanese animated fantasy. Players who log into a multiplayer online game using new VR sets are stuck there. If they die there, they apparently die in reality. The show started a bit boring but got quite a lot better. More and more characters were added, the main characters were developed quite a bit, and the battles took second place in the writing.	Disposable
Tarantula	No	0.5	2017	Probably the worst animated pseudo-sitcom I have ever tried and wished I had not wasted the time or electricity on.	Abandoned
Time after Time	No		2017	I only had to read one review to skip this serialized serial killer procedural. Apparently time travel is abandoned in the first episode, the man out of place in time thread is barely used, and a lot of air time is spent with the villain, Jack the	Never Watched
Training Day	No	0.5	2017	Routinely bad reviews kept me from trying this one.	Never Watched
Trial & Error	No	0.5	2017	Sitcom presented as a documentary about the investigation and trial of a man charged with murdering his wife. I didn't like it at the start and gave up when it did not even generate a smile, let alone a laugh. It should do well.	Abandoned
Troll Hunters	OK	0.5	2017	A Dreamworks animated fantasy on Netflix. The power badge that was supposed to go to a troll is "inherited" by a human teen instead. He works with his friends and good trolls to hunt bad trolls and other evil. It's quite good but I do scrub	Disposable
Valor	No	1.0	2017	A modern military show. I don't see any valor, just liars and bureaucrats. It's probably serialized too. I gave up after 20 min.	Abandoned
White Rabbit Project	No	1.0	2017	Reality show. Using science to do weird sorts of superpower things.	Abandoned

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Wisdom of the Crowd	No	1.0	2017	Pilot. A computer mogul uses crowd sourcing to try to solve his daughter's murder. That part is serialized. In episode one they solve a different murder. It's a bit serious with only marginally likable characters. More testing will be needed. Second episode - Mia story is dominant and bad. Secondary story was boring and unpleasant.	Abandoned
72 Cutest Animals	Ok	0.5	2016	Watched this on Netflix. It's really just an excuse to introduce wild, zoo, & farm animals to city people. It lacks depth and many are not cute at all. I skipped those animals.	Disposable
Aftermath	No	1.0	2016	Serialized apocalypse based SciFi show with a normal family of five trying to survive dystopia after an unnatural event hits all of earth turning some humans into the possessed or the diseased - might as well be zombies. Might be OK if it didn't have DRM and was recordable and thus easily watchable. But it is very dark and there are better things to watch.	Abandoned
American Housewife	No		2016	A sitcom about an acerbic housewife that I decide to skip.	Never Watched
Angel From Hell	No	0.5	2016	Jane Lynch as an overbearing "angel" determined to make an uptight doctor's life more entertaining. The problem is a little of the "angel" character goes a long way and having it on the screen all the time is Annoying. I'll try Ep 2. Nope	Abandoned
Angie Tribeca	No	0.5	2016	TBS farce. Read Variety and skipped. (update) A short test of the pilot episode during the normal broadcast cycle proved Variety was correct.	Never Watched
Better Things	No	0.5	2016	Supposed sitcom from FX but not funny or even enjoyable from the first minute.	Abandoned
Bosch	No	1.0	2016	I watched season 2 of this gritty season long story arc Amazon cop drama because of Jeri Ryan. But she had a small part and the show was not worth the time. I had to use a lot of FFWD and won't watch any more.	Abandoned
Braindead	No	1.0	2016	An odd SciFi "Invasion of the Body Snatchers" series with some kind of bugs taking over politician's and others via the brain. It might have been better if it were not so political and not in present day DC. It should do well since I don't like it.	Abandoned
Bull	Opt	1.0	2016	An episodic drama about a high tech company that profiles jurors in high end defense cases. It will depend on the cases and how long they spend in the courtroom because those scenes are still boring. It's better than the reviews indicated but I'll have to watch a few more. Oddly, episode 2 was better than the pilot. After a few episodes, I gave up. Courtroom and people manipulation shows are my kind of material.	Abandoned
Case Closed	No	0.5	2016	Japanese animation series on Netflix but only with subtitles.	Never Watched
Catch, The	No	1.0	2016	A one hour private investigator show with a female lead. The reviews were not compelling. The serialized long story arc dominates the shows but is sadly not interesting, the short story arc was trivial, the characters are not likable and kind of unintelligent in my opinion. Even time compressed I tended to be bored.	Abandoned
Click Your Heart	No	0.5	2016	Another Japanese animated fantasy I gave up on in the first episode.	Abandoned
Colony	No		2016	Via reviews - apparently a poorly photographed, serialized scifi show where the never seen, uber-alien invaders are the MacGuffins, the characters are weak and under realized, and the real story is some kind of espionage. Difficult reviews.	Never Watched
Containment	No		2016	I read the Variety review and avoided this serialized disease outbreak show.	Never Watched
Conviction	No	1.0	2016	A bad girl rich woman with a Strong personality is put in charge of an oversight department to check old convictions for validity. It is very well cast & the characters are interesting, but do all of them need to be so damaged and confrontational. The pilot was very good but disposable. We'll see about the rest. Dec update. I gave up. It is more about the damaged people than the cases.	Abandoned
Death In Paradise 2011	OK	1.0	2016	An uptight UK inspector takes over as chief of police on a small island in the Caribbean and he won't even take off his suit. Good characters, a true mystery, and the first two scripts were good. Via Netflix. Kind of went downhill after the lead actor changed in season 3 and was no longer archivable.	ARCHIVED
Detectorists 2015	OK	0.5	2016	An odd six episode low key UK dramedy about poor social life of two weird guys who spend most of their spare time searching for metal in local farm fields. (via Netflix) Season 2 is better both in plot and visuals with beautiful, artistic photography.	Disposable

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Detour	No	0.5	2016	Really dumb gross out type sitcom with very dumb characters. I only made it about 5 min in. Should do pretty well ironically.	Abandoned
Dirk Gently's Holistic Detective Agency	No	1.2	2016	A way to gross but possibly SciFi detective show. I think the gross gore was intended to be funny but it wasn't, and the characters were not good enough to redeem it. I doubt the Douglas Adams book it is based on was that gross, but modern show runners seem to think it is OK.	Abandoned
Doctor Foster	No	1.0	2016	BBC drama about a woman who finds out her husband is cheating on her. Rather slow and Netflix does not have a way to speed it up. I scrubbed ahead many times and still didn't like anything but the early part. Too bad.	Abandoned
Dragons: Race to the Edge	No	0.5	2016	A serialized 13 episode How To Train Your Dragon story between movies 1 & 2 made for Netflix.	Abandoned
Dramaworld	OK	0.3	2016	Korean drama fantasy starring a freckled red headed American with a mix of English and Korean with subtitles when necessary. This was probably a web series with episodes from 9 to 18 min long. Season 1 watched on Netflix.	Disposable
Falling Water	No		2016	SciFi series dealing with on going dream states. Read the Variety review &	Never Watched
Frequency	No	1.0	2016	Based on the movie, a young woman cop talks to her dead dad and changes the past so he did not die so young. But her mom dies instead. The pilot for this drama was basically terrible. I'll try one more = pretty boring.	Abandoned
Gargantia on the Verdurous Planet	Yes	0.5	2016	A 2013 Japanese subtitled and dubbed animated true SciFi series (13 episodes). This one is good. The young pilot of an advanced mechanized fighter/robot is dumped on earth via a worm hole after a battle. Earth is basically Waterworld and has been lost to the rest of humanity for a long time. He is befriended by a young courier woman on a giant ship in one of many fleets of ships and has to learn to live in this new culture. This might be archivable. The second episode certainly was interesting! Via Netflix.	Archived
Ghost Hound 2007	No	0.5	2016	A Japanese animated series via Amazon. Apparently it's about the ghosts traumatized boys see. The animation looked OK, but the picture was squished horizontally, it was a bit too abstract, and it was captioned - so I gave up.	Abandoned
Girls 2012	No	0.5	2016	Another dramedy, this one about a batch of young women sharing an apartment in NY, I think. No enjoyable characters or humor that I could find. via Amazon.	Abandoned
Good Place, The	No	0.5	2016	A sitcom about a person in "heaven" who does not belong there but is trying to learn to be good. It's an interesting concept and well cast, but the scripts and some of the characters are weak. Disposable for now but I suspect it will be abandoned. Gave up in episode 3.	Abandoned
Great Indoors	No	0.5	2016	Fish out of water sitcom when an outdoors guy takes over an office of young people who don't understand his references, and vice-versa I presume.	Abandoned
Gunslinger Girl	No	0.5	2016	Japanese animation series on Netflix but only with subtitles.	Never Watched
Halt & Catch Fire	No	1.0	2016	Tried on Netflix. Supposedly some kind of computer show about early microcomputers but it is actually just a nasty business drama.	Abandoned
Heaven's Lost Property	No	0.5	2016	A very juvenile, dumb, and poorly animated Japanese fantasy.	Abandoned
Houdini & Doyle	No	1.0	2016	A period detective show with the famous duo working with a female cop who's boss wants her and all women gone. The pilot was a bit predictable and annoying but OK. The show is a little era gritty and has too much fantasy also. Still, it is worth a try. The second episode was even more annoying. I gave up after the third.	Abandoned
How to Build - Everything	No	0.5	2016	I was not sure I had tried this before but I had. The episode I watched was mostly heads talking not actual factory photos. I'm not interested in talking heads.	Abandoned
Incorporated	No		2016	Read Variety and skipped. Another post-apocalyptic pseudo-drama about a divided society with the secure minority in a safe zone and rest outside.	Never Watched
Inuyasha	OK	0.5	2016	A 2000 Japanese animated fantasy via Netflix. Odd pilot episode. After 7 episodes it is in odd period. The animation is mostly moving stills. Most of the short story arc content could be told in half the time. But it is oddly interesting at times. Some of the story arcs are two episodes and I've learned to skip those. I abandoned it when I figured out that there are about 7 seasons worth of shows and they apparently never end.	Abandoned
Jessie 2011	No	0.5	2016	Amateurish Disney sitcom about a young nanny with a wacky family in NY. I only made it about 10 min thru episode 1. Debbie Ryan is good. (via Netflix)	Abandoned



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Lethal Weapon	No		2016	Cop show based on the movies. Rejected based on reviews.	Never Watched
Lagrange: The Flower of Rin-ne	OK	0.5	2016	via Netflix - original title Rinne no Lagrange. An odd 2012 Japanese SciFi animated series with primitive animation. It is dubbed and subtitled, something it would help if Netflix listed in their descriptions. Superficially it is about 3 high school girls who pilot alien transformer like ships to defend earth via rapport with the ships. But it works because the show is more about character development and interaction.	Disposable
Legend of Korra 2012	No	0.5	2016	Animated fantasy about an earth, water, fire, and air benders from Nickelodeon via Amazon. Pretty good so far. Later. I gave up on about episode 7. The show degenerated into the same sports and uber-villain theme pretty quickly.	Abandoned
Legends of Tomorrow	No	1.0	2016	Another comic book fantasy, this time with time traveling secondary superheros. The pilot was enjoyable but the second episode was dumb beyond margin.	Abandoned
Life With Boys 2011	No	0.5	2016	Perky middle grade sitcom that could have been made by Disney but wasn't.	Abandoned
Little Witch Academia	No	0.7	2016	A 2015 Japanese animated fantasy about a Witch school. One off episodes I guess, of different lengths. Two so far. Number two was abandoned.	Abandoned
Liv & Maddie 2013	No	0.5	2016	A Disney middle grade family sitcom starring twins, one a TV star and the other normal. (via Netflix)	Abandoned
Lucifer	No	1.0	2016	A Castle and Beckett set up except with the retired immortal Lucifer and Chloe. I quite liked the characters and will see how it developed. Got bored after half a dozen episodes.	Abandoned
MacGyver 2016	No	1.0	2016	A reboot of MacGyver for a young modern audience, but, unlike the original, the characters are not particularly interesting. At least they are not all bad guys. We gave up in the middle action laden pilot with hand held in your face camera but will try episode 2. They even had the cameraman running after a character just like it had been filmed for Youtube - not good. Episode 2 - Damn, that was boring. We quit after about 20 min.	Abandoned
Made By Destruction	Opt	0.5	2016	An alternate and less entertaining version of How It's Made incorporating recycling to get the raw materials. It is rather superficial and uses a lot of sound affects to try and spice it up.	Disposable
Madoff	No		2016	A show about Bernie Madoff's ponzi scheme. Read Variety and skipped	Never Watched
Mako Mermaids: An H2O adventure 2013	Opt	0.6	2016	A Netflix "H2O: Just Add Water" spin off that lacks the spark and character of the original but adds a merman. The Mermaids are native instead of converted, but the Merman is accidentally created from a human in the pilot. The limited characters are not likable. It has a middle grade story line with teen characters. I gave up when it became apparent the only story line was going to be variations of mermaids verses merman, over and over.	Abandoned
Man With A Plan	No	0.5	2016	New stay at home dad sitcom. Well done, but no laughs and boring.	Abandoned
Mary + Jane	No	0.5	2016	Two young women distributing pot. Dull & boring.	Abandoned
Mech X4	No	0.5	2016	Middle School level really juvenile Disney sci fi.	Abandoned
Moribito: Guardian of the Spirit	Yes	0.5	2016	Japanese 2007 animated fantasy and palace intrigue with a 29 year old female warrior lead character and a very diverse cast of characters with different and interesting personalities. There is actual long and short story arc development in each episode. It was instantly better than most of the other shows. Very good.	Archived
Murdoch Mysteries 2008	No	1.0	2016	Mystery series set in the era of Tesla. Quite bad photography in the first episode. Combined with my instant dislike of the characters and story, I gave up at about 7 minutes. (Via Netflix)	Abandoned
Mushi-Shi	No	0.5	2016	Japanese animation on Netflix. Abandoned because it was subtitled not dubbed.	Abandoned
Nana	OK	0.5	2016	Oddly addicting animated Japanese soap opera about two very young women who meet on a train & end up sharing an apartment. Nana K is a perky, naive, small city girl. Nana O is a moody rock band singer. The show works especially speeded up 20%. 29 episodes are mostly from Nana K's POV. The last 18 are from Nana O's. I skipped a half dozen episodes that just droned on too much. The last 1/3 turns pretty tragic and the last episode is a little unsatisfying. I really liked the 3 end credits songs.	Disposable
Naruto	No	0.5	2016	2008 Japanese animated ninja show that I abandoned in episode 2.	Abandoned

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Never Die	OK	0.2	2016	Another Korean fantasy romance web series with about 10 min episodes. This time about a 20 year old woman who is actually immortal and comes back to life when she dies, and the young man who loves here.	Disposable
No Tomorrow	No	1.0	2016	A young woman is convinced by a new friend that the world will end in 8 months. They decide to do their bucket lists now. The pilot was rather juvenile especially in the first half. I'll try one more. Nope, not good enough.	Abandoned
Notorious	No	1.0	2016	The pilot was very well executed but at it's heart the show is basically a serialized over the top dramatic prime time soap opera about TV new people. The characters are interesting but none of them are likable. They are all basically bad people. There are also way too many story threads, all of which are long	Abandoned
Offspring	No	1.0	2016	Via Netflix. Australian show about a very wacky and messed up family. The pilot move was OK but I did speed it up. I abandoned the first series episode very early on.	Abandoned
Paradise, The	No	1.0	2016	A slow PBS period drama about a young woman working in one of first department stores. I made it about half the way through an episode selected at random on Netflix.	Abandoned
Pitch	No	1.0	2016	I suspect this is going to be a prime time soap opera melodrama in the long run. It's not real baseball, just a show about the first female pitcher in the majors. The first episode was enjoyable but even it had dull spots I speeded up. I don't think it has anywhere to go that I am interested in but I'll watch a few more. Episode 2 = Yup - soap opera already.	Abandoned
Puella Magi Madoka Magica	No	0.5	2016	2011 Japanese animated fantasy. Eighth grade girls are given the opportunity to become witch hunter in an alternate world and have special powers. The problem is, the half of an episode in the real world is too juvenile for an adult, and the witch world half is too abstract to be entertaining.	Abandoned
Pure Genius	No	1.0	2016	Cutting edge medical facility funded entirely by a ultra-wealthy tech wiz. It is a bit too unbelievable. Combine that with no likable characters, especially the tech wiz, and it fails.	Abandoned
Red Data Girl	No	0.5	2016	Japanese 2013 serialized animated fantasy. A whinny whimp of a middle grade girl is the "vessel" for a spirt who is barely seen in the 3rd episode. A grouchy self centered boy has been assigned to her by a young monk who has a rather inflated opinion of himself. Episodes don't have significant plots and the long story arc is very slow. Boring.	Abandoned
Rosario and the Vampire	No	0.5	2016	Another animated Japanese fantasy that I gave up on in the first episode	Abandoned
Rush Hour	No	1.0	2016	A marginal clone of the Rush Hour movie series. The characters are not quite good enough. I'll give it another try. Disposable at best. Episode 2, very dumb.	Abandoned
Second Chance	No		2016	Read Variety review and skipped this pseudo-scifi cop procedural.	Never Watched
Shadowhunters	No		2016	Read reviews and skipped.	Never Watched
Shannara Chronicles	No	1.0	2016	An MTV fantasy series in which elves and humans, both good and bad, have to replant a magical tree or Lord of the Rings style demons will take over the future earth. Pretty graphic in places and boring in others. I watched it via Netflix using 112% time compression for a while before abandoning it.	Abandoned
Silver Spoon	No	0.5	2016	Japanese animation series on Netflix but only with subtitles.	Never Watched
Son of Zorn	No	0.5	2016	Combination live action and an idiot animated barbarian title character. So dumb not even Cheryl Hines can save it.	Abandoned
Speechless	OK	0.5	2016	How to make a truly funny comedy about a 5 person family with a handicapped teen. This is it. I laughed out loud in places. I hope they can sustain it. They couldn't. Abandoned as of Dec 14.	Abandoned
Star	No		2016	Read the Variety review about this musical prime time soap opera and skipped it.	Never Watched
Still Game	No	0.5	2016	A 2002 UK sitcom about 2 Scottish pensioners. I didn't like any of the characters including the leads and it was not funny.	Abandoned
Superstore	No	0.5	2016	Dumb sitcom about workers in a Walmart type store with stupid characters and worse scripts.	Abandoned
This Is Us	No	1.0	2016	Some kind of melodrama with multiple story tracts about people with problems. Twenty minutes in I was still bored even with Fast-Play on.	Abandoned

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Timeless	No	1.0	2016	It has flaws including technical problems, a repeating villain, and damaged characters, but it is the best pilot we've tried so far. Using a prototype time-travel sphere, 3 people travel back in time chasing a villain from the future with the production sphere to prevent him from changing things while they end up changing things themselves. Episode 2 was rather dull. They don't seem to be able to win against the multiple long story arcs. It's disposable at best. Episode 3 was not only the same old stuff but just plain Dumb. It sure went downhill fast.	Abandoned
UFO Ultramaiden 2002	No	0.5	2016	US import via Amazon of Animated Japanese fantasy UFO Princess Walkure. The lead character is some kind of an alien super woman who shares a soul with a human. She spends most of her time as a 7 year old until a crisis when she converts to an over-endowed 20 year old. Designed for middle grade boys with lots of animated nude big breasted women but no plot and pathetic animation.	Abandoned
Unbreakable Kimmy Schmidt	No	0.5	2016	A made for Netflix sitcom about a way to perky woman rescued from a cult who stays in New York because she Wants To Live!	Abandoned
Uncle Buck	No	0.5	2016	A sitcom based on the movie. Is it just me or are the characters very stereotyped?	Abandoned
Unearthed	Opt	1.0	2016	An inexpensive and mediocre science show that explores ancient structures in the world. It has about a half hour of actual content and repeated use of the same animated footage of disassembly of the structure in question. There is a 100 times more info on the structures in the science community than they use but I suppose if you have never seen any of the information before it might be	Disposable & probably will be Abandoned.
Veep 2012	No	0.5	2016	Supposedly a sitcom centered around a female vice-president. No likeable characters or humor that I could see by 10 min in. HBO via Amazon.	Abandoned
Wakfu	No	0.5	2016	A 2008 Japanese animated fantasy series that looks and sounds like it was derived from an old video game.	Abandoned
Weeds	No	0.5	2016	I watched season 1 of this long arc ensemble sitcom on Netflix because it was listed as irreverent and it starred Mary Louise Parker. It is irreverent and it did make me laugh initially, but it turned sour fast. The trouble is, there are only about 3 characters I like out of the dozen or so on the show, and some of the remaining characters I actively dislike and I often use FFWD over them.	Abandoned
Wynonna Earp	No	1.0	2016	SyFy Canadian import from the makers of Lost Girl and Dark Matters about a modern relative of Wyatt Earp who has to kill demons or ghosts or something. The pilot teaser was not very good and was rather gross. We abandoned it after the teaser. I might have continued it if it was easier to record but SyFy has DRM and it is too much of a pain in the ass.	Abandoned
You, Me, and the Apocalypse	No	1.0	2016	This UK import about the 15 people who manage to survive a comet strike had one of the worst pilots I have ever seen. Terrible characters, terrible situations, the whole show is apparently a flashback, and it was not imported in wide screen, and that the means I don't see any reason to watch it.	Abandoned
Your Lie In April	No	0.5	2016	Japanese animated series, topic unknown. Cute but not good enough to put up with subtitles. Abandoned very early in the first episode.	Abandoned
Yu-Gi-Oh!	No	0.5	2016	2001 Japanese animated fantasy. I didn't manage to finish even one.	Abandoned
Yuki Yuna Is A Hero	No	0.5	2016	2014 Japanese animated fantasy, subtitled/dubbed. Four young girls are "transported" to another realm and given superpowers to fight off monsters. The first episode was pretty weak, but maybe... Nope. I don't remember why I gave up.	Abandoned
Agent X	No	1.0	2015	USA style Daniel Craig era Bond for TV with Sharon Stone as the VP and in charge of the 3 person team. A bit gritty but might be OK. - Nope. It converted to dark and dumb serialized in only three episodes	Abandoned
Aquarius	NO		2015	Serialized period cop show centering on the Charles Manson cult?	Never Watched
Astronauts Wives Club	No	1.0	2015	Primetime period docudrama/soap-opera based the first 7 astronauts wives.	Abandoned
Backstrom	No	1.0	2015	Psychologically damaged detective.	Abandoned
Blindspot	No	1.0	2015	An amnesiac tattooed woman works with FBI to solve her story. BORING photography. - Episode 2: Oh, that was not good. Not interested.	Abandoned
Blood and Oil	No		2015	Nasty primetime drama/melodrama	Never watched

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Comedians, The	No		2015	Docu-sitcom. Read Variety review and avoided.	Never watched
Complications	No		2015	Damaged ER doc becomes involved with avoiding the mob. Read Variety review and avoided.	Never watched
Dark Matter	No	1.0	2015	Six killers wake up with "wiped" memories on a space ship bound to kill a colony. Serialized.	Abandoned
Dig	No		2015	Read Variety review and avoided. Limited serialized melodramatic cop show.	Never watched
Doctor Ken	No		2015	Doctor sitcom. Doesn't look good	Abandoned
Expanse, The	No	1.0	2015	Another serialized dystopian hard SciFi show about the future with No likable characters from SyFy. Earth & Mars are exploiting the asteroids. Even if it was good enough it cannot easily be recorded and sped up so it is not really worth watching.	Abandoned
Father Brown	No	1.0	2015	A British detective series featuring a sleuth priest. (via PBS)	Abandoned
Frank From Work	No	0.5	2015	Lame work sitcom.	Never watched
Fresh Off The Boat	No	0.5	2015	Sitcom with prejudice - I lasted maybe 10 min.	Abandoned
Good Luck Charlie 2010	No	0.5	2015	Disney family sitcom. Not bad but not for adults. (via Netflix)	Abandoned
Good Witch, The	No	1.0	2015	Hallmark slow serialized soap opera schmaltz. I like Catherine Bell but - no.	Abandoned
Grace and Frankie	No	0.5	2015	Netflix. G & F are the age 70s wives of two men who admit they are gay. Gave up at ~10 min despite the major stars.	Abandoned
H2O: Just Add Water 2006	Yes	0.5	2015	Fantasy sitcom about three high school girls who change into mermaids when wet. Good stars, acting, and directing with OK scripts. (via Netflix) About the middle of season 2 I realized I really liked 90% of the scripts and characters and I wanted to watch it more than once.	ARCHIVED
iZombie	No	1.0	2015	Young new zombie ME, solves murders by eating their brains. Good but long story arc killed it.	Abandoned
Killjoys	No	1.0	2015	Space bounty hunters. Post apocalyptic. A company, revolutionaries, colorless, Ugly, DUMB.	Abandoned
Last Man On Earth	No		2015	Read Variety review and avoided.	Never watched
Limitless	Maybe	1.0	2015	A dumb looser takes an addicting drug that makes him smart for a day. First accused of murder he clears himself and now works for the FBI - and his pusher. - episode 2 - still undecided. Episode 6? - still undecided although it is getting more unlikely each week.	DISPOSABLE
Magicians, The	No	1.0	2015	A very slow, serialized, and dull show about a magic university with dark, weird teen characters and their enemies. Since it cannot easily be recorded and speeded up because of DRM, I am not interested.	Abandoned
Minority Report	Unlikely	1.0	2015	The precogs are back, as functional adults. I liked the pilot - good story, well directed & edited, and with good photography. I suspect a long story arc may kill it.	DISPOSABLE
Miss Fisher's Murder Mysteries 2012	Yes	1.0	2015	A true mystery based on a novel series about a wealthy woman detective in Australia in the 1920s. Quite enjoyable. (via Netflix)	ARCHIVED
Mr Robinson	No		2015	Read Variety review and avoided.	Never watched
Mr Robot	No	1.0	2015	Moody show about hacking and conspiracies Would make a good movie.	Abandoned
Muppets	No	0.5	2015	The Muppets with an adult twist, bad photography, pseudo-reality, & nothing funny at all.	Abandoned
Odd Couple	No	0.5	2015	Well done and has its moments but there is too much yelling.	Abandoned
One Big Happy	No		2015	Lesbian, straight, straight trio sitcom. Read Variety review and avoided.	Never watched
Player, The	No		2015	Read Variety review and avoided. Gambling based vigilante action show.	Never watched
Proof	No	1.0	2015	Surgeon & "Steve Jobs" looking for proof after death. Well done but not likable	Abandoned
Quantico	NO	1.0	2015	FBI - falsely accused freshmen agent & a long term story arc. NO likable people or story.	Abandoned

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Scream Queens	No		2015	Read Variety review and avoided. Limited serialized melodramatic cop show.	Never watched
Secrets and Lies	No		2015	Read Variety review and avoided. I'm tired of cop shows and it sounded bad anyway.	Never watched
Sex & Drugs & Rock & Roll	Opt	0.5	2015	Out of date rocker's daughter shows up wanting him in a new band. Pretty Weak.	Abandoned
Significant Mother	OK	0.5	2015	An odd sitcom of cougar mom "dating" her son's best friend. Ep 3 was dumb but fun.	DISPOSABLE
Slap, The	No	1.0	2015	Limited run series series. Dull - Only made it through 20 min.	Abandoned
Star Trek Continuum	No	1.0	2015	TOS web series. Slow pace. Weak characters. Too long. Sad stories.	Abandoned
Stitchers	Yes	1.0	2015	A time challenged woman enters dead people's minds to solve their deaths for the government.	DISPOSABLE
Supergirl	No	1.0	2015	Pilot - the first act was great. The rest was pretty boring with routine modern scripting - a long story arc with a secret government agency usurping the hero and fighting a nest of super villains. Oh well. We'll have to wait and see but I find it unlikely. Episode 2- Better than expected but still disposable. March= I found I did not care what happened to any of the characters and there is nothing left but long story arc.	Abandoned
The Whispers	No	1.0	2015	Serialized supernatural horror? Very slow and only one likable character.	Abandoned
Telenovela	No	0.5	2015	I like Eva Longoria, but this sitcom about a telenovela actress does not work.	Abandoned
Twelve Monkeys (aka 12 Monkees)	No		2015	Read Variety review and avoided.	Never watched
Wayward Pines	No	1.0	2015	Some kind of spy miniseries. First episode was boring.	Abandoned
Wicked City	NO		2015	Sunset strip, 1980, starring serial killer characters. Why?!!!	Never watched
Younger	Yes	0.5	2015	40 year old woman pretends to be 26 to get a job. Abandoned early in the 2019 season.	Abandoned
Zoo	No	1.0	2015	Animals going bonkers because of an extinction event? Another dull end of the world show.	Abandoned
A To Z	No	0.5	2014	Sitcom, with the alphabet gimmick to highlight events.	Abandoned
Agent Carter	YES	1.0	2014	A female FBI detective in the post WW2 Marvel fantasy era. Mini-series?	RECORDED
Allegiance	No		2014	Spies are among us drama. Read Variety review and avoided.	
Almost Royal	No	0.5	2014	Reality	Abandoned
Ascension	No	1.0	2014	Six part failed series sold as a mini-series & they didn't even end it. Pretty gross in places.	DISPOSABLE
Bad Judge	OK	0.5	2014	So episodes are not worth watching and some are great.	DISPOSABLE
Constantine	No		2014	Missed or read a review and avoided.	Never watched
Empire	No		2014	Read Variety review and avoided. Serialized musical primetime soap.	Never watched
Evermore	No	0.5	2014		Abandoned
Flash, The	No	1.0	2014	Fantasy about the fast guy	Abandoned
Forever	OK	1.0	2014	Fantasy detective/cop show. Pretty good when they leave out the uber-villain.	DISPOSABLE
Galavant	No	0.5	2014	Well done but ODD musical, medieval, satirical sitcom.	Abandoned
Game, The	No	1.0	2014	UK WW2 spy drama, really nasty!	Abandoned
Gotham	No		2014	Read review and avoided.	Never watched
How To Get Away With Murder	No	1.0	2014	Students and court room drama. Distinctly unpleasant.	Abandoned
Jane The Virgin	No	1.0	2014	Serialized melodrama. First episode good. Abandoned during the second.	Abandoned
Librarians	OK	1.0	2014	Warehouse 13 meets Indiana Jones.	RECORDED.
Madam Secretary	OK	1.0	2014	Political drama about the Secretary of State and her staff. A bit severe at times. Update = I gave up in November 2016. It was just too nasty and reality based..	Abandoned
Manhattan Love Story	No	0.5	2014	Sitcom	Abandoned
Marry Me	No	0.5	2014	Sitcom	Abandoned
Mulaney	No		2014	Read Variety review and avoided.	Never watched
Mysteries of Laura	OK	1.0	2014	Kind of a fun detective show Debra Messing and Jeri Ryan. Unfortunately the dad character does not work.	DISPOSABLE
Red Band Society	No		2014	Read Variety review and avoided.	Never watched

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Scorpion	No	1.0	2014	Bad scripts but fun characters. March 2016= I couldn't take the bad & impossible science scripts any more and gave up. April= Started watching again. At least is is episodic with the long arc in the background.	Abandoned
Selfie	No	0.5	2014	Good cast, bad characters and scripts though. Tried several.	Abandoned
Sons of Liberty	No		2014	Histroical docudrama - mini-series. Read Variety review and avoided.	Never watched
Stalker	No		2014	Read Variety review and avoided.	Never watched
Star Wars Rebels	OK	0.5	2014	This is what happens when you blend Star Wars with Disney. It became rather repetitive. I became bored and pretty much gave up.	Disposable
State of Affairs	NO	1.0	2014	Gross.	DISPOSABLE
About a Boy	OK	0.5	2013	Sitcom based on the movie. Not great but OK.	Disposable
Agents Of SHIELD (season 2=No)	OK	1.0	2013	Fantasy version of the A-Team, but without the fun.	Abandoned
Almost Human	No	1.0	2013		Abandoned
Back In The Game	No	0.5	2013		Abandoned
Backpackers	No	0.5	2013		Abandoned
Bad Teacher	No	0.5	2013	Sitcom	Abandoned
Believe	NO	1.0	2013		Abandoned
Betrayal	No	1.0	2013		Abandoned
Black Box	No		2013	Read Variety review and avoided.	Never watched
Brooklyn Nine-Nine	No	0.5	2013		Abandoned
Chasing Life (season 2 = No)	Maybe	1.0	2013	Serialized serious melodrama.	Abandoned
Crazy Ones	No	0.5	2013		Abandoned
Crossbones	No	1.0	2013	Pirates, but not fun ones. Gave up in episode one.	Abandoned
Dads	No		2013	Read Variety review and avoided.	Never watched
Dominion	No		2013	Read Variety review and avoided.	Never watched
Enlisted	No	0.5	2013		Abandoned
Extant	No	1.0	2013		Abandoned
Friends With Better Lives	No	0.5	2013		Abandoned
Goldbergs	No	0.5	2013	Read Variety review, tried it, and abandoned it in the first episode.	Abandoned
Ground Floor	No	0.5	2013		Abandoned
Growing Up Fisher	YES	0.5	2013	A good cast with chemistry but too soft for a modern audience I think. I liked it though.	RECORDED
Helix	No	1.0	2013		Abandoned
Intelligence (lacks personality)	No	1.0	2013		Abandoned
Jennifer Falls	No	0.5	2013		Abandoned
Killer Women	OK	1.0	2013	Cop drama. Canceled	CANCELED
Kirstie	No	0.5	2013		Abandoned
Last Ship	No	1.0	2013		Abandoned
Lottery	No	1.0	2013		Abandoned
Lucky7	No		2013	Read Variety review and avoided.	Never watched
Married	No		2013	Read Variety review and avoided.	Never watched
Metal Hurlant	No	0.5	2013		Abandoned
Michael J. Fox Show	No	0.5	2013		Abandoned
Millers, The	No	0.5	2013		Abandoned
Mixology	No	0.5	2013		Abandoned
Mom (season 2 = No)	YES	0.5	2013	Their life went from poor to worse and it is no longer funny despite a great cast.	Abandoned
Murder In The First	No		2013	Read Variety review and avoided.	Never watched
Mystery Girls	No	0.5	2013		Abandoned
Night Shift	No	1.0	2013		Abandoned

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Once Upon A Time In Wonderland	No	1.0	2013		Abandoned
Partners	No	0.5	2013		Abandoned
Playing House	No	0.5	2013		Abandoned
Rake. (Well done but -)	No	1.0	2013		Abandoned
Resurrection	No	1.0	2013		Abandoned
Rush	No	1.0	2013		Abandoned
Satisfaction	No	1.0	2013		Abandoned
Sean Saves the World	No	0.5	2013		Abandoned
Seed	Maybe	0.5	2013	They only re-broadcast two episodes as far as I could tell.	CANCLD
Signed, Sealed, Delivered	OK	0.5	2013		Abandoned
Sirens	No	0.5	2013		Abandoned
Sleepy Hollow	No	1.0	2013		Abandoned
Super Fun Night	No		2013	Read Variety review and avoided.	Never watched
Taxi Brooklyn	No	1.0	2013		Abandoned
Those Who Kill	No		2013	Read Variety review and avoided.	Never watched
Trophy Wife (iffy cast)	No	0.5	2013		Abandoned
Tyrant	No		2013	Read Variety review and avoided.	Never watched
Undateable	NO	0.5	2013		Abandoned
Vicious	OK	0.5	2013	Acerbic UK sitcom	Disposable
We Are Men	No	0.5	2013		Abandoned
Welcome to the Family	No	0.5	2013		Abandoned
Witches Of East End (season 2=No)	OPT	1.0	2013	Serialized fantasy melodrama.	Abandoned
You're The Worst	No	1.0	2013		Never watched
Young & Hungry	No	0.5	2013		Abandoned
1600 Penn	No	0.5	2012		Abandoned
666 Park Ave	No	1.0	2012		Abandoned
Animal Practice	No	0.5	2012		Abandoned
Arrow	No	1.0	2012		Abandoned
Beauty & the Beast	No	1.0	2012		Abandoned
Ben & Kate	No	0.5	2012		Abandoned
BSG: Blood and Chrome	No	2.0	2012		Abandoned
Carrie Dairies	No	1.0	2012		Abandoned
Cedar Grove	No	1.0	2012		Abandoned
Chicago Fire	No	1.0	2012		Abandoned
Continuum	No	1.0	2012		Abandoned
Cult	NO!	1.0	2012		Abandoned
Deception	No	1.0	2012		Abandoned
Devious Maids	No	1.0	2012		Abandoned
Do No Harm	No	1.0	2012		Abandoned
Elementary	OK	1.0	2012	Another good but not great detective show. Works best when they leave out the uber-villains. 2017 update. ALL of the characters have become very dreary. Abandoned in 2018.	Abandoned
Emily Owens MD	No	1.0	2012		Abandoned
Go On	No	0.5	2012		Abandoned
Graceland	No	1.0	2012		Abandoned
Guys with Kids	No	0.5	2012		Abandoned
Hex	No	1.0	2012		Abandoned

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How To Live W/ Your Parents...	No	0.5	2012		Abandoned
King & Maxwell	OK	1.0	2012	Interaction between the leads was great. But it was harsh & scripts were often weak. Canceled.	DISPOSABLE
Last Resort	No	1.0	2012		Abandoned
Made In Jersey	YES	1.0	2012	Sitcom. Canceled.	Abandoned
Mindy Project	No	0.5	2012		Abandoned
Mistresses	No	1.0	2012		Abandoned
Nashville	No	1.0	2012		Abandoned
Neighbors	No	0.5	2012	SciFi sitcom. I watched it for a while but then could not take it anymore.	Abandoned
New Normal	No	0.5	2012		Abandoned
Orphan Black	No	1.0	2012		Abandoned
Partners	No	0.5	2012		Abandoned
Primeval New World	YES	1.0	2012	Canceled. I watched this again & it was pretty good but I had edited the shows a little.	RECORDED
Revolution	No	1.0	2012		Abandoned
Save Me	No	0.5	2012		Abandoned
Sinbad	No	1.0	2012		Abandoned
Twisted	No	1.0	2012		Abandoned
Under the Dome	No	1.0	2012		Abandoned
Vegas	No	1.0	2012		Abandoned
Zero Hour	No	1.0	2012		Abandoned
2 Broke Girls	No	0.5	2011	Finally caught 2 Broke Girls and Two & a Half Men (recast) and wasn't able to finish either of them. So they are off the viewing list making Mondays easier to record.	Abandoned
A Gifted Man	No	1.0	2011	A medical drama with a supernatural twist. The egotistical, unpleasant super surgeon sees the ghost of his ex who works to make him a better person. The first quarter was boring and we shut it off. I managed to finish the rest in fast-play but it was still pretty dull	Abandoned
Alphas	No	1.0	2011	I tried two episodes and gave up. I found myself hitting the skip button too often. Alphas is SyFy's new drama about people with sort of super abilities who work sort of unwillingly for the DOD. The situation and most of the characters are just too unpleasant, mean or simply unlikeable.	Abandoned
Body of Proof	Yes	1.0	2011	In the pilot, Jeri Ryan (supporting role) upstaged everyone else in her two scenes including the star Dana Delany. She is a much better actor than many give here credit for. The pseudo-procedural medical examiner show was good enough to try another episode but not to watch reruns. We eventually gave up as the stories turned mundane.	Abandoned
Cape, The	No	1.0	2011	The first two episodes were attractive but dull, and dull didn't cut it with me. If the show starred Summer Glau's Orwell character, it would be another matter. The Cape is a moody, angst riddled, dark 1 hour Batman like fantasy drama. I might try one more but have major doubts. I had to watch most of these two in fast-play and forwarded over other areas.	Abandoned
Chaos	No	1.0	2011	The pilot for Chaos, the new 1 hour spy comedy, was, sadly, not funny, not spy, and not entertaining even at 1.3 speed. At the end one character asked, "Are you with us?" - NO.	Abandoned
Charlie's Angels	No	1.0	2011	Story matters and this reboot pilot didn't really have one. It was sort of like watching a 60 minute advertisement with everything amped to the max all the time. Add in cheesy dialog, no class, and no significant personality differences between the characters and it was, well, boring. I started web surfing and Donna fell asleep.	Abandoned



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Eastwick	Yes	1.0	2011	A lightly funny fantasy drama about three women who are new to being witches. In fact they only find out in the pilot. As in the movie, and I assume book, they conjure a powerful male, who will probably be the devil or a minion. The pilot was not perfect but was great fun. I wasn't bored for a moment. The casting, acting, characters, editing and script were great. The only negative is the camera work was a little too tight for full screen, use wide screen if you can swing it. - The show is about the same quality as Threshold or Mr And Mrs Smith. - The network really screwed the show and fans on this one. They broadcast 10 episodes with number 10 being part 1 of 2 or more. Episodes 11 and 12 were never broadcast. In some areas only part of 13 was broadcast. I got all of 13 and it makes a reasonable end to the series with one deletion of a new long story arc story start. Maybe someday the show will rerun in syndication or be released on DVD or streaming.	RECORDED
Fairly Legal	Yes	1.0	2011	The pilot for the new law USA law drama was quite good. The lead character is an ex-lawyer who is now a mediator because she prefers justice to the letter of the law. The characters, story, acting, casting, directing and editing were all enjoyable. If the story lines aren't pushed too far, it should remain fun to watch.	DISPOSABLE
Falling Skies	Opt	1.0	2011	The pilot(s) were pretty routine post alien invasion survivor fighting & survival. They already covered two stereotypical situations! It was well done so, if you like that type of thing or haven't seen it before, give it a try. I've seen it before & doubt I will stick with it long. The individual episodes were not interesting enough & logically they will either win or get canceled, like V.	Abandoned
Free Agents	Yes	0.5	2011	Free Agents is about two recently unmarried adult co-workers getting together - superb acting, good writing and casting, and enjoyable cinematography. I'll try more episodes of Free Agents. Later - it degenerated into a routine work place sitcom with limited entertainment value. Sep 29 2011 I tried the UK version of Free Agents and didn't care for that either.	Canceled
Friends with Benefits	No	0.5	2011	I don't know if it has any relation to the movie. Unfortunately the sitcom was predictable and not funny.	Abandoned
Grimm	No	1.0	2011	A cop show crashes into a fantasy. To be specific a detective finds out he is a relative of the Grimm brothers, the monsters are real, and he has to hunt down the ones who don't behave. It is well done but a bit too dark and grim for me. Nov 6 2011	Abandoned
Harry's Law	No	1.0	2011	This new law drama is well made and has interesting characters, but, in the end, it's just another courtroom drama with sad people in sad situations. I'm just not really interested in that.	Abandoned
Hart of Dixie	No	1.0	2011	A fish out of water medical drama. Hart is a young NY surgeon "forced" to work as a GP in small town Alabama. I liked a couple of the characters and the pilot story enough to watch a couple more episodes. But I didn't like most of the characters. I gave up a few episodes in.	Abandoned
Last Man Standing	Yes	0.5	2011	A new Tim Allen home and office sitcom. It reminds me of both Home Improvement and \$#! My Dad Says and I like it.	RECORDED
Love Bites	No	1.0	2011	This NBC light comedy romance show was delayed from September to June and is now only a short run summer show. Turns out to not make any difference. I was bored in 15 minutes, stopped it at 30 minutes. Donna agreed it wasn't worth watching.	Abandoned
Mad Love	Yes	0.5	2011	I've watched several episodes and have decided to keep watching new episodes. I was doubtful after the pilot but tried more because the two best friends were interesting, especially the character played by Judy Greer, who I've seen before. She and Tyler Labine got better each episode. The show degenerated as it went on and I quit watching.	Abandoned & Canceled
Man Up	No	0.5	2011	Only lasted about 9 min on my TV. Sadly, it will probably do very well. Oct 20 2011	Abandoned
Mr Sunshine	Opt	0.5	2011	Mr Sunshine was a perfectly satisfactory office sitcom, (the office was a bit more than normal being an event arena of some kind). The cast is excellent and, although the pilot was only funny in a couple of places, it was fun all the way through. After two more episodes of Mr Sunshine, I've gave up (bad writing).	Canceled
New Girl	No	0.5	2011	New Girl had it's moments but was otherwise pretty sappy. I'll try a couple more, but doubt I'll stick with it because it was weak..	Abandoned

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Nine Lives of Chloe King	Unlikely	1.0	2011	The pilot of the Nine Lives Of Chloe King (read cat-woman) was pretty good. But I'm pretty sure this teen fantasy is going to devolve into angst, secrecy and treacherous betrayal which I find boring. I could be wrong and I will try it again, but that is what it is set up to become. Later - the second episode was boring.	Abandoned
Off The Map	No	1.0	2011	A mundane medical drama, except when it was downright unpleasant. I do not plan to watch it.	Abandoned
Oliver's Travels	Yes	1.0	2011	We just finished watching "Oliver's Travels" for the 3rd time. It still earns an A+. The show is a 5 hour mini-series about a police detective & a college professor on a road trip from the UK to the Orkney's. Why is pretty much irrelevant, but it is a mystery. I recorded it from PBS in 1995 & found it even more meaningful this time because of our own 2300 mile road trip from the UK to Scotland & back in Oct 2009.	ARCHIVED
Once Upon A time	No	1.0	2011	Good for one episode. The second spent about 80% of the time with the villain and was slow and melodramatic. The third was better but still slightly dull. Nov 8 2011 (Initial report. The show Once Upon A Time was very well done indeed and I suggest trying it. That is saying a lot because it has a long story arc and I don't like those. It's a combination of fantasy, reality, magic and fairy tales. No it's not Harry Potter but HP and Merlin fans might like it. If you missed the pilot, try to find it somewhere because it was good. Oct 23 2011)	Abandoned
Pan Am	No	1.0	2011	A nighttime soap about stewardesses in 1963. The pilot was light and a little weak. It is doubtful but tolerable for a while. Were planes really that roomy in 1963? Later - Too many flashbacks, and too much melodrama.	Abandoned
Perfect Couples	No	0.5	2011	The new sitcom was perfect alright, perfectly awful. I didn't like the teaser and only made it two minutes into the show before shutting it off. Terrible characters.	Abandoned
Person of Interest	No	1.0	2011	Person Of Interest is a hard show to evaluate. It is a crime drama about investigating people who might have or be a problem, a very old premise updated. The execution is immaculate; directing, acting, writing, cinematography and sound track. But it is very bleak. All the characters are damaged in some way. So it is interesting and good but prepare to be depressed. Later - I made it thru most of the season before I gave up.	Abandoned
Prime Suspect	No	1.0	2011	A standard gritty police drama with bad cinematography and sexism added as a "bonus." I like Maria Bello but not this show.	Abandoned
Prisoner 1968	OK	1.0	2011	I watched the 1968 Prisoner series again. It was very progressive then but is now out of date, at least technically - long scenes, slow dialog, limited effects. But many scenes had no dialog at all and 1.3x F-play almost brought it up to modern standards.	ARCHIVED
Protector	Opt	1.0	2011	The pilot for the detective series Protector was quite good. It may not have the star power of Body of Proof but it was actually better assembled. The actors certainly have to Walk And Talk, because the show is fast paced and they are on the move most of the time. The characters don't have the charisma of Castle and Becket, but I will be watching to see how it develops.	Abandoned
Ringer	No	1.0	2011	The pilot was a bit dull, good enough so I finished it, but I also used Fast Play a few times. (The show actually appears to be a prime time soap.) I have my doubts despite star Sarah Michelle Gellar. I gave up in episode two.	Abandoned
Suburgatory	Yes	0.5	2011	A fish out of water sitcom with a dad & high school daughter moving from urban NY to high end suburban NY. The pilot was actually quite enjoyable; well written, directed and cast.	RECORDED
Suits	No	1.0	2011	I don't normally like lawyer shows. The pilot was quite good. It is set up with plenty of ways to can go bad and it did. Two more episodes and I could not finish either. I did not like the characters or situations.	Abandoned
Switched At Birth	Opt	1.0	2011	Two episodes in and I am still undecided. The show is a drama about a Latino and white teen who find out they were switched at birth. It doesn't quite work for me. I like the Latino family but have difficulty with the wealthy white family, especially the parents. An interesting switch is I like the teens better than the adults. I suspect I will get bored and won't watch in the long run. Later - I did and gave up.	Abandoned

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Terra Nova	Optional	1.0	2011	The pilot was pretty good but overall I was not impressed. In fact the pilot kept reminding me of a gritty Lost In Space. Even though they are supposedly on an alternate planet, the story was basically people behaving badly - little kids wandering off, teens misbehaving, distraught couples, power hungry leaders, conspiracies, & even a rebel camp. Still, you might enjoy it if you like over the top action and CGI dinosaurs. The second episode was pretty good though so we will watch for a while.	Abandoned
Unforgettable	No	1.0	2011	This police drama's quirk is the star can never forget anything she sees, except the long story arc of course. I'll try a couple more but most police dramas turn unpleasant pretty quickly. Later - this one did.	Abandoned
Up All Night	No	0.5	2011	Up All Night is about a couple with a baby. The content wasn't funny or interesting and, sadly, the cinematography was boring too.	Abandoned
Whitney	Yes	0.5	2011	I actually enjoyed the pilot of this sitcom which I did not expect. I smiled a lot and laughed several times. It had a good pace and cinematography, and was light and fun.	RECORDED
\$#! My Dad Says	YES	0.5	2010	Shatner's new sitcom was weird and a bit unpleasant in places but not dull. I ended up watching the whole series.	DISPOSABLE
Better With You	No	0.5	2010	I found this odd family sitcom pilot dull and won't be watching.	Abandoned
Chase	No	1.0	2010	This gets an F grade, no questions asked. It started with a boring action style foot chase, then progressed into a home invasion with murder. I pressed the erase button!	Abandoned
Event	No	1.0	2010	Only lasted 15min on my TV. It has compounding flashbacks, & I'm not a fan of single flashbacks. I gave up at 13 years earlier. It is supposed to be serialized anyway which I don't like either.	Abandoned
Glory Daze	No	1.0	2010	This TBS pilot about college freshmen was just as lame as the last show I tried. I gave up 15 min in.	Abandoned
Haven	OK	1.0	2010	The new cop in a paranormal town is in for quite a ride. Season one was great. Season two was OK. But it petered out after that and we abandoned it after season 4. (watched thru 2014)	DISPOSABLE / Abandoned
Hawaii Five-O	No	1.0	2010	A typical modern low-IQ, not quite legal, action cop show complete with the standard bad attitudes & photography. I might try another if I can record it wide screen, otherwise I won't.	Abandoned
Hellcats	No	1.0	2010	The pilot was better than expected. The "dancing & gymnastics" were excellent but won't entertain long without story. Unfortunately, the story was all personal & cheer leading angst, or sports & college politics - No other intellectual material anywhere. That won't be enough. Episode 2 was more of the same.	Abandoned
Melissa and Joey	Yes	0.5	2010	Light sitcom on the Family Channel. Pilot was good but the rest have been routine. If you like Melissa Joan Hart, it's worth watching, otherwise... (show lasted to 2015) I watched most of the seasons, skipping only one or two in the middle.	DISPOSABLE
Mike & Molly	No	0.5	2010	The pilot was cute, not outstanding, but enjoyable. Not super funny but it's kind of nice to watch something that isn't constantly mean. A gentle romantic comedy sitcom by Chuck Lorre. As long as it's in an easy time slot, I'll keep trying it. - It petered out fast and I gave up.	Abandoned
Nikita	No	1.0	2010	The pilot was all attitude, action & violence. It was well assembled but lacked enough story to make it interesting. The escapee taking down the big bad organization has been done before, Pretender & Dollhouse just to name two. They didn't retain my interest very long & I doubt this will either. I gave up after episode 2.	Abandoned
No Ordinary Family	No	1.0	2010	A normal nonfunctional family of four develops super powers after a dip in an odd Amazonian river. The moments of accidental discoveries of their powers were fun & entertaining but the typical family angst and argument moments were kind of boring. Later = It may seem odd but for a fantasy show it is too mundane, as well as being predictable.	Abandoned
Outsourced	NO	0.5	2010	The last sitcom I tried tonight was and I was unable to finish. In fact I barely made it past the titles.	Abandoned
Raising Hope	No	0.5	2010	This Fox sitcom was very lame and was turned off rather early.	Abandoned

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Terriers	No	1.0	2010	I was unimpressed (actually, I was bored most of the time). It wasn't as violent or sexy as they warned, in case that worries you, but it has the potential to be gory. Recovering alcoholic ex-cop partners with his ex-criminal best friend as unlicensed private investigators. Gave up on the second episode.	Abandoned
Undercovers	No	1.0	2010	JJ Abrams version of Mr & Mrs Smith for TV. The pilot was enjoyable enough. There were no outstanding performances though, & it might be better if someone other than Abrams ran it. Gave up after three episodes. It was just a little too boring, story and characters.	Abandoned
Accidentally On Purpose	0.5	Yes	2009	A 37-year-old single woman movie reviewer hooks up with a younger man and becomes pregnant. He wants to be part of the child's life and they are now sort of living together. That's the pilot. Where the story goes now will determine its fate. The show did not seem to click perfectly and has some iffy characters but I'm biased because I like Jenna Elfman. So I'll keep watching it.	RECORDED
Alice	Yes	2.0	2009	SyFy's Alice miniseries is a lot of fun. Time is passing very quickly. Andrew Lee Potts is great. Hard to multitask. Second half wasn't as tight as part 1, too much melodrama, introspection & iffy villains, but still interesting & enjoyable	RECORDED
Being Human	1.0	No	2009	I tried two episodes of this hour long BBC fantasy drama. After the stretching of Torchwood, I decided on the short versions. It is about a vampire, ghost and werewolf who want to live normally and together. On the surface it appears good, but it turns into a horror melodrama by the end each time. I don't care for either of those and was slightly bored anyway, so I don't plan on watching it.	Abandoned
Caprica	No	1.0	2009	A SciFi drama/melodrama. Originally it was to be a separate story but was converted to a prequel spin-off from Battlestar Galactica. The two-hour pilot was released on DVD a year ago. It is an interesting concept but had a slow mediocre presentation. We watched in one-hour segments over 2 days. My wife fell asleep in the second half and I was browsing the Internet on my phone. It was no trouble to do both and FFWD as necessary. The show does have two very talented young actresses playing leads. - The first formal series episode was terrible. ALL the characters were just plain stupid. Combine that with a dull slow script and I was very bored.	Abandoned
Castle	YES	1.0	2009	A fine example of a Stephen Cannell show. Part detective and part comedy, the characters are well done and most of the gore is left to the viewer's imagination, as it should be. Castle is a one-hour true mystery about a cocky mystery author named Castle who helps police solve murders. His smart and pretty police woman "partner" likes his books but finds Castle annoying. The feeling is sort of mutual, as is the wonderful suppressed chemistry between them. Castle's daughter and mother are also excellent. The pilot was well directed, maintained the mystery to the end, and funny. I hope the show runners can keep it up and enough people like it so it gets renewed. I'm a bit tired of dark, moody, brooding shows. - One of the best things about Castle is the complexity of the story lines. <u>Good Job writers</u>	RECORDED!
Community	0.5	No	2009	A sitcom about a pseudo-study group at a community college. I did not expect to like it since the group originator is a disbarred con-man lawyer but it worked for some reason. Maybe because the group is diverse in ethnicity, gender and personality like the universities I remember - Maybe because the characters were fun despite or because of their hang-ups and cared about each other. Anyway, I intend to watch for a while at least. - The second episode flunked the class big time. It was almost painful to watch. Even the heartwarming end could not save it.	Abandoned
Cougar Town	No	0.5	2009	The pilot for Cougar Town (a pun BTW) was one of those rare laugh-out-loud absurd sitcoms to be treasured. They got my attention. The show is about the antics of a 37-year-old recently single woman trying to start dating again and her friends and family. (The pun is that the high school teams are the Cougars and she is a "cougar" in the dating world.) - Later: The scripts are the same every week and are rarely funny. I downgraded this one to optional on the sixth and now to No.	Abandoned
Covert Operations	Opt	1.0	2009	I was disappointed in the pilot. It had a super cast, perfect acting, great characters & a good script with minimal holes but it was ruined by whoever decided to use that style cinematography. We watched for a couple of years but gave up when they started using one long story arc for each short season.	Abandoned

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Dark Blue	1.0	No	2009	I was pretty certain from the very first scene, a torture scene, that I didn't want to watch Dark Blue. Thirty minutes later I was certain and shut if off. The pilot was a one-hour undercover cop show, thus the Blue in the title. The problem with these is they follow the villains almost exclusively, and even the cops have to act like villains. So most of the time, viewers are watching unpleasant scenes. This one went a little farther with graphic violence all over- thus the Dark in the title. The part of the show I did watch was well put together if you are into this kind of thing. I'm not!	Abandoned
Defying Gravity	1.0	No	2009	I'm not exactly sure what this show is supposed to be. We started with the first regular length episode. After about 20 minutes my wife said it was boring. I said thank you, stopped the playback and deleted the file. It is apparently a psuedo-scifi melodrama about the interactions of the crew on a long trip to mars - with a lot of flashbacks. No storyline was discernible in what we watched.	Abandoned
Doing Da Vinci	1.0	No	2009	This is a good example of why I end up not watching reality shows. The first episode I caught was mostly about the build and I found it interesting. But as the episodes progressed, more and more time was spent on the bickering of the crew. In the final episode I caught, I estimate less than 10 percent of the time was on the build. I suspect the show runners actually choose participants who can't get along just so they can do this.	Abandoned
Food Tech	No	1.0	2009	We've been watching Food Tech on the history channel, behind scenes looks at how ingredients are made. It was pretty good but not good enough.	Abandoned
Gates, The	No	1.0	2009	A show about vampires, werewolves, witches, humans & who knows what else, was well done, but not my thing. I was a tad bored and there were no really likable characters. It is also heavily serialized.	Abandoned
Glee	1.0	No	2009	The pilot for Glee was a preview episode and the show will be in the fall - Odd. It is a musical dramatic comedy about the reformation of a high school glee club. It was hard to rate. At times I was quite bored. At others I enjoyed it very much. The show also had very bad photography in places. I doubt they will be able to sustain my interest or continue to do that level of music every week but I will try a few episodes in the fall. - The first formal episode of Glee killed the show for me. It still had great moments but they tended to end abruptly in boring unreal trivia. I suspect the trivia was supposed to add humorous content, but the basic story was so poor it was not funny to me.	Abandoned
Good Guys	No	1.0	2009	The pilot of this new action laced cop show farce was pretty boring.	Abandoned
Good Wife	1.0	No	2009	A one-hour lawyer drama. The lead just reentered the workforce because her husband cheated and was also convicted of government improprieties. Based on the blurbs and previews I saw, I did not expect to like the show. But the pilot was very, very well done. The bad news is the only two characters I like are the lawyer and her investigative assistant. All the rest appear to be mean back stabbers, some played by actors I don't like. Where the scripts go and which characters they emphasize will determine whether I keep watching. - It is still a well done show, but after missing a month of it, I find I am not interested	Abandoned
Hank	No	0.5	2009	Hank is another Kelsey Grammer sitcom, this time about a downsized CEO who has moved back to his hometown with his family. You're going to have to really like Grammer to like the show. I didn't like it. The scenes with the kids were OK and Jordan Hinson (Zoe from Eureka) was excellent. She is indeed a grade A actress.	Abandoned
Happy Town	No	1.0	2009	The recording ran out at 45min. But it's all right, I was bored. I didn't like the characters & it reminded me of a horror movie.	Abandoned
Hawthorn	1.0	No	2009	Hawthorn is a pretty standard one-hour hospital medical drama about the lives of the staff. The twist here is the show follows the nurses. Unfortunately, I'm not much interested in this kind of show unless there is something special about it. The show almost made it based on the cast which is superb. But in the end the content, characters and photography were too ordinary. It is well done. If you like this kind of show, give it a try.	Abandoned

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Human Target	No	1.0	2009	An action drama from Fox. As is typical with Fox it gets a Violence rating. But for an action show, the pilot was quite good. It had interesting characters, not too many holes in the story and was well directed and edited. How long they can sustain this remains to be seen especially since the first guest star was Tricia Helfer, a powerful actor who commands the screen. The only part I got bored with was the hand-to-hand fight scene. It was too long and I ended up fast forwarding. - Episode 2 was bad from writing to post production. The story had so many holes I was unable to suspend my disbelief after about 20 minutes. At about 40 minutes I looked at the time because it seemed the plane should be safe or a smear on the ground by then, and yet it was neither. - The background stories are good despite the lack of a good female lead, but the violence, including repeated fights and cold blooded murder, is just too much. I'm afraid I have to vote no. Typical FOX. Abandoned after 104	Abandoned
It's Always Sunny In Philadelphia	0.5	No	2009	I cannot fully say what this about. The show started with 3 egotistic twenty something guy jerks talking at a bar. I didn't like them from the first sentence. When the young woman came in with something important to say, they ignored her but instantly responded when the older man came in and said the same thing. I didn't like that or him either - strike 2+. After the credits, there was a scene with the woman, and I didn't like her character either. - strike 3 plus. I waited till the next scene which I didn't like and turned it off. To top it off, it was forced and wasn't funny.	Abandoned
Listener, The	1.0	No	2009	This is basically a one-hour crime drama with a twist. The protagonist is an EMT not a cop and he can read minds. The characters were easy to identify and enjoyable and the photography was interesting. The pilot was well executed. That's saying a lot since I don't like shows that include kidnappings. - After 3 episodes, the final vote is no. Episode 2 was tolerable but episode 3 was boring. The photography was bad and the content dull.	Abandoned
Make it or Break It	1.0	No	2009	A drama about girls Olympic gymnastic hopefuls in training. It didn't seem like the kind of show I would like so I read the LA Times and Variety reviews. Both said it was good. The pilot was very well executed and seemed to go by very quickly. The characters were interesting and easy to identify. The photography was good, except a few bits in the performance areas as noted in professional reviews. I still have my doubts that the content will keep me interested but I intend to watch until that point. It would make a good mini or limited series if they do that. - The second episode broke it.	Abandoned
Mental	1.0	No	2009	An unorthodox doctor in a mental hospital. The pilot had the most boring photography I have ever seen. It was all badly framed talking heads. The evening news has more interesting photography. But the characters were good, although not fascinating, and the content was good. The hour went by fairly quickly and we plan to try another episode. - Three episodes so far and the review is the same - interesting content, boring photography. I did discover there is something more going than a talking head, a listening head. I keep looking at the clock and other places when there is nothing interesting on the screen. But the content is interesting enough that we will continue watching. At least there are no gory dead bodies.	Abandoned
Mercy	No	1.0	2009	Mercy is a one-hour medical drama about nurses, the people around them and their problems - Grey's Anatomy from the nurse's point of view but not quite so good. One nurse is just back from Iraq, another just out of school, and one wants out of the bad neighborhood. The characters, directing and cinematography are good, but as one of the characters said it's about the "worst times." The script was a little boring too. Oh well...	Abandoned
Middle, The	No	0.5	2009	A sitcom about a family of 5 in Indiana, not that the state makes any difference. I'm sorry to say it was pretty dull within about 3 minutes and got worse as time went by. Don't get me wrong, it wasn't gross, it just wasn't interesting.	
Modern Family	No	0.5	2009	Modern Family is a half-hour sitcom about three nontraditional families. I did not like the pilot and quit about 7 min in. It was done documentary style with characters giving seated "interviews" and often used hand held camera. It also was uninteresting. Sorry.	Abandoned

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Parenthood	No	1.0	2009	Parenthood is a one-hour light drama about an extended family of very confused and messed-up people. It has a few very funny moments but other than that is a drama. The cast is good. In a group this large it can be hard to tell the characters apart. But with this cast, each character is distinctive. Unfortunately, I didn't care what happens to most of the characters. We gave up after the second episode.	Abandoned
Persons Unknown	No	1.0	2009	I missed episode 1, but it doesn't matter because episode 2 was terrible & I shut it off. The show is a 1 hour drama about a half dozen people who are abducted & locked in a small town. It needs more story and less fake camera work tension.	Abandoned
Pretty Little Liars	No	1.0	2009	The pilot was well done but episode 2 was Boring. A better title might be 16 going on 26. I had trouble believing the 16 year olds were that young & vice-versa. I don't care what happens to the characters & I won't be watching.	Abandoned
Prisoner 2009	No	1.0	2009	Ep 1 didn't quite work. All I can figure is it lacks mystery & class & was predictable. Ep 2 was worse than 1 & we quit watching.	Abandoned
Romantically Challenged	No	1.0	2009	I like Alyssa Milano & Kelly Stables but Romantically Challenged is going to need much better writing to make it.	Abandoned
Royal Pains	1.0	OK	2009	A doctor blackballed by his old hospital after bad luck on a patient starts now working as the "hotel" doctor for the rich in the Hamptons. The first 25 minutes of the pilot, the denouement, were slow and iffy, but many shows waste an hour on that kind of thing. Once the show moved to the Hamptons, it became quite interesting. Good characters and dialog, fun photography, and interesting content. I especially enjoyed guest star Christine Ebersole's comic character New-parts Newberg, very bubbly. Most of the other characters, except possibly the younger brother, were interesting too. - It kind of petered out but is	DISPOSABLE
Ruby And The Rockits	0.5	No	2009	Just for fun I tried two half-hour Family channel sitcoms way out of my demographic, 10 Things I Hate About You and Ruby And The Rockits. Both are soft family oriented shows seen from the teen's point of view. Ruby has one teen who moves to live near her aging rock star dad, who didn't even know he had a kid, staying with his brother's family. I like Ruby but again the rest are very lame and the scripts were terrible. The fact that I liked any of the characters is a good sign. If you are in the target audience, you might like it but it's certainly not for me. 07/30/2009	Abandoned
Stargate Universe	No	1.0	2009	A one-hour SyFy melodrama spin off from the SG1 series. I've watched three of the hours recorded during my vacation and didn't like much about them. The story sequences have been very jumbled and confusing. There is a lot of bad camera work. But worst of all, the stories are depressing and none of the characters are likable - more like an afternoon soap opera. Overall, it is	Abandoned
Surviving Suburbia	0.5	No	2009	One of the problems the death of a newspaper brings is the lack of a comprehensive printed TV schedule grid. Excite.com does a good job and is better in many ways, but I tend to miss new shows that start "out of season." I missed the start of Surviving Suburbia, a routine half-hour family sit-com. Fortunately, the one I watched last week was routine and I don't intend to watch it again. But it was reasonably well done and deserved an earlier review.	Abandoned
Three Rivers	No	1.0	2009	A medical drama. Trouble is, the episode I tried was boring. We shut it off after about 15 min.	Abandoned
Trauma	No	1.0	2009	Trauma is a one-hour drama about rescue personnel in San Francisco, the people around them and their problems - Grey's Anatomy from the paramedics' point of view. That's right, another medical drama. The pilot started with a flashback teaser. If the back-story is complex enough to require that in the first episode, what are they going to do for the rest? It didn't seem that important. Instead it seemed to be there mostly to be sensational. Anyway, it was badly photographed and I did not like the music or the characters. I made it for about 20 minutes and it did not get any better. It was obvious when the next trauma was going to occur (3rd, 4th?) so I quit and deleted it forever. Sorry, no sale.	Abandoned
V	Opt	1.0	2009	This reboot of the old SciFi mini-series and series is neither better or worse. It is just different and darker. I will watch the original mini-series again, but won't watch either weekly series again.	DISPOSABLE

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V (old and new)	No	1.0	2009	I watched the original V this summer on DVD - out of date and a tad dull. I don't plan to watch it again but it was passable. The new V pilot, a one-hour aliens come to earth SciFi drama, has newer tech, but I was surprised that it was boring. I thought it might be a lot of things, but not boring. I'll try a few more episodes. Hopefully it won't all take place in the dark.	Abandoned
Vampire Diaries	1.0	No	2009	A fantasy drama about moody cool kid high school teens and a couple of moody vampires, one "good" and one "bad." The show is very well executed and I will probably watch a few more as long as it is easy to record. But I don't care for vampires as lead characters and I've seen the moody teen garbage before so it is unlikely I will continue. - The second episode was rather boring. The show was mostly about dull teens and the vampires were less interesting. I had a hard time finishing and am not interested.	Abandoned
Warehouse 13	Yes	1.0	2009	** While the 2 hr pilot for the show was boring and we gave up on it, the regular series episodes improved. The first regular length episode was not interesting enough to 100% hold my attention, but good enough to watch. The episode was helped by having Tricia Helfer and Lindy Booth as guest stars. I don't know if we will want to watch the reruns or not. That will take a while to determine. The show is about Agents who find artifacts, al la Tomb Raider, that picked up bad powers during past events & are affecting people now.. (show ran thru 2014) ** There was an interesting story error in Warehouse 13 ep 210. If you bury something in a mature cherry orchard to hide it, you won't be able to find it 50 years later. Orchards don't last that long. ** Warehouse 13 ep 211 was excellent Tomb Raider style entertainment. Someone had obviously played the games. ** Jaime Murray (HG Wells) is stupendous	RECORDED
White Collar	Yes	1.0	2009	A variation on It Takes A Thief, and a good one. Petered out in the last two seasons. (show ran thru 2014)	RECORDED
Jake 2.0	Yes	1.0	2003	Super geek with enhanced powers. Fun but it was canceled. Later. I watched the recordings and it was enjoyable.	RECORDED
Vicar Of Dibley	No	0.5	1994	Odd Britcom in which a woman vicar takes over a small parish. Couldn't finish the first episode.	never watched
Code Black	No		2015	Read Variety review and decided to skip. ER medical drama.	Never watched
Grandfathered	No	0.5	2015	Sitcom. Confirmed single restaurateur finds out he has a son and granddaughter. OK for a while as long as it is convenient. Nice moments except for the stupid kid spots. - Episode two - fail.	Abandoned
Grinder	No		2015	Sitcom. Actor joins lawyer brother despite objections. Read Variety review and skipped.	Never Watched
Heroes Reborn	NO!	1.0	2015	Episode 1&2. Basically a fantasy show about two groups of people fighting each other with an endless story arc. The characters, photography, and effects were really good and it might make a good movie with a fixed ending like the X-men movies. But as a TV show, I found it a bit tedious even time compressed. Episode 3. No way in hell I want to watch this.	Abandoned!
Last Kingdom	No		2015	BBC America period drama about Vikings in England. Read Variety review and skipped.	Never Watched
Life In Pieces	No		2015	Read Variety review and skipped. One camera family sitcom	Never watched
Rosewood	No	1.0	2015	Private ME teams with a Miami detective - sort of a Quincy/Castle merge. Good photography, fun but damaged characters, not too gory or scary. Might be good. Episode 2 - pretty poor. - The detective bit is taking a distant second place to the personal life stuff, which is boring.	Abandoned
Vexed	OK	1.0	2015	A UK import I found on Netflix about a man and woman detective team as they try to solve crimes and personal problems. Very dry and typically English odd. A tad slow but fun at times.	DISPOSABLE
10 Things I hate About You	0.5	No	2009	Just for fun I tried two half-hour Family channel sitcoms way out of my demographic, 10 Things I Hate About You and Ruby And The Rockits. Both are soft family oriented shows seen from the teen's point of view. 10 Things has two teens, a wanna-be socialite and a wanna-be rebel, trying to survive high school. I like the rebel, Kat, and her story but everything and everyone else are uninteresting. The fact that I liked any of the characters is a good sign. If you are in the target audience, you might like it but it's certainly not for me.	Abandoned



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Army Wives	No	1.0	2008	I didn't even know Army Wives existed until the local paper raved about season 2 starting. So I recorded a bunch of the season 1 marathon on my DVR (isn't cable great) and watched about 3 of them. Unfortunately, this show is not for me. I don't like serialized long story arcs, prefer my fiction a lot more removed from reality, and the content a bit more cheerful. But it is well done. - The show is a very serious drama about the events, woes and worries of the stay at home families of military personnel who live on the base. The stories have continuing long arcs. It is very well cast, performed, directed and edited. The pacing is a little slow for me. I tended to use Fast Play mode and even forget I had Fast Play turned on. That means the people are moving and talking slowly in real time. I wish it was my type of material because there are many performers I like to watch. I watched Catherine Bell in JAG for many years, and remember Brigid Brannagh from several shows and Drew Fuller from Charmed. Those are just a few.	Abandoned
Beast, The	No	1.0	2008	A police drama about an unorthodox but very skilled and effective undercover FBI agent and his young, new sort of double agent partner. Despite the gimmicky photography and audio, the show is quite well done. But it is dark both in story content and image. As much as I like unorthodox characters, I am not interested in this show's content. I pass but if you like this kind of thing, go for it. The pilot was good.	Abandoned
Better Off Ted	Yes	0.5	2008	Ted is the boss of an R&D team at a very large company with a wide variety and range of products. He is asked to make crazy, absurd items which are as often detrimental to the users as they might be helpful. The characters Ted and his boss Veronica are very well done. I'm just not sure about the show. This kind of camp sometimes works, but often doesn't. The pilot did not have any major laughs but was kind of fun. I'll have to try it at least once more episode. - The show is back. The more I watch it, the more I like it. It's a wacky, low key, weird office sitcom. No practical jokes or yelling.	RECORDED
Bill Engvall Show	No	0.5	2008	A routine family sitcom with a dad (Envall), a mom (Nancy Travis, always good) and three teens. I found it very routine. The comparisons to Cosby's Huxtable family are appropriate, and I didn't watch that either. I think I prefer a little more edge in the situations and comedies, think MASH, Cybill, Dharma & Greg, or Becker.	Abandoned
Clone Wars (series)	No	0.5	2008	This animated Star Wars series was disappointing. Our thoughts in episode one were it was badly acted and the story was badly scripted. I also thought it was dumbed down too much. The movies were more intellectual than they appeared on the surface. Episode two was better but I tended to be bored and used Fast Play towards the end. Oh well...	Abandoned
Crusoe	No	1.0	2008	The flashbacks to his earlier life were just dull or depressing but tolerable. The camera work was very poor. First the shots were often too close, so close you could not see what was actually happening in the scene. Then there were the close shots of basically nothing. Who cares about the boots of a person sword fighting? Fights are dull at best, showing only the feet does not enhance it. But the biggest camera problem was the instability. Wiggling the camera around does not make a scene more interesting - it makes it worse. An observer may move around when watching an event but the brain compensates for it so the image is stable. If that were not true, we would not be able to drive cars. Moral of the story, use a tripod or turn the Steadycam on! - Why build sets if you are going to only show an actor's face talking or and actor's feet? There was so little to see, and so little story, that I closed my eyes when the talking and fighting were on and had no trouble following the plot. I opened them when it went quiet. I kept looking at the clock to see how much time had passed.	Abandoned
Cupid	OK	1.0	2008	Cupid is a one hour romantic comedy/drama. For the long story arc, Cupid is stranded on earth without his bow and cannot return to Olympus until he pairs up 99 couples - enough for five seasons if it lasts that long. The weekly couples will probably be the short romantic comedy stories. Cupid shows have been done before including partial first seasons in 1998 and 2003 (IMDB). Although the pilot for this rendition was not great, it was interesting, fun, refreshingly non-violent and positive without being sticky sweet or melodramatic. We intend to try at least a few more.	Canceled

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Dirty Jobs	Yes	1.0	2008	One of the best reality shows going. Mike Rowe helps out with the often unseen and dangerous dirty jobs of the world that keep us all functioning. In the process, the viewer learns a lot about how things work. The show has been on since 2003 with about 100 episodes, but I just discovered it. I like it so much I used 3 machines to record all 14 hours of a recent marathon. It's on the Discovery channel.	DISPOSABLE
Do Not Disturb	No	0.5	2008	A standard formula sitcom from FOX with stereotypical characters and bad dialog. The situation is routine, eliminating the "sit" part of sitcom and it wasn't funny except for the out takes, eliminating the comedy part. So it should be a big hit. But not with me.	Abandoned
Dollhouse	No	1.0	2008	A pseudo-scifi drama about a woman named Echo who has had her personality wiped to some base level. For each assignment a temporary personality is applied to meet the clients demands - assassin, adventurer, and of course high-class call girl. The first episode was doubtful, but pilots often are so we gave it another try. Unfortunately, the second was worse. It wasn't violent, just that it was dull. My wife actually fell asleep. That wasn't the worst though. The worst was that Echo's assumed personality was not consistent. Initially a sort of wild, sexy tomboy, she turned into a scared, unthinking schoolgirl when hunted, and finally turned into a killer. Most people would get scared and not think well when hunted. But Echo stayed that way too long. It did not fit her earlier personality. The killer mode was more appropriate, but still did not quite fit. - I watched two more episodes but with editing and no intent to watch unfiltered content. On episode 3, I fast forwarded through all the FBI parts of the story leaving only the Echo parts. It was actually pretty good that way. I did the same on episode 4 but there weren't as many FBI segments and the remainder was a bit too long. Fast playing through the Dollhouse office scenes helped. I give up. - It's too bad because the show had more potential than most. Oh well...	Abandoned
Easy Money	No	1.0	2008	I finally remembered Easy Money was on and tried the Oct 19 episode. Apparently it is a semi-serial one-hour melodrama about a family of legal loan "sharks." It wasn't very interesting, the story elements I saw were, well, boring, and I didn't like the characters.	Abandoned
Eleventh Hour	No	1.0	2008	Bad - dark, ugly and unpleasant. I didn't like the characters, cinematography or story. Oh, the lead characters are tolerable, barely, but that's not enough. There were no other redeeming qualities. The show is basically about a genius scientist and his FBI bodyguard/handler. They are called in to solve crimes dealing with science. Of course they are called in late, when things are bad, thus the title of the series.	Abandoned
Eli Stone	OK	1.0	2008	Eli Stone sees visions of things to come and struggles to fix them. This can have interesting plot effects, much like Early Edition. - For some reason, season 2 is just a little boring. I think it is because they changed the way they use the visions but I'm not sure. Now Eli seems to struggle to interpret them. It's a bit predictable and not as interesting. If I was watching it alone, I would probably fast-play it or just not watch it.	Abandoned
Ex List	No	1.0	2008	This is a one-hour light drama about a woman who is dating her ex-boyfriends. A psychic told her one is her future husband and she has to find him within one year or never get married. The first thing that comes to mind is what happens when the season ends (if it lasts)? Is the show over, does the premise change, does she get a psychic extension, etc.? On the good side, the show is well assembled and the characters are very good. But the first episode was predictable and dull, especially the first ex. (The first ex was so bad, I didn't even like watching. Why would she want to marry him?) I think you are going to have to really like the supporting characters to enjoy the show. I plan to watch a few more but it is optional and won't get DVR priority.	Abandoned
Factory, The	No	0.5	2008	This new sitcom from Spike TV is about four blue-collar factory worker friends who never seem to do any work in the show, have no functional love lives, and no ambition. There also does not seem to be any comedy - it was odd but there were no laughs. It is filmed in a kind of pseudo-reality improv format with little or no background audio even though it is scripted. Personally, I don't find any of the characters interesting either. I'll skip this weirdo.	Abandoned

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Fringe	No	1.0	2008	Dull, is the first word that comes to mind for the pilot of this pseudo-science drama. Thirty minutes in I asked my wife if she was still awake. She said no, predicted where the show was going to go, and we stopped watching - switching to an SG1 DVD. I finished the episode later and, although there was a twist at the end, our predictions came to pass. I watched a lot of it in fast-play mode and was still bored. I'm not interested.	Abandoned
Gary Unmarried	OK	0.5	2008	I actually enjoyed the first episode of this family sitcom. The characters were good and fun without being overbearing or too stereotyped. The writers came up with fresh directions to take managing to avoid typical predictable results. I doubt it will be achievable but I will continue to watch the show for a while, as long as it is on. We'll see....	Abandoned
Hole In The Wall	No	0.5	2008	Cute game with poor presentation. Contestants have to fit through a hole in a wall moving toward them or get knocked into a pool of water. But each round only takes about 5 seconds and there were only 9 rounds in the half hour pilot. The rest was mainly yelling and jumping around. So there is about a minute of contest in 30 minutes of air time. Doesn't work for me.	Abandoned
In Plain Sight	Yes	1.0	2008	A one hour drama about a US Marshal who works in the witness protection program. The pilot was well paced and the characters were interesting. Violence and gore were minimal and they did not dwell on it too long (and I used FFWD and Fast-Play as needed). The show was not suitable for repeat viewing by my standards, and I expect I will eventually stop watching the series as the stories concentrate on villains, violence and other depressing aspects, but, for now, I am watching it. --- The second episode was pretty bad. The characters and plot just were not interesting. I used a lot of F-Fwd and F-Play and still didn't like it. But the third episode was back up to the pilot's standards. I will be watching carefully chosen new episodes. --- In Plain Sight might have just gotten better. They added Allison Janney to the cast, duration unknown. --- The last two episodes were just plain bad. There was little or no client story, just family and drugs - boring and unpleasant.	DISPOSBLE
Kath and Kim	No	0.5	2008	I can't honestly say whether the show is good or not because I couldn't finish the pilot. It appears to be all hand held camera (possibly Steadicam) and the picture was rocking up and down and side to side continuously. Even though the motion was usually small, I was slightly motion sick before the middle of the first episode. Since I also didn't like the characters, I shut if off. Kath and Kim is a half hour sitcom about a 40s woman with a new boyfriend. Her recently wed and apparently spoiled daughter returns home because her husband wants her to do at least a little work.	Abandoned
Kings	No	1.0	2008	I missed the first episode but it ended up not making a difference. I found the show was boring almost from the first minute, my wife called it irrelevant, and there was little to see since it was mostly heads talking. Kings appears to be a one hour drama about a megalomaniacle king and the people and countries around him.	Abandoned
Knight Rider	No	1.0	2008	The original was lame but did not take itself seriously and was interesting often enough to be tolerable. This one is much, much worse. I almost shut it off in the middle but finished it just for this review. It is basically a one hour pseudo-SciFi "spy" show. I had more trouble suspending my disbelief in this than in a full SciFi show. At least I don't have to worry about finding a free machine to record	Abandoned
Legend of the Seeker	No	1.0	2008	I've only watched the first hour of the pilot so far. I suppose we'll watch hour two, but maybe not. The show is a swords and arrows fantasy adventure. The pilot had problems, big time. Basically it was boring. The characters were one dimensional and blah. There really wasn't much story. The show was visually boring. I suppose these are the director's and editor's fault. I don't know. - I gave up. It has no personality anyplace. The characters have no personality. To carry off a show like this needs strong personalities like Lucy Lawless and Kevin Sorbo. The best character in the show so far was Raimi as the map-maker. The stories have no personality. They are like watching someone play a dull video game. Move along with no apparent reason for a while, have a fight, repeat 6 times to the boss fight at the end of the episode. Conclude with an epillog. With that many fights, they need personalities too. The only attempt at fight personality here is close jiggly camera work.	Abandoned

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Leverage	Yes	1.0	2008	A heist/scam drama about 4 thieves and a disgruntled insurance investigator who apparently have gone good, so to speak. They made a big score off a dishonest businessman and now help other people in need for free using a "different revenue stream." The camera work was a little off but acceptable. It is pretty well cast, the characters are adequately interesting if not astounding and the first story was interesting although mostly predictable. Despite the flaws, I liked it and intend to watch it again. - It did tend to degenerate into a fairly typical American action show, complete with cheap "B movie" photography, noisy editing, and no intellectual complexity to the story. The con became a trivial side story. - It got even better when they added Kari Matchet.	RECORDED
Lie To Me	No	1.0	2008	A psychological detective drama and a sort of clone of The Mentalist. But it is not as good by a long shot. The lead is a man who reads human physical expressions to differentiate between truth and lies. He does this for his own wealthy firm to solve crimes for other organizations. The main character is a sort of cold, aloof, intellectual type as opposed to the charismatic reformed con-man in the Mentalist. The other two women and men in the team are good. The Lie To Me pilot has less graphic violence (a pro) but the a more pessimistic attitude (a con). It just wasn't as much fun to watch. I watched a re-run Mentalist the same day I watched the pilot. The Mentalist was much better. Still, I plan to watch a few more episodes before giving up on the show.	Abandoned
Life On Mars	No	1.0	2008	At the core, Life On Mars is a one-hour New York police drama following one officer. The twist is Sam, the cop in question, was an officer in the 2008 force but was tossed back in time to 1973 - where he is still an officer in the same place. So he is sort of a fish out of water who behaves too well and knows too much around brutish less knowledgeable people. Evaluating the show is a hard nut to crack. I like Sam and Annie (the only female cop in the '73 precinct) but the others not so much. The pilot was evenly split between the police case in question and the time change. I like it enough to try it some more but long term viewing will depend on where the stories go and how crude they become. - I've watched about four of these now and they just didn't cut it. They usually end OK but the ends don't justify the means. It's mostly a cop show and by modern standards most of them could be considered crooked. So I've given up.	Abandoned
Mentalist	Yes	1.0	2008	An ex-fake mentalist joins assists a police detective team. I watched for several seasons but when the stories dried up and the long Red John story arc took over, I gave up.	Abandoned
Merlin	OK	1.0	2008	A reimagining of the Merlin and Arthur in Camelot stories. Merlin is a one hour light drama fantasy about the young Merlin arriving at court and meeting the young future King Arthur and others. The pilot was well done and kept my attention reasonably well. The characters were interesting enough and easy to keep track of. The photography was acceptable and was probably fine in wide screen. But it came through full screen here. There is plenty of room for content and character growth. This one is worth trying. -- I recorded many of the episodes because my wife liked them. To me they were disposable. -- I wish they would get the science right, Impossible modern flasks, Retorts used upside down! -- The stories are rather predictable but the characters are good. Photography is still poor and it still needs to be shown wide-screen.	DISPOSABLE
Middleman	No	1.0	2008	I think Middleman might be called a comic book SciFi farce. But it isn't very good in either of the three categories. It reminds me of the very old 1/2 hour Batman series, which I didn't watch either. I suspect it might be OK if it were only 1/2 hour. That's where I got bored in the first 3 episodes. It isn't funny, the characters are mostly flat and annoying, and the stories have too little material. The only thing I liked was the actress who plays the lead. That's not enough.	Abandoned
Motherhood	No	0.5	2008	Apparently a sitcom about moms, dads, kids, nannys and work(?). I only watched about 10 minutes, just past the first office call. Not only did I not laugh once, I didn't even like the show.	Abandoned

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My Own Worst Enemy	No	1.0	2008	Pilot: A spy drama about a man who had a false identity implanted in his head. The false identity is Henry, an ordinary nice guy with a job and family. Henry is dominant for everyday living and normally does not know about the original identity. The original identity is Edward, a nasty do anything spy. In the pilot Henry learned about Edward and they started communicating. The pilot was good but didn't quite work for me. It was good enough so I will watch a few more episodes, time permitting. The pilot was just the set up so the final decision will depend on what direction the stories go. - Episode 2: After watching part of the second episode, I couldn't take it. I don't like any of the characters and, to be honest, never cared for other parts I've seen these actors play. I also didn't like the story.	Abandoned
Parks and Recreation	No	0.5	2008	Parks And Recreation is possible the worst pilot I have tried this season. I only managed to watch about 4 minutes of it before shutting it off became mandatory. It is apparently a half-hour sitcom about a woman who works in management for a parks and recreation department. I did not like the character's personality or stupidity from the very first scene. The show is also extremely poorly photographed in what appears to be a hand-held camera pseudo-documentary style. I'm sorry but it was just bad all over.	Abandoned
Private Practice	No	1.0	2008	I'm still watching this one-hour medical drama but I don't quite know why. I don't like most of the medical stories (those often get zipped through) or a lot of their melodramatic personal lives. I suppose I keep watching because the characters are well done. My favorite character is Kadee Strickland's Charlotte, an in your face straight-forward person. I also like Amy Brenneman's Violet. But I wouldn't watch the show if I couldn't use the 30 second skip control on the DVR. I certainly would not watch it live. - I give up. In the last episode I watched, not a single person was remotely happy. Every character was depressed, detached, dysfunctional and just plain unhappy. If that's the story they	Abandoned
Privileged	No	1.0	2008	This one hour young adult and teen light drama is iffy. The pilot did not get interesting until 45 minutes in and it ended badly. However it was a pilot, setting up the characters and situation. I don't hold out much hope, but it is worth trying. - I was going to try two more episodes, but I was bored right from the first minute on episode 2. We smiled in a few places but other than that, it never got interesting. The characters are so stupid!	Abandoned
Roommates	No	0.5	2008	An incredibly poor sitcom on the Family channel. Roommates is apparently about 4 or 5 roommates, one of which likes another but has not told her. It was so juvenile, predictable and bad that I couldn't even watch long enough to get the roommate count. It reminded me of a 20's version of a bad Disney sitcom.	Abandoned
Sanctuary	Yes	1.0	2008	I've been waiting for Sanctuary for a while and it did not disappoint. It was pretty much riveting. I sat so still for the first half of the two-hour pilot, that I paused the recording at the mid-point just to get up and stretch. Sanctuary is an hour SciFi drama about a small group of people who search out the "aliens" hiding in our society and give them a safe place to live (or a cell if necessary). The pilot was well cast, directed, acted, edited, and written. Sanctuary goes to the top of my watch list. Did you recognize the voice of the Wraith Todd from Atlantis (Christopher Heyerdahl)? He played John, another villain of sorts, with the same impressive quality. - The stories and photography have degenerated seriously. Of the first 11 episodes, I only really liked 5, Three were so bad I never want to see them again and the last 4 were terrible or boring. Oh well. - We watched the edited recorded episodes in about 2014 and it did not hold up extremely well.	RECORDED
Sarah Jane Adventures	Yes	0.5	2008	The extra long pilot (the Bane) was good. The first real show (the Slitheen) was weak but OK. The next (the Gorgon) was good. Each story is an hour long but is broken up into two serialized episodes over two weeks. We watch them back to back. - It is basically a kids version of the original Doctor Who without the space travel. As such it lacks the T&A and adult attitudes to bring most adults to the screen. I don't know yet if any episodes will be worth archiving long term, but they are fun and worth watching at least once.	RECORDED
Sophie	No	0.5	2008	An incredibly poor sitcom on the Family channel. Sophie is about a young woman who just inherited a talent agency with no clients, just had a baby by an unknown(?) father after her boyfriend left her, and is apparently going have the worst year of her life. The only good part about it was it was better than Roommates. I watched 15 minutes instead of 10!	Abandoned

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Starter Wife	Yes	1.0	2008	A one-hour melodrama about the divorced wife of a now failed Hollywood movie bigwig. I watched the mini-series last season, and liked it enough to finish it. But I knew I never wanted to watch it again - it just wasn't good enough. It was good enough to try the series though. I'm glad I did. I was going to stop half way through the pilot and watch it in two parts but it was too interesting. It was funny, dramatic, sad, irreverent and all the characters were better, except possibly ex-husband Kenny. (The new Kenny is probably better for a series though.) The storyline was predictable but it was good enough so I want to watch the reruns and may even archive it.	DISPOSABLE
Swingtown	No	1.0	2008	I tried Swingtown twice before giving up. It is a one hour nighttime soap about the activities and woes of several families during the late 70s. This was the era of awakening social and sexual enlightenment (before AIDS). The pilot was very well done, with interesting situations and character introductions. It is more episodic than some soaps and less serialized. But, as I suspected, I just don't care about the kinds of problems the characters have.	Abandoned
To Love and Die	Yes	1.0	2008	This is apparently a series pilot made in 2007 but delayed. Released as a TV movie it was funny, insightful and odd and with great characters and interaction. It is about a young woman who never knew her dad and doesn't seem to fit in normal society. When she finds her dad, it turns out he runs a hit agency that only kills bad guys - which she joins. Like I said, odd. I have no idea where they can take the stories from there.	RECORDED
Torchwood	Yes	1.0	2008	Torchwood is a hard show to rate. I looked forward to every episode, even though I don't ever want to watch about half of season 1 ever again. Episodes ranged from A+ to F-. That is very rare. - Torchwood is touted as an adult SciFi spin off of Doctor Who. That is sort of correct. While the show does not hide sex and violence, it is not there gratuitously either. It is just part of life. - What's great is the adult attitudes. The characters are completely adult and the real world happens. What is bad is the stories are depressing. Even when things turn out right, there is a depressing twist. - Still, if my wife buys season 2 for me, I look forward to watching it.	RECORDED
Trust Me	No	1.0	2008	To be honest, the pilot was rather dull. I got bored, pulled out my laptop, bookmarked some web pages, answered some email and wrote most of this piece. The show is a drama with comic overtones about some advertising agency people. Except for the cube people, especially Sarah, most of the characters are boring or unpleasant or both. The show had its moments though, like Conner at the funeral. I'll try one or two more just to fill time, but I don't expect much.	Abandoned
Unusuals	No	1.0	2008	I like Amber Tamblyn but she seems to get roles on unusual shows. The Unusuals is no exception. It is a one-hour police drama with comedic overtones. Unfortunately only Amber's and Jeremy Renner's characters are interesting enough to watch, barely. The rest are just too off-beat and unpleasant to be acceptable. Add to that the harsh, gritty, not-fun NY attitude of the show, and I say no. The show had its moments and some might like it, but I'll stick to shows with a more relaxed, fun LA attitude.	Abandoned
Valentine	Yes	1.0	2008	I forgot to this try until Oct 19. Unfortunately, I like this one. Also unfortunately, I just read the show has gone into hiatus. The show is a one-hour fantasy romantic comedy. Fantasy in that several Greek gods have come down to earth incognito to help romantically challenged singles in Los Angeles. The romance is obvious but the comedy isn't just the romantic comedy ending. The show also had funny moments. Jaime Murry, one of my favorite actresses and recently of Hustle fame, plays Grace Valentine aka Aphrodite. The rest of the characters are also well played and enjoyable, as was the story. I hope it gets	RECORDED
Worst Week	No	0.5	2008	Well, it lives up to its title. This sitcom is about an awkward clutz nice guy whose pregnant girl friend's parents hate him. The characters were good but the script was so predictable and bad that I couldn't even finish the pilot. I was embarrassed for the writers!	Abandoned
Big Bang Theory	Yes	0.5	2007	Two super nerd guys live across the hall from a beautiful waitress/actress. The problem is the noisy transitions between scenes. I ended up editing most of them out. - Never underestimate the stupidity of Hollywood types. Update - downgraded to Disposable in 2015 or 2016.	RECORDED

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Burn Notice	No	1.0	2007	A burned spy has to look after his own interests in Florida. The client stories are good, but the long story arc of finding out who burn him is poor. In season 2 the long arc is even worse. It accomplishes less than most (Michael never wins and never can win) and the arc can never end or the show has to come up with some other excuse to exist. The client stories are still quite good, maybe even better than season 1. Gave up in season 3	Abandoned
Chuck	Yes	1.0	2007	A tech nerd's brain is "infected" with a mega-CIA database and is inducted into the CIA. Recorded but it does not hold up to repeated viewing.	RECORDED. DISPOSABLE
Primeval	Yes	1.0	2007	I watched a middle episode of season 3 and immediately ordered the season 1-2 DVD set. Then I recorded the marathon of the rest of season 3. Good characters, fun stories, excellent CGI and well acted. The show is an hour-long scifi drama. Some kind of interface opens to other times (mostly the past) and creatures come through to terrorize or entertain the UK. The good guys try to figure it all out and send them back. -- Season 1 = Wow. Season 2 was great, almost all grade A episodes. But season 3 was not so good. They eliminated the two best characters, the older intellectuals and replaced them with a cop and college post grad. It would be like having Dr Who without the Doctor. There are still good moments and the post grad could become interesting, but the format was changed to jerky, close-up action which makes it hard to look at. Also, the science was pushed beyond belief - it is hard to suspend disbelief. I think they are aiming for a younger audience. In any case, the combined season 1-2 package is worth buying. -- Season 4 = Excellent story & characters. Worst photography in history.	RECORDED
Eureka	Yes	1.0	2006	An "ordinary" sheriff "assists" work in a hidden town of super scientists.	RECORDED
AFHV	YES	1.0	2005	Reality	Abandoned
Bones	OK	1.0	2005	Crime Drama	Abandoned
Charmed	YES	1.0	2005	Fantasy about 3 young sister witches. Often bogged down in melodrama.	RECORDED
Close to Home	No		2005		Abandoned
Commander & Chief	YES	1.0	2005	Drama	DISPOSABLE
Criminal Minds	No	1.0	2005	Drama	Abandoned
Desperate Housewives	YES	1.0	2005	Drama	Abandoned
Doctor Who 2005	YES	1.0	2005	This reboot of the venerable old SciFi series is even better the original. It is now in 1h episodes too, instead of serialized half hours. - The best way to describe it is Doctor Who On Steroids. It's not that the actors are all beefed up or sexed out. It's that they are always hurrying around and yelling. Reminds me of the movies "True Lies" or "Empire Strikes" back compressed into a one hour show. I just wish the BBC didn't play the music so loud when the people are trying to talk. I miss too much of the dialog which I suspect is interesting.	RECORDED
E-Ring	OK	1.0	2005	Drama	Abandoned
Everybody Hates Chris	No	0.5	2005	Sitcom	Abandoned
Ghost Whisperer	undecided	1.0	2005	SciFi	Abandoned
Gilmore Girls	YES	1.0	2005	Light drama with serious moments about a freespirted single mom, her daughter and the other people in the small town around them..	RECORDED
Grey's Anatomy	Yes	1.0	2005	Medical drama	Abandoned
Head Cases	No	1.0	2005	Drama	Abandoned
House	OK	1.0	2005	Medical drama	Abandoned
How I Met Your Mother	OK	0.5	2005	Sitcom. It was good for a few years before I abandoned it. I did return at the end to watch the series finale.	DISPOSABLE
Inconcievable	No	1.0	2005	Drama	Abandoned
Invasion	undecided	1.0	2005	SciFi	Abandoned
Just Legal	No	1.0	2005	Drama	Abandoned
Killer Instinct	No	1.0	2005	Drama	Abandoned
Kitchen Confidential	No	0.5	2005	Sitcom	Abandoned
Love, Inc	No	0.5	2005	Sitcom	Abandoned

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My Name Is Earl	No	0.5	2005	Sitcom	Abandoned
Night Stalker	No	1.0	2005	Drama	Abandoned
Out of Practice	OK	0.5	2005	Sitcom	Abandoned
Reunion	No	1.0	2005	Reality	Abandoned
SG-1	Yes	1.0	2005	SciFi	PURCHASED
SG-A	Yes	1.0	2005	SciFi	RECORDED
Supernatural	No	1.0	2005	SciFi	Abandoned
Surface	OK	1.0	2005	SciFi	Abandoned
Three Wishes	No	1.0	2005	Reality	Abandoned
Threshold	OK	1.0	2005	SciFi. I watched my edited recordings in which boring dream and flashback sections, and gory sections were deleted. I had recorded most of the episodes and the result was very, very enjoyable. I looked forward to each episode. I'm glad they added a brief series conclusion to the last episode.	RECORDED
Twins	No	0.5	2005	Sitcom	Abandoned
Two & 1/2 Men	Yes	0.5	2005	Sitcom	RECORDED
War at Home	No	0.5	2005	Sitcom	Abandoned
West Wing	Yes	1.0	2005	Political drama about the president and his people.	DISPOSABLE
A.U.S.A.	optional		2003	A half hour sitcom about a young Assistant US Attorney and his colleagues, opponents and friends. Despite the toilet humor, which is not funny (they should drop it as fast as they can), and incompetent characters, who are also not funny, I actually laughed quite a bit in the pilot. I don't think the show will keep me entertained very long but I will try it as long as it is easy to get at.	Abandoned
A.U.S.A. (revisited)	No		2003	All right, I give in. The second episode of this show was so lame, I shut it off after less than 10 minutes. There's no way I am going to watch or recommend it.	Abandoned
Abby	No		2003	A pretty lame sitcom that is supposed to be about a young woman small TV show producer. But it was actually about her interactions with her live-in ex-boyfriend who is so egotistical, self centered and obnoxious that I couldn't stand to watch him.	Abandoned
Alias (revisited)	No		2003	Maybe this should be a review of the New Alias since they destroyed the HQ of the bad guys in January and revamped the structure of the show. Unfortunately, they made it worse. It is even more like a soap opera and it follows the villains more than the good guys now. In fact, even the CIA people are villains now. I gave up for sure last night 10 minutes into last Sunday's installment. To think I read in the paper that the network thinks they improved the show and they plan to promote it even more.	Abandoned
Black Sash	No		2003	Oh the tragedy of it all. That is the theme of the show. Here we have an ex-cop, framed for drug dealing and estranged from his family, who now runs a martial arts school. A school filled with teens, all of whom seem to also have tragic backgrounds. Apparently he or they will catch crooks for the bounty but I don't know for sure because I didn't get that far. It was a real downer all around.	Abandoned
Jamie Kennedy Experiment	NO		2003	A half hour show where Jamie sets up people in the real world to handle unpleasant situations, sort of Candid Camera style. It is very cruel and should not be called humor.	Abandoned
Lone Ranger (TVM pilot)			2003	The Lone Ranger, Tonto and his sexy sister discover themselves in their teen years to modern music. I guess they had to start somewhere. This was a TV movie and possibly a pilot for a series. If it becomes a series it looks like there will be more teen angst in the old west than good deeds. I doubt I will be interested but one never knows until it happens.	Abandoned
Lost At Home	maybe		2003	The premise of this half hour dad driven family sitcom is far from original. But the execution is pretty good. Dad has worked so many hours he has "lost" his family. Only his wife threatening divorce brings him home. The show has a serious undercurrent that is not overplayed and there was no yelling in the pilot. The laughs were not large but the potential is good and the show stars Connie Bratton. It is worth trying.	Abandoned
Miracles	No		2003	A one hour drama, with a small SciFi/Fantasy core. smothered in doom and gloom, that didn't even have a good ending. It is about a team of specialists who are called in to help investigate strange happenings in a world apparently coming to an unhappy end. I didn't like any of the regular characters. The only character I liked in episode 2 was played by guest star Ann Cusack, a fabulous actress.	Abandoned



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Mister Sterling (canceled)	Yes		2003	A one-hour drama about a young man just appointed to the US Senate. Part of the West Wing genre, this show was similar but not as good. It was certainly good enough to give quite a few more tries though. Long-term success will depend on the scripts more than the actors.	Abandoned
My Big Fat Greek Life	undecided		2003	The first episode of this was terrible. I never got a chance to see the movie and it really made me wonder what people saw in the movie. But the second episode was better and I will watch as long as it is convenient to record, but only once. The show is a half hour sitcom about the adult daughter of an extended Greek family who married a non-Greek. One of the good things about the show is the people are adults, not teens.	Abandoned
My Big Fat Greek Life	No		2003	(revisited) After several episodes, I gave up. This is way to mundane, it isn't funny and a lot of its so called humor is based on prejudices and lies.	Abandoned
On The Spot	No		2003	A half hour improv sitcom. It is either amazingly bad or amazingly good. In either case it is incredibly unbelievable. The show is a bad sitcom which we see performed live. But the script is incomplete. Suggestions from the audience and other places require the actors to make stuff up on the run to complete the story. The first show had Tim Conway as a guest. He is so good at this kind of thing that it worked. I quit half way through the second episode despite Robert Wagner	Abandoned
Queens Supreme	No		2003	A one-hour drama done with dark comic overtones about a strange judge. If you can take the scripts, it might actually be interesting. The characters are pretty well done, but the pilot was decidedly unpleasant. I'm not going to give it	Abandoned
Roar	No		2003	De-j-vu. Our newspaper implied that this was new but I'm sure I've seen it before. I didn't like it then either. It is an hour period drama set in 400 or 500 AD England. The bad guys (Roman sympathizers) won everything in the pilot except me. I shut it off after half an hour and didn't even bother to check the copyright date.	Abandoned
Tremors	optional		2003	While this hour SciFi show has plenty of drool humor, it lacks plot and, more importantly, strong characters. The characters are one dimensional. I watched episode 2 on the same night I watched an Andromeda episode. Tremors had a better story, but the characters have a lot more potential in Andromeda. Still, Tremors was cute, and I will probably watch it when it is convenient, but only once and only until I get bored.	Abandoned
Veritas: The Quest	maybe		2003	I tend to like these one hour pseudo-archeological light adventure dramas. This one is not up to Indiana Jones level by any means and isn't even as good as Relic Hunter, but I will try it for a while. I skipped episodes 1 and 2 because every critic I read said it was about an obnoxious teen and I am very tired of them. In episode 3, the teen wasn't even close to being obnoxious. He was barely annoying and contributed quite a bit to the story. The show just didn't have that good of a story and wasn't that well produced. The network should have just bought Relic Hunter for prime time 3 years ago.	Abandoned
Wanda At Large	no		2003	A half hour sitcom about an outspoken Whoopie Goldberg type character who gets a job as a reporter at a stodgy TV station. It's bleep good for this bleep style show and there are a lot of intentional literal bleeps. But the humor is harsh and it wasn't my kind of thing.	Abandoned
8 Simple Rules For Dating My Teenage Daughter	No		2002	A half hour family sitcom about the animosity and love between two nasty, smart ass, conniving teen girls and their mundane, annoying dad. He tries to get along with and raise them while they try to get away with everything and survive high school and their hormones. The jokes were mostly put-downs and yelling except for a few with the teen son and mom. The sensitivity underneath is not enough to carry it.	Abandoned
Adventure Inc.	No		2002	This is the worst hour long action show in the Indiana Jones genre that I have seen in a long time. Flat acting, lousy story, bad directing and editing and boring special effects.	Abandoned
Alias (revisited)	record for later		2002	I like most of the characters in the show, I like the Bond like action portions and I can tolerate the rest even though they are full of themselves. But Alias is the most difficult show to watch on TV. Will it be there this week, or will the network delay it or the local affiliate preempt it? It would be easier if they had numbers for titles so we track the episodes. After December I discovered I had missed episode 10 some way and after that much time off, I gave up and am just recording them to watch later - if I get them all.	Abandoned

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American Dreams	optional		2002	An hour long family drama set in the early to mid 60s. It looks like it's going to be about the family problems that develop as issues of the era occur. Unfortunately, problems and issues are not enough without something outstanding. While the pilot was OK, it was not outstanding. The much flaunted soundtrack for the show turned out to be mostly soft rock and Motown. I like a bit more edge to my music but that didn't develop until the later 60s. I might watch it until I get bored, as long as it is easy to find and record.	Abandoned
American Dreams (revisited)	yes		2002	After three of these I've decided I do want to watch them, although I might only watch them once. So far it has been about the development of the characters as the events of the 60s unfold, and it has been non-threatening and enjoyable. That's nice for a change. Its fictional time start is November 1963 in case you are curious.	Abandoned
American Embassy	probably		2002	This one hour drama follows the emotional ups and downs of a late twenties American woman who left her cheating fiancee and became a vice-counsel at the embassy in London. It is a bit much at times but is a solid emotion releasing one or two tissue drama. I watched two episodes, liked them, and plan to watch	Abandoned
Andy Richter Controls The Universe	No		2002	Andy is a looser writer who has amazing fantasies on screen about alternate possibilities for his life before we see the real one. Many of the fantasies were interesting but I kept getting frustrated and zipped ahead. I don't think I like the characters - good music though.	Abandoned
As If	NO		2002	Bad photography could not compensate for a lack of script and unpleasant characters in this sitcom, apparently about 6 twenty somethings with one emphasized each week.	Abandoned
Baby Bob	Maybe		2002	I don't know how they will keep this up, but the pilot was funny. Two parents have a 6 month old son who talks like a construction worker adult and they don't want anyone to know. It is very well acted and produced and has great writing, especially for the kid.	Abandoned
Birds Of Prey	Maybe, once only		2002	This is an hour long fantasy drama about 3 young women crime fighters in New Gotham city. That's right, it is comic book and Batman derived. The pilot cut off 10 minutes before the end and once again I didn't care. It was interesting but I suspect the series will get old fast, especially if they fight The Joker all the time. In the mean time, it should be fun for a while.	Abandoned
Boomtown	Not a chance in hell.		2002	An hour long really serious cop show drama. Despite the unusual and interesting method of telling the story from many overlapping viewpoints, the story and people were still very depressing. There are plenty of better things to do than watch a depressing TV show.	Abandoned
Bram and Alice	maybe		2002	It is too soon to tell if this half hour sitcom is worth watching. The pilot had a lot of arguing and misunderstanding but also had some LOL punch lines and a little heart. It deals with a pert, young cute daughter who shows up at her obnoxious, has-been writer dad's place. Up until that day, neither knew the other existed. Now they are living together, mostly because of misunderstandings.	Abandoned
Cedric The Entertainer Presents	No		2002	A half hour variety show composed of various short skits hosted and starring Cedric. Cedric is obviously very talented and I actually enjoyed him, but I didn't like any of the skits.	Abandoned
Combat Missions	NO		2002	Pseudo combat type missions with pseudo military teams. In the entire hour there was only 14 minutes of edited actual mission. The rest was talk. There was no strategy description during the missions, only a count of the number dead.	Abandoned
Court, The	Yes		2002	A one hour drama about the Supreme Court which centers on a new white female justice played by Sally Field. It was very well done and interesting although not quite West Wing quality. I intend to try it for quite a while. (BTW, the yearbook photo of Field looked like the actual photo from her Birmingham	Abandoned
Do Over	Maybe, once only		2002	A half hour sitcom about a 14 year old boy who is actually his 34 year old self transplanted from the future. He gets to try to fix things that went wrong the first time. The pilot had some good funny moments. But it was often hard to suspend my disbelief about the trouble he got into and that he didn't get into more trouble. I think they will have to keep the pace fast or it won't work. We'll see.	Abandoned
Do Over (revisited)	No		2002	This is just about a teen and his problems in life. Even though he is trying to change the future, he still encounters the same teen problems. I turned it off in the middle of the last episode I tried to watch.	Abandoned

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Everwood	optional, once only		2002	This one hour light family drama can't be too great, my tape cut off the last 6 minutes of the pilot and I didn't care! The big problem is I am really tired of angry, sarcastic, mean teen guys. When those characters are present, they tend to drive the story line and everything else suffers. A smaller problem with the show was lack of depth but it did spark enough interest for me to give it a few more tries. I can always FFWD through the bits I don't want to watch. The most outstanding performance was Amy, played by Emily VanCamp who had a part last year in "Glory Days."	Abandoned
Everwood (revisited)	yes		2002	This show got a lot better, almost in spite of the moody kids. I watched episode 3 after episode 1 and liked it so much I went back and watched episode 2. I still use FFWD on predictable bits, mainly dealing with the kids, but not much.	Abandoned
Family Affair	Maybe, once only	0.5	2002	This lightweight one hour dramatic family comedy is about the butler of a rich single guy taking in his brother's three orphans. While not a great comedy or drama, the pilot was enjoyable gentle TV. The characters need strengthening and depth. How long I watch will depend on which way the story lines go and whether the characters develop. - The first regular episode was quite mundane with very few laughs.	Abandoned
Family Affair (revisited)	Maybe, once only		2002	Oops, this is a half hour sitcom. Only the pilot was an hour. The first regular episode was quite mundane with very few laughs.	Abandoned
Fastlane	Unlikely		2002	This is a simplistic hour long action cop show. The action is fun and the show might end up a guilty pleasure but I doubt it. It is way to violent in a nasty way, the two male lead characters are uninteresting and the photography is annoying. You can tell things are bad when the best character was a temporary villain - this time Cassidy played by Jennifer Sky.	Abandoned
Firefly	optional		2002	A one hour SciFi/western drama full of dark, moody characters and set in a nasty society. They are criminals/rebels who fly a small cargo ship on the fringes of the Empire looking for work. There weren't any likable characters in the pilot and I wouldn't have given it a second look if it weren't SciFi. I still probably won't watch it. It is very much a Whedon product. If you decide to watch it, remember, you can't trust Whedon. Once fans decide they like something or someone, he won't hesitate to remove it, change it, or kill them off.	RECORDED
Firefly (revisited)	yes		2002	The characters are slowly starting to have some personality. The stories are still a little rough but they are OK. The production is certainly up to Whedon's excellent standards. I'll watch it for a while. Later - I watched my edited recordings and it was very good! My editing was for content I didn't like as opposed to boredom, which the show never was. The show was and still is very sophisticated but it isn't easy or comfortable to watch. It can go from happy fun to unpleasant cruelty in the split second of the scene change. Those problems combined with the improper broadcast order probably helped do it in.	RECORDED
girls club	no		2002	An hour long drama about three new young women attorneys trying to make a go of it in a large law firm full of mean, sexist, backstabbing bosses and colleagues. Even if they make it, why would they want to work there. The only reason I could figure is so they can take over and fire everyone else as revenge. I couldn't stand the show long enough to complete the first act.	Abandoned
Glory Days	maybe		2002	A mystery suspense hour, with mild horror overtones, in the island town of Glory. The show was reasonable but there was something lacking, maybe polish, that made me almost loose interest intermittently. Anyway, it's worth a try.	Abandoned
Greetings From Tucson	No		2002	A half hour family sitcom about an extended family that recently moved from a lower rent area to a higher rent area - two teens, two parents, grandma, an uncle, a nephew, neighbors and employees. There were a decent number of laughs at the start and it's not half bad if you like that kind of thing. I'm just not interested in watching a pair of teens and parents try to con each other. It really isn't funny.	Abandoned
Greg The Bunny	No		2002	This sitcom with a mix of humans and acerbic puppets living together was so bad it is appropriate to review it on April fools day.	Abandoned
Half and Half	No		2002	A half hour about two half sisters who move into apartments in the same building, which happens to be owned by their dad. One is wealthy and cloying, the other is middle class and annoying and they do not like each other. I suppose their getting to like each other is what the show will be about. In the mean time, throw in two nasty moms and an unpleasant and ineffective dad and you get the typical mean humored sitcom.	Abandoned

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Hidden Hills	No		2002	A half hour sitcom about a sex starved suburban dad who seems to spend all his time on family activities and fantasizing about sex, especially with the porn mom who lives nearby and is the assistant coach to the little league team he coaches. His mundane life does not interest me, the sex will never take place, and the show wasn't funny. Although I liked some of the characters, there isn't much point in watching the show.	Abandoned
Imagine That	No		2002	A sitcom about a guy with marriage trouble who, in the office, apparently writes comedy sketches for a living. Not really a bad show, just boring. I kept walking away.	Abandoned
John Doe	Yes		2002	A mystery within a mystery. This appears to be an hour long detective show with a SciFi bent. Doe just "woke up" and doesn't know who he is or his past. He sees the world in black and white, except for important bits, and he has an encyclopedic memory of facts about everything. In addition he has powerful analytical skills so he can use the knowledge practically to earn money or become proficient at physical tasks. He uses his skills to help the police and maybe figure out who he is. The show was filmed, directed and edited with movie level quality. There were no dull moments in the pilot and I don't even	Abandoned
John Doe (revisited)	unlikely		2002	I intend to try this again after baseball is over (if it returns) but doubt I will watch it. The show has gone down hill so fast they should have nose bleeds. It degenerated into an unpleasant crime drama by the 3rd episode.	Abandoned
Less Than Perfect	very unlikely		2002	An appropriate title for something that needs a lot of work. A half hour office sitcom about the war between the new competent plain-Jane secretary from the office supplies 4th floor now working for the incompetent executive newsroom types on the 22nd floor. ALL the jokes were about the "war" and almost none were funny. Best part of the show was seeing Andrea Parker again. I do plan to try it again but don't hold out much hope.	Abandoned
Less Than Perfect (revisited)	No		2002	I got this one right the first time. I don't like it. The characters are mean and insensitive and hurt each other intentionally and accidentally. It is well produced and written though in case you like this kind of thing.	Abandoned
Life With Bonnie	Maybe		2002	This hectic half hour sitcom stars the exuberant Bonnie Hunt. It is split between her home with an odd nanny and her work as the host of a free wheeling talk show. Both are unstructured and running late. The home scenes were mundane but the work scenes were great and funny. This show is certainly worth looking at for a while.	Abandoned
Lord of the Rings (1): Fellowship of the Ring	Yes		2002	I don't normally review movies but this one seemed important. The bad news is they emphasized action over the adventure of the journey. The books were more adventure than action. The good news is they did just about everything else right. It was critical to me that they get the Hobbits right, and I think they are perfect. In fact, except for the action, I cannot think of anything wrong with the movie.	PURCHASED
MDS	maybe		2002	An hour long hospital medical and life drama with a Strong comic component. This hospital is not a great place, with money, HBO and management problems. The doctors struggle to help the patients despite the problems, often using rather unorthodox methods. I like this show better than Presidion Med. Life can be a bitch, as are the serious parts of this show, so laughter is great whenever it can be found. I laughed out loud several times. I think the contrast of the comedy against the serious medical problems makes the jokes even funnier. - I think it was the third or fourth episode that was almost totally depressing. The following episode was a continuation of the stories and had more humor but it wasn't	Abandoned
Monk	Yes, maybe once only		2002	Monk is an hour long detective show about an neurotic ex-cop who can't stop cleaning and straightening things and is afraid of just about everything. But he is Smart and, with the help of his assistant, he solves almost everything. Most of the time the show is a true mystery. Even when it isn't it is pretty interesting to watch. Skipping the teaser helps. - Still a very enjoyable show, but it is not always a true mystery. Instead, it is Colombo like with Monk trying to prove the person we know is guilty did it. It helps to skip the teaser if you can.	DISPOSABLE

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Presidio Med	optional		2002	An hour long serialized medical drama set in a clinic/hospital. The medical cases appear pretty realistic, which can be bad if they happen to hit something you are currently dealing with. They certainly hit a bunch from my life. The production quality is high and the characters are good. Five of seven stars are women, which makes it above average in quality. The show is pretty serious although not so far as to be unpleasant and it is semi-serialized with multi-episode overlapping story lines. Those two will probably keep me from watching it. - This is a very well done show but it is also very serious and quite depressing at times. The characters are great but there is just not enough comic relief balance the stress.	Abandoned
Push, Nevada	No		2002	A serialized moody hour long mystery drama about an apparently wimpy IRS agent and the crooks he is investigating. (Why would I want to watch either of those?) The show is well done and there could be quite a bit of character development and meat to the story, but I found the first episode relatively boring. You can also try to solve the mystery yourself and win a bunch of money via the internet too - yeah, right.	Abandoned
Still Standing	unlikely		2002	A half hour family sitcom centering mostly on the parents in the pilot. Pretty routine but a few enjoyable laughs and no yelling or animosity make it better than some shows. I do plan to try it again but, unless it gets some spark, it won't will make it onto my roster.	Abandoned
That 80s Show	No		2002	What an odd show. So odd I had to watch two to be sure I didn't want to watch it. It's easy to see how this sitcom is set up like That 70s Show, but this one doesn't work.	Abandoned
That Was Then	no		2002	This show got canceled before I had a chance to try even one episode. Canceling it was the right decision. It was an hour long melodrama about a guy who goes back in forth between his 16 and 36 year old bodies trying to fix the past and then seeing the results. It didn't work, which makes sense when you realize that most people won't listen to unsolicited advice so it would be really difficult to change their actions.	Abandoned
Watching Ellie	probably not		2002	A very unusual sitcom that follows the lead character for 22 real time chaotic minutes. There's even a count down clock. The pilot started good but became kind of crude as it went along. In addition all the potential story lines the episode posed could not be followed because of the time restriction. Sadly, the funniest bit was when the clock ran out 1 second before the last note of the song she was singing. I'm going to try it again though. -I don't recall how far I got in the second episode before I was grossed out and zipped to the end but it wasn't far. I don't plan on watching any more!	Abandoned
What I Like About You	Yes		2002	A half hour sitcom about a 16 year old girl who moves in with her older working sister. I haven't laughed so hard in a long time. It has excellent physical and verbal comedy reminiscent of Dick Van Dyke. The characters and situation were enjoyable and the show has a heart on top of it all. Very good. - Three episodes in and this show is a totally routine show about a teen and the problems she generates for her guardian sister. Hardly a laugh to be seen. You might enjoy it if you like the characters, who are not bad, but I don't plan to watch it.	Abandoned
24.0	No		2001	I checked out 24 because there has been a lot of hype. The head of an antiterrorist agency has to stop a senator from being assassinated, find his runaway (now kidnapped) daughter and find the mole in his department. If that isn't enough, there are several other intriguing subplots. It is tight - good photography, good directing, good timing, good acting. That's the good news. The bad is it is the ultimate in serialized open ended programming with 24 episodes, each one hour of real time activity and no conclusion until the last show, at least I presume they will conclude it then. It also has nothing but unpleasant and even bad people and situations. This is the kind of show I actively avoid so I can miss the struggle to see it all and the unpleasantness.	Abandoned
According to Jim	Yes		2001	Jim's a pretty cool guy. He is a bit overweight and likes to relax but he also likes life and handles his pre-school kids quite well despite slightly unorthodox ways. Even if he pretends to be gruff once and a while, he's actually a softie. I like him, his kids and his wife, played by one of my favorites - Courtney Thorne-Smith. This is a family sitcom and, not only is it nice, it's funny. The characters didn't yell at each other, even when they were having an argument and no one was nasty to someone else on purpose. The show is friendly, delightful and it makes me smile.	DISPOSABLE

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Adventures of Jules Vern	Probably not		2001	A new offering of 1900's adventure/SciFi from the SciFi channel. The pilot was terrible. The most interesting character was the villain played by Tracy Scoggins (spelling?). I might try one more episode.	Abandoned
Agency, The	Optional		2001	This is a drama about agents in the CIA and their cases. It is an example of grade A- production and grade C+ plot. It's long term quality will depend on what they do with the characters and plots. Right now it is on the borderline and I might watch it if it is convenient. But if the characters get too depressed or the stories get too gruesome, I will not watch it.	Abandoned
Agency, The (revisited)	No		2001	The show is still well done, but there isn't any fun in it. Without some other meaningful quality, I'm not interested.	Abandoned
Alias	Probably		2001	This was hard to evaluate because the pilot was more like a movie than a TV show, especially at 70 min with no ads. The pilot was pretty much a pure spy drama but it did have enough 007 like action to make it fun. It also had enough emotional and gory baggage that I fast forwarded through short portions. But it was tightly directed and edited and the characters were very believable and, for the most part, enjoyable. I suspect this will be one of the shows I look forward to watching but it depends on how extreme they decide to go.	Abandoned
Alias (revisited)	Yes for now		2001	The silly fools serialized this show! Not only that, they serialized it the old fashioned way, like the old Batman shows. Fortunately, it is a lot better than Batman, a hell of a lot better, so I am going to keep watching it. The middle of the shows is slow, character and situation development. Near the end they start an action spy caper and at some point where things are kind of mysterious (as opposed to life threatening) the episode ends. Next week the mystery is quickly resolved. Fortunately, we have VCRs now and we can outwit them. I for one intend to record a couple of weeks worth and stop the broadcast after the resolution of the mystery instead of in the middle. Should be fun if nothing else. - I've read this James Bond like spy show is having ratings problems. That's too bad because it will probably be canceled. The show does take itself to seriously at times, but it is the only show available with this kind of action along with reasonable depth. It took a while to grow on me but it really deserves to be continued.	Abandoned
Andromeda (season 2)	yes, once only		2001	The small crew of this large space ship are out to rebuild a commonwealth. They are also the main thing worth watching in Andromeda. If those characters weren't so interesting the show would not be worth watching because the story telling is a bit slow and crude. Unfortunately Andromeda must not be popular in Sacramento because it is hard to find. Even when it is found, it is often pre-empted by sports or news or cartoons! One early morning the station actually went off the air when the show was scheduled to be shown.	DISPOSABLE
Andromeda.	C+		2001	I've upgraded this. The later shows have been better and I am watching the repeats.	DISPOSABLE
Angel (season 2)	C-		2001	This is so bad I've almost stopped watching it. It was fun last season, but that's all gone now.	Abandoned
Buffy the Vampire Slayer (season 6)	No		2001	What can I say about our favorite vampire slayer - they should have quit while they were ahead. The season premier was delayed 10 minutes here so I missed the end and sadly it didn't make any difference to me or the story. I intend to watch the Halloween show and the musical but other than that, it is not on my list anymore.	Abandoned
Charmed (season 4)	Yes		2001	There is a new sister in the trio of charmed witches who fight evil each week not to mention the constant worry about the anonymous source of all evil. It is still fun to watch. In fact it might even get better now that Paige has finally been accepted by Phoebe and Piper so they can get on with business.	RECORDED

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Chronicle	Maybe		2001	Weird. A young reporter takes the only job he can get - with a tabloid that reports on monsters and aliens - only to find they are real. With comic overtones this might, and I repeat might, be fun. The show had some continuity problems and at the end the characters took on a save the world role instead of being reporters. The second episode was better assembled. Weird	Abandoned
Citizen Baines	No		2001	This is a depressing, adult, serialized drama about a long term senator who has lost the election and has returned home. It is also about his family, all of who seem to be depressed about major problems in their lives. The show was quite well done and had many excellent and enjoyable moments, but why would I want to watch a bunch of unhappy people every week.	Abandoned
Cleopatra 2525	Yes		2001	The second season has been great. Unfortunately, I've read the show is in hiatus. Apparently the show's companion half hour has been totally canceled dragging this one down too.	PRUCHASED
Crossing Jordan	Maybe		2001	You'd better not cross Jordan or she might hurt you. Jordan is a medical examiner with a temper so bad she has lost 5 jobs in 4 years. But she is smart and very good at solving crimes even though that is not her job. I will watch this show as long as the crimes are mysteries and the show follows Jordan. When it gets too nasty or follows the criminal, I'll stop.	Abandoned
Crossing Jordan (revisited)	Yes		2001	Since the pilot, Crossing Jordan has calmed down a bit and gotten quite a bit better. Jordan still has an attitude and the shows are still mysteries - both good things. The scenes where she acts out the crimes with her dad can be a bit rough on the sensitivities but are acceptable. I look forward to this show.	Abandoned
Danny	OK		2001	Danny is a laid back happy kind of guy who is good with kids but not so good with responsibility. Still, he got a large neighborhood recreation center built which he now manages so he can't wholly be irresponsible. There were a lot of nice people in the show and, though it didn't have any big laughs, it made me smile. So, I'm going to try it for a while. - The second episode of Danny was a real dud - poor content, poorly handled and not funny. I usually give a show like this three episodes before making a final decision but I read it has already been canceled. I guess someone agreed with my second assessment.	Abandoned
Dark Angel (season 2)	Undecided		2001	Dark Angel is a genetically altered "bionic woman" in a dark ravaged near future. She's an angel out to save the world, sort of. Unfortunately, she can't save the world or there will be no show. So even if she wins an episode or partly wins one, the stalemate between the bad establishment and her group continues forever. It gets tiresome. Later - I watched my recordings and the show did not fare that well. It was edited for gore, flashbacks, and boredom. Season 2 was more fun than season 1 but, in both, many of the episodes were still not interesting. The series did have a full concluding episode but it was not entirely satisfactory. I will try the resulting smaller episode set in 5 or 6 years.	RECORDED
Dead Last	No		2001	Members of an argumentative three person young band (a young guy, a funky guy and a bouncy girl) find an amulet that lets them see ghosts. They have to help the ghosts so the ghosts can finally leave. The show has it moments but is overall, it's boring.	Abandoned
Dharma and Greg (season 5)	Yes, once only		2001	I no longer archive every episode of Dharma and Greg (the hippie and lawyer couple sitcom) but I do keep a few of the good ones. The show is still quite watchable but there is often a mean streak in the humor. Why was Dharma put in a wheel chair comes to mind?	RECORDED
Division	Maybe		2001	A cop show about a division of 5 female detectives from Lifetime. I don't trust cop shows because they all seem to eventually become vulgar one way or another. But this one is by Debora Joy LeVine and one of the stars is Tracy Needham. The pilot was very well done.	Abandoned
Earth Final Conflict (season 5)	No		2001	Earth Final Conflict is virtually a totally new show. There is only one character left from the first season, a villain at that, and two protagonists from last season and those two are being treated differently. All the aliens are different as is the situation and the war. It just isn't interesting. The only good thing about it is Renee looks great with her new wardrobe and hair style.	DISPOSABLE
Ed	Maybe		2001	This show has turned out to be a real sleeper - it literally puts me to sleep!!!	Abandoned

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Ed (season 2)	Probably not		2001	Ed is a meaningless show about the quirky people in a small town. Unfortunately it tends to be boring or annoying and, most likely, I will quit watching it. I already fast forward through many scenes with characters I don't like. Since they added the nasty principal to the school, I skip even more scenes than last year. For now the show is fill for when I have nothing else recorded to watch and don't feel like choosing a movie.	Abandoned
Education of Max Bickford	Yes		2001	I don't know how long I will watch it but I am going to give it a good try. The characters are weird and Max has more problems than you can count. But the show is otherwise intelligent. Max is a ~55 year old college professor who, despite his problems, decides to try to improve his department and life instead of giving up and resigning. Two fringe benefits, his daughter sings very well and there are no high schoolers.	DISPOSABLE
Education of Max Bickford (revisited) canceled	Yes		2001	This has turned into an intelligent, light and enjoyable drama. The university professors and students, while still odd beyond reality, have turned into real people and the stories are good. I like it.	DISPOSABLE
Ellen	No		2001	Dumb characters, dumb script. This time out, Ellen is an out of work successful business woman from Calif. who returns to her small home town where the people and antics are stereotyped and NOT funny.	Abandoned
Enterprise	Yes		2001	The pilot was a decent start for this latest voyage in the Star fleet universe. They also did an adequate job of going back in time to Star fleet's first deep space ship and voyage without loosing too much of the technology needed to make in interesting. The episode itself was a little tepid with no major moments of tension, no great emotional content and no outstanding characters like Seven or Kirk. But only Voyager started its run with a grade A episode. The rest were B- or lower. I think this is going to be interesting.	RECORDED
Enterprise (revisited)	Archive		2001	Star Trek as Roddenberry would have liked it to be over 30 years ago. I've kept all but one of the episodes broadcast so far on tape for future viewing and that one was a close call. Most of the individual episodes have been in the B category but the series is grade A.	RECORDED
Farscape (season 2?)	Once only		2001	Way to far out. I still watch it but only just barely.	Abandoned
Gilmore Girls (season 2)	Yes		2001	The strange mother and daughter Gilmore team is exactly the same as last year and that is good. Most of the first few episodes this season were spent wasting time on the mother's possible marriage, which apparently fell through (fortunately). But their visit to Harvard after the breakup was excellent. I expect the show to be about the same quality as last year.	RECORDED
Guardian	No		2001	Quick, what's the difference between a lawyer show and a cop show - the victims are still alive and hurting in a lawyer show. A young nasty corporation lawyer is sentenced to 1500 hours community service representing kids in protective services. He pretends to not like it but actually he does and does a good job. The show is very well done with good redeeming values and emotional content, but people are going to be hurt in every show. I'm not interested in watching that every week.	Abandoned
Inside Schwartz	No		2001	Schwartz, who wants to be a sports announcer, is apparently a loser when it comes to girls. His dating problems are narrated for us by sports people. The only character I liked in the show was his platonic girlfriend. The show had a few funny moments but it was mostly embarrassing and one like-able character out of more than half a dozen is not enough.	Abandoned
Invisible Man	No		2001	I gave up on this one. Apparently it went into repeats and then disappeared. It might come back, but I won't.	Abandoned
JAG (season 7)	Yes		2001	Romance, Mic 'n Mac or Harm 'n Renee. Or should it be Mic 'n Renee and Mac 'n Harm (sounds like a fast food). They need to get over that and get over being so serious about everything and get on with things. Other than that our favorite JAG corps attorneys are still enjoyable to watch.	DISPOSABLE
Kristin	No		2001	A 1/2 hour sitcom about a very moral wannabe actress in NY who gets a job via her minister as the secretary for a lecherous young high profile architect. Most of the characters were just plain mean. Hers has some potential but is not someone I would want to know.	Abandoned



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Lost World (season 3)	unknown		2001	So far our Sacramento station has moved Lost World around and preempted it so much I have only managed to catch one episode this season. In that episode another of the regular characters seems to be gone, but is he really? I'd like to watch this if it can be found.	Abandoned
Maybe It's Me	NO		2001	Here we have a sitcom about a reasonably normal high school teen with an abnormal family. They are so abnormal the teen envisions them as the Munsters in one of her many daydreams. It didn't work and I didn't smile once.	Abandoned
Mutant X	Probably not but maybe for a while		2001	This appears to be a live action clone of the X-men with Xena like action and stunts. The pilot had two major problems. First way, way too much time was spent with the villains - boring. Second there is too much jumpy camera work and "spectacular" fighting with not enough character development on the protagonists. I don't know if the show is serialized or the pilot was just two part. If it is NOT serialized it might be fun if meaningless to watch if for no other reason than to see Victoria Pratt. I recognized her quirky smile from Cleopatra	Abandoned
Mutant X (revisited)	No		2001	I finally saw part 2 of the pilot and I've seen 2 regular episodes. It just isn't interesting basically because they are looking at the wrong aspect of the mutancy. They are concentrating on the tragedy of being a new mutant both from the mutants and their opponents points of view. It seems to me being a new mutant would be fun if not great.	Abandoned
Nero Wolf	Yes		2001	A new rendering of the Nero Wolf mysteries presented by the Arts and Entertainment network. It has a lot of attitude, which I like, and I can't guess who did it, which is very important. It might be a little light and slow or even high-brow for some viewers.	PURCHASED
Night Visions	No		2001	TV's answer to SciFi short stories. I've never been really fond of short stories, even the good ones in books. These are just your typical dark Twilight Zone clone short stories, but more nasty and with less real content.	Abandoned
Nightmare Room	No		2001	Twilight Zone for kids based on R.L Steins's nightmare imagination instead of Rod Serlings weird imagination. As with the books my son loved to have me read to him, it is good but does not meet my needs.	Abandoned
Pasadena	No		2001	Serialized melodrama, also known as primetime soap opera. I don't watch serialized TV (I don't even like two part shows that are a week apart) but decided to take a look anyway. It's good soap opera. Not only are the characters are wealthy, all screwed up and fun to watch but the protagonist is a nice teen who still retains innocence about life and her family. That won't last. I did fast forward through bits and don't intend to watch it, but I have to admit it was pretty well done.	Abandoned
Philly	NO		2001	Another lawyer drama but in this one the lawyers and judges are victims of their own stupidity. Nasty people, unpleasant surroundings, crummy jobs - there's nothing worth watching, no redeeming values and it is not fun in any way. The only thing going for it is - it is sort of addictive to watch the "rats" run around the "maze" and fight with or steal from each other. That's not even close to enough to make it watchable.	Abandoned
Raising Dad	NO!		2001	Dad is an insensitive teacher at the same high school his oversensitive daughter attends. He keeps embarrassing her basically by talking too much. All the so called humor in this show involves dumb characters, stereotyping or someone being embarrassed by someone else. It's worse than not funny, it's mean. I wouldn't laugh at it in real life and I didn't laugh at it here.	Abandoned
Reba	Maybe		2001	For a sitcom about a dysfunctional family, this one was surprisingly funny. The family was certainly dysfunctional. The pilot included counseling for fighting in court about the divorce (that's 2), a teen pregnancy that leads to a teen wedding that almost doesn't come off (that's 4 or 5) and almost constant arguing (that's 5 or 6). It think the reason it managed to be funny is because it is adult and there are some superbly written punch lines that are superbly delivered by Reba. I like to laugh, so I'm going to try this one for a while.	Abandoned
Reba and Maybe It's Me (revisited)	No		2001	Of the three new WB sitcoms on Friday night, "Maybe It's Me" is the best executed but it just isn't adult enough. "Reba" is more adult but is basically a one joke show. It got pretty lame very quickly.	Abandoned
Relic Hunter (season 3)	Yes		2001	Relic Hunter, TV's light weight version of Tomb Raider or Raiders of the Lost Ark, is still a going strong. Lindy Booth as Claudia is no longer with the show which is unfortunate but the interaction of the other characters is still good and I still enjoy watching the show.	DISPOSABLE

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Roswell (season 3)	Yes, once only		2001	At least some of these Roswell teens, alien and human, have graduated from high school - amazing but good. There is a lot of potential here if they can come up with a good story to tell and not waste so much time on teen angst.	PURCHASED
Scrubs	No		2001	A young new doctor, straight from school, works the 30 hr on call shift at a hospital. The show doesn't seem to know if it is a comedy or a drama. As a comedy, many of the characters and jokes are mean or nasty. Combine that with the doctor's weird alternate reality flashes, and things are quite odd. There are good points. For one, the characters don't show it often but they do care about the patients and each other. The show might get better, MASH certainly did and it started very similarly.	Abandoned
Seven Days (season 3?)	Once only		2001	I should stop watching this. Most of the episodes have been pretty bad this season.	Abandoned
Sheena (season 2)	Yes		2001	The second season of Sheena, the female Tarzan, surprised me. It actually got better. They solved the Sheena sex problem very nicely indeed, there is more action and the scripting is better. I actually look forward to watching this show now instead of treating it as interesting fill.	Abandoned
Smallville	Yes	1.0	2001	Superman's life as a 15-16 year old. This show can't be decided from the pilot because the pilot set up the back story. In fact it was in many ways identical to the 1978 movie. I don't hold out much hope for the show though because the pilot was typical, predictable, trivial, melodramatic teenage humiliation and angst with a little bit of superman thrown in. I knew from the time of the meteor strikes that Clark was going to end up the whimp on the cross and how it was going to happen. - I think Smallville is in its 10th season now. The stories have had their highs and lows, but I'm still watching it. I think a lot of the credit goes to the casting department. The actors are each individuals (no confusion as to who is who), they are all very skilled whether evil or good, and very charismatic. My compliments.	RECORDED
Special Unit 2 (season 2)	OK		2001	Special Unit 2 is a semi-clandestine police unit that deals with monsters. The show has its moments but is primarily fill in my viewing stable. Later - I watched my recordings and it was definitely a light weight show with a couple of episodes still not worth repeating. But it is basic grade B fun and I will watch them again.	RECORDED
Stargate SG-1 - as syndicated reruns (season 4)	YES		2001	Actually, this SciFi show about travelers to other worlds using an alien Stargate is so good I should archive it for future viewing but it is too late to start now. There has always been good chemistry between the characters and in this season of syndication it is even better. The male and female leads have been attracted to each other for quite a while but could never do anything about it because of their military status. The writers have figured out several ingenious ways around the problem and it is great. There was also a show with a very alien character that stayed in character all the way through the episode without becoming human. That is quite rare indeed.	PURCHASED
State Of Grace	Yes		2001	This is a winner. A mixture of innocence, drama and comedy in a 1/2 hour format. Reminds me of the best BritComs. It follows a 12 yr old girl from a staid middle class Jewish family in 1965. She is new to town and is befriended by an outgoing rich 12 yr old girl with a messed up family. The characters are delicious and the interactions sublime.	RECORDED
Strong Medicine	Maybe		2001	I found this show by accident via finding an interview with Janine Turner by accident. The show follows the events in a women's medical clinic, staffed mostly by women. There were 4 medical stories and one comedy story in the episode I watched. With this much material, no story has time to become melodramatic which is good. But it also doesn't give the producers time develop a believable positive ending and still make their point. All the endings were negative. Still, it was well done and if you can handle the preaching, it is worth	Abandoned
Strong Medicine (revisited)	No		2001	I've watched three of these now. Strong Medicine is a good title. It could also be called Tragic Medicine. In the about 11 subplots, many had pure and simple tragic endings. While the rest had more positive primary results, they also included major tragic components. It's good drama and well done, but I prefer my entertainment to make me smile if not out right laugh.	Abandoned
That 70's Show (season 4)	Yes, once only		2001	Shouldn't these 70's kids have graduated from High School by now? School is not mentioned at all anymore and I would have expected some of them to go to college even if they still live at home. The show is still watchable but it is not as much fun. In fact the humor is a often mean, a common problem with sitcoms past age 3.	DISPOSABLE

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That's Life	Yes		2001	It's not the best show on TV but I'm still watching it and enjoying it very much and hoping it isn't canceled.	DISPOSABLE
That's Life (season 2)	Yes		2001	Lydia, the brassy New York lead character in That's Life, and her friends and family can be a bit hard to take at times. But I've learned to love them and I look forward to watching them. Lydia is continuing her late college education, which I think is great, and the show has added interesting situations and interesting action for other characters too. It should be a fun ensemble drama if they don't get too serious.	DISPOSABLE
The Education of Max Bickford	Yes		2001	I don't know how long I will watch it but I am going to give it a good try. The characters are weird and Max has more problems than you can count. But the show is otherwise intelligent. Max is a ~55 year old college professor who, despite his problems, decides to try to improve his department and life instead of giving up and resigning. Two fringe benefits, his daughter sings very well and there are no high schoolers.	Abandoned
Thieves	Probably not		2001	This show was disappointing. It is the old story of expert thieves working for the government instead of going to jail. In this case a bickering man and woman who are made for each other. The 1st quarter, introducing the characters and situation, was fun. The 2nd quarter the jumpy camera work started to get old. The 3rd quarter, the bickering and frantic pace became tiring. The last quarter I expected resolution of more than the story - I didn't get it. I doubt I will watch this show for long.	Abandoned
Thieves (revisited)	Yes		2001	Thieves should get an award for it's opening credits. They remind me of the Avengers during the Emma Peel era. Our bickering couple of thieves has calmed down enough since the pilot to be enjoyable. They still occasionally argue too much but the pace and attitude are more laid back. They also still do cat burglar work for the government to keep out of jail but at the same time have a life of their own.	Abandoned
Tick	No		2001	A superhero farce - some might call it a satire but satires are usually subtle. There is no subtlety about the Tick, neither the character (who is apparently a tick) or the show. It also wasn't significantly funny although there were some amazing puns.	Abandoned
Undeclared	No		2001	I only tried this because our local newspaper critic said it was hilarious - it wasn't. It was more like watching a bunch of egotistical college students on their worst days. Not only was it not funny, it was unpleasant. The protagonist is a skinny, nerdy college freshman trying to fit in with dorm and school life. Mean and uncaring are the words that describe most of the characters.	Abandoned
West Wing (season 3)	Yes		2001	While I got a little annoyed with the negativity in the two hour season premier of West Wing, this is still the best drama around. In previous seasons the show did not use many long running themes. In this season the president's campaign for reelection and his MS fight with congress will probably be the main themes and long running themes. I hope they don't drag the show down.	DISPOSABLE
West Wing, The (season 2)	Yes		2001	Best show on TV.	DISPOSABLE
Witchblade	No		2001	Talk about wasted potential. This show is part fantasy but mostly it's a 1 hour camera effects driven drama about a New York cop named Sarah who finds a magic bracelet / gauntlet / sword / suit of armor and uses it in her gritty work.	Abandoned
Wolf Lake	No		2001	It was supposed to be dark and broody, I think, but it was mostly boring. When a cop's girl friend disappears, his search for her takes him to the town of Wolf Lake where it appears all or most of the people are werewolves(?). The pilot didn't really end and the show may be serialized instead of episodic.	Abandoned
Xena (season ?)	No		2001	I flat out gave up on Xena. There is no humor or fun left in it at all.	Abandoned
Andromeda (part 1 of 2)	??		2000	I haven't seen a show this wooden in a long time. I know the actors are capable, so it must be the production team. Andromeda is a space ship. During a battle, it gets trapped in time for 300 years around a black hole. It is then salvaged but the captain of the Andromeda has no intention of giving up control of his ship. We plan to watch at least one more.	DISPOSABLE
Andromeda.	Optional, Once only, No		2000	The first full episode was better than the pilot, but not by much. It would help if Kevin Sorbo could get out of Hercules mode. Since this show is not on during prime time in our area, we probably won't put out the effort to tape and watch it. In any case, Sorbo's self imposed mission is to build a better society.	DISPOSABLE
Andromeda.	C+, Once		2000	This is actually getting better, mainly because of the supporting cast. It's still over the top though.	DISPOSABLE

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Angel (season 2)	Once only		2000	The reformed vampire with a soul is back saving humanity from itself and demons. I like this show, especially Cordellia, and will watch repeats but only selected ones and only if it is convenient.	Abandoned
Angel (season 2)	Once only		2000	Unfortunately, the show has evolved into a dark long term single theme story to the point of being almost serialized. I'm not enjoying it. Fortunately, there is a fast forward button on the remote.	Abandoned
Becker (season 3)	Maybe		2000	Becker seems to have gone just a little too far. Previously our acerbic doctor had a heart beneath his nasty talk and the things he said were funny. Both the heart and the humor are missing.	Abandoned
Bette	Optional		2000	Bette Midler plays an actress apparently based on herself in this sitcom. It was hard to rate. The pilot wasn't particularly funny or dramatic. It was sort of blah frenetic - an odd combination. I'll probably try it again. It's a good show to pair with Welcome To New York.	Abandoned
Bette	No		2000	The grade says it all. The second episode was worse and I didn't finish it.	Abandoned
Buffy the Vampire Slayer (season 5)	Yes		2000	Buffy is still in college and after recognizing her dark side has asked Giles to be her trainer again. By the end of Buffy's high school years, the show was a bit stale. But it recovered with college. Can they keep it fresh the second year of college? Will little sister Dawn help? We'll see.	RECORDED
Buffy the Vampire Slayer (season 5)	Yes		2000	Either I'm losing interest or the writers are losing their grasp. When I realized Buffy's newly returned 14 year old sister was possessed, my thought was, "Damn, I don't want to go through this again."	RECORDED
Buffy the Vampire Slayer (season 5)	Yes		2000	Finally a really good story. The 5th episode was tight and interesting. I only used fast forward to skip watching a long scene with a boring villain that wasn't important anyway.	RECORDED
Charmed (season 3)	Yes		2000	The three charmed sister witches apparently now have to deal with organized demons (crime) and organized bosses (the witch government?). That's not necessarily a good thing since I enjoyed their independence. We'll see.	RECORDED
Charmed (season 3)	Yes		2000	The first few stories dealt mostly with Piper's and Leo's romantic problems and I found them tiring. But the latest episode solved that problem (hopefully!) and the main story was very good.	RECORDED
Cleopatra 2525	Yes		2000	A half hour action show about three women who protect the people in an underground city in 2525 while wearing almost no clothes. No redeeming social value, just plain fun and good characters. The only problem being to many action scenes - if you've seen one, you've seen them all. The theme music derived from the old folk rock song is fun too.	PURCHASED
CSI: Crime Scene Investigation	No		2000	A show supposedly about forensic investigators in Vegas. Investigations are interesting all by themselves and don't really need much to make them work. They certainly don't need a cast of unpleasant characters and BnW flashbacks of violent crimes.	Abandoned
Cursed	No		2000	A sitcom in which the lead character suffers continuous bad luck after being cursed by a woman he dumps after a bad blind date. How's this different from being married? It wasn't funny or interesting.	Abandoned
DAG	No		2000	An ineffective secret service agent is transferred from the president to his obnoxious first lady. The show had a few good moments, but way too few and had many more bad, bad moments.	Abandoned
Dark Angel	Maybe		2000	20 years in the future, technology is kaput and society is quite unfair. Max, a young escaped genetically engineered woman, decides to help right some of the wrongs. The two hour pilot was a bit long even though I fast forwarded through the irrelevant flashbacks of Max's childhood. But it was quite entertaining and I intend to try the series. Maybe it won't get too dark.	RECORDED
Dark Angel	Maybe, once only		2000	The show could have gone two ways after the pilot - a Batman like superhero saving innocents or a Fugitive like loser searching for her past. Superhero would have worked. They didn't go that way and I don't care about her past.	RECORDED
Deadline	No Way		2000	I could tell from the opening scenario, a fast food murder robbery, that this was bad. But, to be fair, I waited to see the main characters. It wasn't worth the wait and I shut it off before the middle. It's apparently about a newspaper staff and especially about one abrasive writer.	Abandoned
Dharma and Greg (season 4)	OK		2000	Fun loving hippy wife and straight laced lawyer husband. The show isn't doing as good this season. It's not as funny or fresh. Still has it's moments.	RECORDED

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Diagnosis Murder (last season)	Optional, Once only		2000	Dick Van Dyke is the only reason left for watching this show. It used to be a fun who did it mystery but now it's a catch the killer we know cop show. It's less than half as good as it was.	DISPOSABLE
Earth, Final Conflict (season 4)	Once only		2000	I frequently wonder why this show about aliens on earth is still on the air. They've alienated many of the fans to the point they won't watch anymore. The story lines are often obvious and the characters seem just plain dumb at times. I guess people watch it for the same reason I do. There is potential and after 3 years I wonder what will happen.	DISPOSABLE
Ed	No?		2000	The fired NY lawyer with a cheating wife returns to his small town home, buys the bowling alley, starts practicing law there and courts the beautiful girl from his high school class. It's a romance and a comedy but didn't really succeed at either. I'll try it one more time.	DISPOSABLE
Ed	Maybe		2000	The vote is still out on this one. The second show was better but still not good enough to warrant a conclusive decision.	DISPOSABLE
Farscape (season 2?)	Once only		2000	The show has disappeared for a while, probably to make new episodes. It's about the adventures of a group of outcasts on a huge living ship called a leviathan. The scripts are a bit off the wall and the performances pretty wild, but it is worth watching.	Abandoned
Freedom	No		2000	I might have given this show a second chance if the show following it had been good, but it was worst. This one is about four ex-military guys who fight for the resistance in a USA that has been taken over by the military. The brutality of the society is portrayed graphically in the show.	Abandoned
Fugitive, The	No		2000	A man falsely convicted of murder on the run from a death sentence. (Why do the police ask him to give himself up? That would be suicide.) It's well produced but the plots are basically, poor pitiful innocent me- week after week after week.	Abandoned
Geena Davis Show	Yes		2000	Geena plays Teddie, a successful businesswoman who moves in with her fiancée, his two kids (6 & 14?) and their house keeper. Although the humor and other characters were a bit forced in places, Geena carried it off beautifully.	RECORDED
Geena Davis Show	Optional, Once only		2000	I can't suspend my disbelief that a character like Teddie would want to live with guy who is that unsupportive. I like Geena's character, but even it has problems, sometimes strong and successful and other times weak or stupid. I watch because it follows Dharma and Greg.	RECORDED
Gilmore Girls	Maybe		2000	A 32 year old hyper, free spirited, coffee addict hotel manager mom, Lorelai, and her calm, studious 16 year old daughter Rory (do the math) are best friends. It was fun despite the grandparents and had an astounding physical comedy routine with the Calamity Jane style chef.	RECORDED
Gilmore Girls	Yes		2000	The third episode with Rory getting to know her grandfather while golfing was grade A. The show is definitely worth watching.	RECORDED
Gross Point	No		2000	A show about the on set but off camera antics of a soap opera cast. Unfortunately, none of the characters are people I would ever want to associate	Abandoned
Invisible Man	Once only		2000	This show about a man who can become invisible via a gland in his brain is fairly well done, but a bit too harsh to watch the episodes more than once.	Abandoned
JAG	B+		2000	Our mostly Navy lawyers are still catching the bad guys and trying them. The only character problem is Mac. She should be a strong Marine character and they tend to write her as an emotional wimp. It doesn't fit. Personally I would prefer more investigation work and fewer trial scenes too.	DISPOSABLE
Just Shoot Me (season ?)	Optional		2000	This show has sort of run it's course. It's still well done and interesting and funny at times but all the jokes have been seen before. It's not convenient for me to watch it so I save it for the summer reruns.	Abandoned
Level 9	NO		2000	There's no way I'm going to watch a show that has two shooting murders, a blown up building and a brutal kidnapping in the teaser! I don't know what it's about and don't want to.	Abandoned
Michael Richards Show	No		2000	A sitcom about a detective agency full of bumblers and people with other problems. Other than one laugh, it wasn't funny.	Abandoned
Nikki	No		2000	Nikki Cox is fun to watch but the show isn't because there's nothing there. She's a dancer in Vegas and her hubby is in wrestling school as the "cry baby." BTW, the mother-in-law feels that Nikki stole her son on his way to college.	Abandoned
Normal Ohio	Yes		2000	A gay but masculine guy (John Goodman) returns home and moves in with his sexy sister (Joely Fisher). Both John and Joely are very good. They sell the this unlikely premise.	Abandoned

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Once And Again (season 2)	No		2000	Two divorced families trying to get together. I gave up on this last year but decided to try it again. Nice sensitive, caring characters. Nice stories. Good production values. No stress. But I just keep getting bored in the middle. I wish I didn't because it is worth watching.	Abandoned
Queen of Swords	No		2000	Sultry brunette takes over Zorro role with a lace mask. Her mission is to protect residents of a small town in Calif. from Spanish overlords. How can anyone not know who is under that skimpy mask? I don't know why this show doesn't work compared to Sheena, but it doesn't.	Abandoned
Relic Hunter (season 2)	Yes		2000	A light weight Tomb Raider or Indiana Jones show. The best part of season one was the character interaction between Sydney and Nigel and Claudia and the guest stars. So far, in season two, more time has been spent on action and the show is not quite as good. But I still enjoy it enough to find it.	season one PURCHASED
Roswell (season 2)	Once only		2000	In the first show of the second season, the alien kids are still safely undiscovered and seem to have better control of their lives. But the show was still a bit slow and tedious. Still, the characters are interesting and it is worth watching once.	PURCHASED
Sabrina, the Teenage Witch (season 4?)	Optional		2000	I don't know what season this show is on. Our perky teenage witch is in college now and the show doesn't seem to have made the transition very well. It's rather routine.	DISPOSABLE
Seven Days (season 3?)	Yes		2000	Season 2 about a group who sends a guy back in time 7 days to fix major problems wasn't as good as season one but was watchable. It's too soon to tell about season 3 but it appears to be good so far.	DISPOSABLE
Sheena	Once only		2000	Blond bombshell takes over Tarzan of the jungle role with the ability to morph into animals added. The show was very light weight except for Gena Lee Nolin. I'll stop watching it when I get tired of watching her which will be a while.	DISPOSABLE
Star Trek: Voyager (season 7)	Yes		2000	I liked Voyager right from the start, even though the show didn't really get moving until season 3 when the ship finally moved away the same area of space and same aliens every week. This is the final season and it started very well.	PURCHASED
Stargate SG-1 (season 3)	Yes		2000	A SciFi show about people who use an alien device to travel to other worlds and who fight off aliens trying to enslave humanity. The third season of the Showtime import started very well. It is one show I look forward to watching.	PURCHASED
That 70's Show (season 3?)	Yes		2000	The first two episodes of this show about the antics of a group of high school teens and their families in the 70s were just as good as the previous season's episodes.	DISPOSABLE
That's Life	Maybe		2000	A worldly and intelligent 32 year old woman splits with her obnoxious fiancee and starts college. You have to give these characters a chance. The problem is they are all very brassy New York types which makes them hard to like. Look for a later review on this one.	Abandoned
That's Life	Yes		2000	The third episode which deals with Lydia's cop brother being shot was very good indeed. It had a lot of heart and the comedy finally worked. The episode was Grade A all the way.	Abandoned
Trouble with Normal	No		2000	Wow, a show where all the characters are paranoid. Most of the characters weren't too likable either. The show had it's moments, but not enough for me.	Abandoned
Tucker	No Way		2000	A weird 14 year old boy and his newly divorced wimp mom move in with his obnoxious aunt. It wasn't funny (assuming it was supposed to be) and it wasn't enjoyable. I didn't make it to the middle.	Abandoned
Welcome To New York	Maybe		2000	Christine Baranski plays the producer of a NY news show populated with brash, odd and neurotic actors and crew. They're odd even by NY standards. It's an odd show but a good show to pair with Bette. I kind of liked it and will try it again.	Abandoned
Welcome To New York	No		2000	This is a typical problem where the supporting characters are not as watchable as the lead. In addition the show is more about the new to NY Iowa weather man than about the producer. I don't like him either. Laughs are very rare.	Abandoned
West Wing, The (season 2)	Yes		2000	This drama about the president's staff is possibly the best thing I've seen in ages. One good thing about the Olympics is we got both parts of the premier back to back and I enjoyed them thoroughly. That's saying a lot since I don't care for flashbacks.	DISPOSABLE
Xena (season ?)	Once only		2000	Xena has gone off in an odd direction. After killing all the Greek gods last season she is now dealing with the devil directly and, so far at least, isn't helping innocents anymore. What made this good was the friendly interaction between Xena and Gabrielle which is lacking at the moment.	DISPOSABLE

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Yes, Dear	No		2000	Two couples with kids- one obsessive new parents, the other experienced. Despite Jean Louisa Kelly and the sight gag in the premier, it's just not interesting.	Abandoned
7th heaven	No		1999	TV Guide said it was "the best show you're not watching." I tried it. They got the "not watching" part right. This is a boring and watered down "Eight is Enough." There are no strong characters or emotions, good or bad.	Abandoned
Farscape	Yes		1999	An astronaut gets lost far in space. He hooks up with a small group of "good guys" that can best be described as escaped political prisoners. I like this show. It's fun and it is truly in space. But it is not as tight a production as it's companion show, First Wave.	DISPOSABLE
First Wave	Yes		1999	One man discovers aliens are already invading and he has to stop them alone. Hasn't this been done before several times? In any case, the production values are tight and the shows taught. It's not space based SciFi but it is worth watching.	Abandoned
It's Like, You Know	Maybe		1999	A comedy about life in LA as seen by a New Yorker who has come for 2 months to write an article. You know he will stay. I was raised in LA. Although the characters are very atypical, the attitude is right some how. I only watched the show by accident but I liked it.	Abandoned
Payne	Once only		1999	The antics of a nutty hotel owner. Similar to Fawlty Towers. Our local critic hated the show so much he spent half a column saying so. I disagree. If anything it is slightly better than Fawlty Towers which I never fully liked.	Abandoned
Providence	No		1999	A successful surgeon returns home to a wedding where her mom dies, then finds her boyfriend with another man in LA, and returns to Providence to stay. The dysfunctional behaviors of the characters were cute and interesting in the first show but they were just sick behaviors in the second.	Abandoned
Any Day Now	No		1998	An hour drama about two 35ish women who renew a strong childhood friendship that was broken many years ago. The second episode is to deal with a released rapist and I suspect social and race issues will be a common part of the content. It is very well done and although I recommend it, I am not interested in that type of content.	Abandoned
Brian Benben	No		1998	Sitcom. A dopey news anchor is replaced by a stupid male model type anchor and is demoted to special reports. They all do mean, idiotic things. Get the picture? Fortunately, there is an off switch!	Abandoned
Brother's Keeper	NO		1998	The obnoxious messy football brother moves in with his neat brother and kid as a condition of his \$1M contract. Why didn't the neat brother ask for half the million? It wasn't funny and I turned it off.	Abandoned
Buddy Faro	Try		1998	A young PI is set up to find an old famous PI who returns to the playboy life. Campy, Maudlin, The Three Stooges meet Matt Helm. It's not as sophisticated as the producers think. This one can't be judged by the pilot. Check back later.	Abandoned
Charmed	Yes		1998	Hour fantasy drama about three 20ish sisters who reunite and discover they have individual witch powers and as a triad are even more powerful. Liked Alyssa, maybe Holly, not Shannen, at least their characters. More importantly I liked the interaction between them and the plot.	RECORDED
Conrad Bloom (revisited)	Maybe (No)		1998	Conrad is a nice guy ad writer who fixes his friends (all women) problems, even to his own detriment. I don't think the sitcom will make it in the long run but I'll watch for a while.	Abandoned
Cupid (canceled)	YES		1998	Is he Cupid, sentenced to join 100 couples on earth without magic, or just off his rocker? What will his therapist decide? It doesn't matter. This is a true dramatic romantic comedy in a one hour format and it works.	DISPOSABLE
Diresta	No		1998	I didn't plan to watch this sitcom, but it was convenient so I tried it. It's about a transit cop and his family. Better than Pfeiffer, but predictable and boring. I shut it off.	Abandoned
Encore! Encore!	NO		1998	An obnoxious, egotistical opera singer returns home to his family run vineyard. I didn't like any of the characters or situations in this sitcom and didn't even make it to the middle of the show.	Abandoned
Fantasy Island	Maybe		1998	An island where your fantasy vacations come true, but be careful what you ask for. You will get it. It's the old Fantasy Island with a dash of attitude and a twist of Twilight Zone added. BUT, it lacks subtlety and surprise. Instead they clout you over the head with the effects and stories making it not quite as good as the original.	DISPOSABLE

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Felicity	Maybe		1998	One hour drama about a Calif girl who goes to NYU instead of Stanford on a whim. She thinks it's a whim, I think it was a move for independence from her parents. The premier was mainly dialog. With minimal additions it could be listened to on audio tape. I don't think the subject matter or presentation will keep me interested long, but I will try it. Don't get me wrong, it was a very, very well done show.	Abandoned
Felicity (revisited)	sadly, no		1998	The show is just too slow. I keep wanting to run the tape at 1.5x speed. I don't know anyone who experiences life as slowly as Felicity and her friends. Not the dozens of faculty, hundreds of staff or even the thousands of students I have worked with at the university. It is still one of the best made shows this season and I recommend it if you like and care about the characters.	Abandoned
For Your Love	No		1998	Three couples, an old married, a new married and an uncommitted. Very light and kind of plastic and dull. I turned it off.	Abandoned
Highlander: The Raven (canceled)	Maybe+		1998	A semi-reformed 1200 yr old immortal thief. What she'll do in modern society remains to be seen but the one hour drama was well done and I liked the character. I'll watch it for at least while to find out.	Abandoned
House Rules	Maybe		1998	Two guys and a girl who have been friends since grade school sharing a house. Nice people, friendly, lightly funny. Might be OK.	Abandoned
Invasion America (canceled)	Yes		1998	A SciFi animated miniseries (8 hr) similar to Japanese animation movies. The heir to an alien throne stops an invasion of earth. It was good. Not as good as Iria or Laputa, but good enough.	DISPOSABLE
Invasion Earth	Once only		1998	A 6 hour BBC SciFi miniseries. The air-force shoots down a UFO, which leads them to discover one race trying to protect itself and earth from a multidimensional invading race. Classic science verses military but there wasn't enough material for 6 hours. And the ending was a total waste. I don't regret watching it, but really can't recommend it.	Abandoned
Jesse (revisited)	?? (Maybe)		1998	A romantic (situation) comedy where a young single mother falls for the guy next door. She and the guy are nice characters, but the rest are weird and I don't see how those two can carry the show. However, I did finish it and will watch it as long as it is very easy to get to.	Abandoned
King of Queens	No		1998	A blue collar working family sitcom with a very slightly intelligent edge but very routine and predictable situations. Very slightly funny. I made it most of the way through but finally turned it off.	Abandoned
Lateline	NO		1998	Some kind of a pseudo news show sitcom. The first time I tried it, I didn't make it past the sick teaser. What I watched of the rest of it was just as sick. At least it wasn't common. I turned it off fast.	Abandoned
Legacy	No		1998	Hour melodrama about a wealthy Kentucky horse ranch that takes in a 17 yr old city orphan. Petty thievery, petty humor, petty romance, petty reactions.... Kind of dumb and predictable at best. I turned it off.	Abandoned
Maggie	Maybe (Yes)		1998	A 30 min comedy about a 40ish housewife / veterinary student who loves her family but finds herself attracted to her sensitive, funny vet boss. Will she or won't she? Interesting characters and some good laughs. I'll try it.	RECORDED
Maggie (revisited)	Tape		1998	This is what I call an M&M show - a serious core with a funny shell. Not a tragic core but something important to the character that has to be thought about. And not a comic shell (because some comedies can be very mean or spiteful)- just a lighthearted and funny shell.	RECORDED
Maggie Winters	No		1998	A young woman, who thinks she was a loser in the city, returns to her small home town and her school friends who don't seem to bright. She said it herself, she's a mess. I really wanted to like this show, but it really didn't work.	Abandoned
Maximum Bob	NO		1998	An obnoxious insane judge in a small Florida county full of nutty people. The female leads are sharp, the sheriff is OK, everyone else is a stereotypical jerk with a capital G. The plot sucks.	Abandoned
Mercy Point (revisited)	Maybe		1998	Hour drama about a very large space station hospital complex in deep space. It is not clear where the population base it serves is located. Just because a show is in space will not sell it to SciFi fans. The premier was rushed, disjointed, confusing and not that interesting. Long run watching is iffy. (While still disjointed, episode 2 had strong emotional points and made me laugh. I want to watch	Abandoned



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Oh Baby	Maybe		1998	A 30 min comedy about a 40ish woman who dumps her useless boyfriend and uses artificial insemination to get pregnant. It's narrated by her future self. No major laughs but quite a lot of fun. I liked it.	Abandoned
Prey	No		1998	One scientist trying to prevent a new, better and nastier species of human from making the old humans (us) extinct. Not only is the show's evolution very suspect, but I can't help feeling they are fighting a losing battle. I also don't see how there is enough story material to sustain a series.	Abandoned
Reunited	Try		1998	Sitcom about a supposedly ordinary perky but odd housewife who's modern, dark attitude daughter she gave up 21 years ago comes back into her life. Definitely odd, but made me laugh out loud several times. If I can remember to watch it, I'll give it a try.	Abandoned
Secret Diary of Desmond Pfeiffer	NO		1998	Sitcom about a black English nobleman working as Lincoln's butler. Lots of controversy about this show, but none here. The plot was stupid, the characters were even dumber, and the show was not funny. I used fast forward.	Abandoned
Seven Days (revisited)	Maybe		1998	They can send one man back seven days to try to change history and correct some tragedy- SciFi, drama and action. The 2 hr pilot was a bit much, and I zipped through bits of it. But the show bears watching and the one hour series just might work. We will try it.	DISPOSABLE
Style and Substance	No		1998	A domineering compulsive perfectionist professional homemaker magazine editor interacting with her meek co-worker who is also the management's account and cost controller. Strange people, odd relationship, not funny in any way.	Abandoned
That 70's Show	Try		1998	I was asked to review this sitcom about teens in the 70s. Donna is more adult than teen and is very watchable. I definitely like the clothes. Although very light, I will watch it for a while.	DISPOSABLE
That's Life	NO!		1998	I saw this by accident. A boorish stereotypical young couple with worse relatives. I almost turned it off in the teaser and did turn it off shortly after the pilot.	Abandoned
The Closer	Maybe		1998	An abrasive but effective ad executive is fired along with his staff and sets up his own company. After reading the reviews, I was all set to dislike this. But the pilot was actually fun to watch.	Abandoned
The Net	Yes		1998	Based on the movie. A computer expert's identity is swapped for that of a criminal. She decides to fight the organization that did it. The staying power of the show will depend on the content. If she loses every week, it will get boring.	Abandoned
The Net (revisited)	No		1998	As I expected, the show has no place to go. The lead character is basically a loser. She wins the small weekly battles while losing the long term war. Unfortunately the small weekly battles are not interesting, neither is she.	Abandoned
Three	Maybe		1998	Three young contemptuous skilled criminals with an attitude are recruited to help a covert "police" organization or be convicted. (The Mod Squad plays It Takes Three Thieves with high tech thrown in.) It lacks finesse but it is interesting. Time will tell.	Abandoned
To Have And To Hold	Maybe		1998	A married police detective and a public defender are on the same side in their personal life but on opposite sides in court. The one hour pilot would have made a good 2 hour romantic comedy movie. It may not hold up, but we'll try this one for a while. - There's no plot! The main story about the couple is trivial. The secondary stories, which were actually interesting, were downplayed to the point of insignificance.	Abandoned
Two Guys, A Girl and A Pizza Place	No		1998	The title describes the content. There's nothing else there. It wasn't funny in any way and had no other redeeming qualities. I turned it off.	Abandoned
Two Of A Kind	Optional		1998	A young single professor hires one of his students to take care of his twin girls. Can you say contrived? Can you say, date the sitter NOW! I work at a university and I've never seen a prof like him. I have seen students like her. Still, I finished it and might watch it if it is convenient.	Abandoned
VIP	No		1998	This came on instead of Earth: Final Conflict. It is a one hour Hollywood detective agency spoof. At first we thought it might be interesting because the three working detectives were good. But it went downhill when the big boobed blond (Not a blond joke) came in to take over the agency.	Abandoned
Welcome To Paradox	Maybe (No)		1998	This show might have a different cast each week since it is supposed to be a SciFi anthology of odd events in Betaville. We'll see. As for the 1st show, I did not like the characters and was a little bored, in fact I fell asleep and had to rewind the tape a bit. (It did not get better.)	Abandoned

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Who's Line Is It	Maybe		1998	Seems to be a psuedo-game show with actors as the contestants. They are given situations, phrases, or props that they are supposed to make up funny skits about off the cuff. I suspect the items are carefully matched to the actors. I don't like game shows, but this one did make me laugh in places.	Abandoned
Will and Grace	Maybe		1998	Will and Grace are simpatico, very good friends and care about each other. But there are no romantic sparks and never will be. They are neat characters. I'll try this sitcom for a while. I suggest the producers dump Jack though.	Abandoned
Will and Grace (revisited)	No		1998	The story template seems to be, Will and Grace argue and shout at each other and make up at the end. The secondary cast runs it's own decidedly odd story.	Abandoned
You're The One	No		1998	A typical show about a young couple and their parents. The scripts are a bit heavy handed. So is the acting (except Cynthia Geary's) but that is probably the fault of the directors and producers. Cynthia Geary is excellent.	Abandoned
Ally McBeal	Yes		1997	Very unusual but I think I like it. A comedy/drama about relationships in a lawyers office setting. Has a feel like Northern Exposure. A little too much of swelling heads and other effects. Time will tell on this one. (Jan 1, 98 - It improved and I now own Vonda Shepard albums!)	DISPOSABLE
Buffy the Vampire Slayer	TAPE!		1997	Wow, this is good. If this isn't archivable I'll be surprised. (June 97: It got even better as my episode guide shows.) (Jan 98 - The second season has not been as continuously great, but it's still one of the best!)	RECORDED
Built To Last	No		1997	An extended family all living under one roof. Well done but not my type of show or family.	Abandoned
C-16	No		1997	To be continued? One strike! A well done show about the lives an elite FBI squad but does everyone have to have a dysfunctional personal life? Most shows of this type degenerate into violence. After watching part two I decided not to risk it on this one.	Abandoned
Dharma and Greg	TAPE		1997	A hippie SitCom. I love it. I agree with Jane, "If you cause (Dharma) any emotional pain what-so-ever, I'll punish you in ways you Can't even imagine." (Jan 1, 98 - Can they keep it up? It's great. See my episode guide.)	RECORDED
Early Edition	YES		1997	Second season- The scripts are dealing with the big issues this year, racism, terrorism, bombings, hostages, etc. Unfortunately the big issues are turning out boring at best and at worst, unpleasant. The first season review is lower down.	RECORDED
Earth: Final Conflict	Yes		1997	A "V" for the '90s? The characters were a bit wooden but the story was pretty good. I don't think it will be worth archiving, but one never knows. (Jan 1, 98 - It got better!)	DISPOSABLE
George & Leo	No		1997	Two men, and related family, interacting. What's the point? It's not bad, it just doesn't work for me despite the fact I like Newhart. I turned it off early.	Abandoned
Gregory Hines Show	No		1997	A good father, son and other family show that I can't quite identify with.	Abandoned
Hillar and Diller	No		1997	A family and work sitcom- pretty routine.	Abandoned
Honey I Shrunk the Kids	Maybe		1997	Cute. Light Disney fare, basically kid's stuff, based on the movie but better than I expected. I'll watch it as long as it is Really easy to get to.	Abandoned
JAG	Maybe		1997	Navy lawyers investigate and sometimes even try cases. Season 1 was great especially with Tracy Needham who stole every scene she was in for us. I gave up part way through the second season. The new cast was OK but I got tired of hostages and terrorists. The third season seems to be OK although we only just started watching.	DISPOSABLE
Jenny	No		1997	Intelligent, beautiful actresses pretending to be average mid-west gals in LA. Didn't work for me.	Abandoned
Just Shoot Me	Yes		1997	An odd office comedy with strange characters and a lot of friction but I like it enough to continue watching.	Abandoned
Murphy Brown	Yes		1997	I quite watching Murphy years ago when it degenerated into arguments and shouting matches. The reviews hinted it might have improved this year and it has. I'll give it another try for a while.	DISPOSABLE
Over The Top	No		1997	A kooky out of work actor living with his kooky out of work hotel owner wife. Strange, but not my kind of show.	Abandoned
Players	No		1997	Rap version of It Takes A Thief for the 90's? The characters have no depth and I don't much like them anyway.	Abandoned

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Sleepwalkers	Optional		1997	Solving people's problems and mysteries through controlled (sort of) dreams. I've never much liked dream sequences in TV, Books, or Movies.	Abandoned
Soul Man	Optional		1997	A well done show about a widowed, single parent minister who's rather unorthodox. I hope he gets his Harley back. I'll watch it for now. (Jan 1, 98 - I gave up on it.)	Abandoned
Teen Angel	No		1997	A teen angel watching out for his bud in high school. Dorky characters, routine script, dumb jokes. (Jan 1, 98 - And they kept this over You Wish????)	Abandoned
Timecop	Optional		1997	Time travel can be fun, but not here. The first shows were just enough to keep me watching, but the last one was terrible.	Abandoned
Tony Danza Show	No		1997	A single parent dad with two kids. It's routine in real life and wasn't funny here. I got bored and turned it off.	Abandoned
Total Security	NO		1997	A depressing detective show. Its only humor from a crazy guy. Too bad, I like Tracey Needham.	Abandoned
Veronica's Closet	No		1997	Veronica, an 'aging' lingerie model and business owner, needs a personality boost. The script needed a transfusion but the characters have depth and I cared about them enough to finish it. (Later; Nope, not funny.)	Abandoned
Visitor, The (canceled)	Yes		1997	Hippie SciFi about an alien abducted guy who returns to earth. Interesting and well done. (Jan 1, 98 -Apparently they wanted an X-files type show which doesn't seem to work here. However the last few shows went another direction and were pretty good.)	DISPOSABLE
Working	No		1997	Yech. I'm glad I don't work at a place like that with people like that. I'll pass.	Abandoned
You Wish	Maybe		1997	Cute. A single mom unrolls a young male genie from a rug. A bit forced but likable characters with a heart under their shallow surface. I'll watch it as long as it is easy to get to. (Jan 1, 98 - the show got better but was canceled. Typical.)	Abandoned
Early Edition	YES!		1996	This is pretty good. Basically it's light SciFi about a guy who gets tomorrow's paper a day early and tries to prevent the tragedies it reports. I'm not sure about it in the long run but definitely worth watching. (May 97 - A winner with some stupendous shows although Gary really does miss the obvious too often.)	RECORDED
Mr. & Mrs. Smith	Tape		1996	Feels like the Avengers when Diana Rigg was aboard. The character interaction between the leads is fabulous. Its only fault is it might be too cute. (Sep 97: Too bad the network apparently hated it and just canceled it. At least they could have tied up the loose ends.) Later - I watched the recordings and they were delightful.	RECORDED
Pretender	Yes!		1996	Moody light SciFi/spy/drama. An example of an anthology show without changing characters. A friend told me to try this. It's good, although I like Early Edition better.	Abandoned
Star Trek: Voyager	Tape!		1996	I've been watching this since it started, but this season it is even better as my episode guide shows.	PURCHASED
Suddenly Susan	Yes		1996	A working single girl much like Mary Tyler Moore. Better than I expected.	DISPOSABLE
Greatest American Hero	OK	1.0		Not the greatest American series (in fact pretty sad at times) but it had a few moments. I don't know the budget but it comes off as B budget TV. We did archive some of the episodes.	DISPOSABLE
Hustle	Yes	1.0		The UK import is about a team of con-men who now run long term cons to return money stolen by wealthy people. Only the first few seasons were shown in the USA.	RECORDED