

## *Dr. Culture's*

### Binge-Worthy Television Suggestions

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This list compiled across the last two years of travel (back when there was travel) and during the quarantine period!

#### **AMAZON PRIME:**

**Fortitude:** Two or Three seasons - The most northerly town in the world where the polar bears outnumber the people. Probably my favorite of this genre; just enough spooky, unexplainable stuff that the viewer comes to understand.

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**The Unforgotten** – English cold case-solving series – excellent.

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**White Dragon** – It will draw you in; culturally sound as well. The story takes place in Hong Kong – one of the most culturally schizophrenic spots on Earth from British, Chinese, Western influence.....

**Bosche:** Four seasons to enjoy - and now new season available!

Probably the best detective series I've ever seen with several cross-current sub-plots and character conflicts.

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[video&ie=UTF8&qid=1526386746&sr=1-1&keywords=bosch+season+1+episode+1](https://www.amazon.com/Episode-One/dp/B01HAOT9V4/ref=sr_1_1?s=instant-video&ie=UTF8&qid=1526386746&sr=1-1&keywords=bosch+season+1+episode+1)

**The Tunnel:** Three seasons to enjoy! A true to life/no happy-all-is-well-endings-guaranteed tale; a great mix of national, human, cultural dynamics with cultural issues and bonafide bad guys. The storyline is vexing, at the very least! A French female politician is found dead, and her body placed precisely onto/across the English-French border in the service access tunnel of the Chunnel. This forces English/French cops into an alliance. This is truly a thinking person's program.

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**Hunted:** Excellent story of a female covert operator who finds herself being hunted by those who want her dead – for an unknown reason. Strong female lead, excellent plot.

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**Goliath - Season 1:** (Forget Season 2 – just a weak imitation of Season 1) Billy Bob Thornton won a Golden Globe for the Season 1 portrayal of a has-been lawyer.

[https://www.amazon.com/Of-Mice-and-Men/dp/B01J4STKWC/ref=sr\\_1\\_1?s=instant-video&ie=UTF8&qid=1526390075&sr=1-1&keywords=goliath+season+1+all+episodes](https://www.amazon.com/Of-Mice-and-Men/dp/B01J4STKWC/ref=sr_1_1?s=instant-video&ie=UTF8&qid=1526390075&sr=1-1&keywords=goliath+season+1+all+episodes)

## NETFLIX:

**Money Heist:** Positively excellent. (Great shots of Spain as well!) Powerfully written/acted and filmed. Plan on being captured by this series along with the hostages held in the Royal Mint of Spain as a criminal mastermind manipulates the police to carry out his plan.

**Tiger King:** Proof that a mullet hairstyle is as harmful to your mental health as it is disturbing to see. Joel McHale did an enjoyable post-series interview program, *The Tiger King and I*, with all (except one, *duh*) of the stars in Tiger King. Turns out to be a worthy capstone to Tiger King, the most popular documentary *in the world*. (Now that is scary to write and almost as frightening to think about....)

**The Crown:** Quite simply, excellent. Great reminder of the history of the Royals challenging lives before, during, and after the war years. Can you imagine learning former King of England, Edward colluding with the Nazis to regain power and self-purpose over England? Whoa....

**Ozarks:** Makes one wonder just how close to reality this is. Cartels, money laundering, marital discord, good and bad guys everywhere, making you wonder where to draw the increasingly fuzzy line separating good and evil.

## OTHER

### HULU:

*Little Fires Everywhere*, with Reese Witherspoon and Kerry Washington. This series began slowly for me, almost chick-flick painful, But, but wife's friend said to give it three episodes. I grudgingly agreed and then about midway through episode three — *whoosh!* It swept me into the complex personal dynamics that continued to unfold to the final moments of the series. Lifelike in that

not all issues get or deserve answers. This series reminds the viewer on several levels that there are no “reward” or “punishment” in life, only consequences of decisions large and small. Therefore, “everything is going to be OK” depends on your future choices and actions. Getting through difficult times resulting from poor past decisions often lead to other difficult times demanding from you, yet another decision.

### **HISTORY CHANNEL:**

*Grant* – a thorough examination of arguably, the most brilliant military leader ever - and who later becomes the 18th President of the United States. Excellent analysis of many of the US Civil War battles and clear presentations of North and South stratagem. Featured not-so-subtly, the incredible record setting carnage of the US Civil War: More casualties suffered in the US Civil War than in all wars the US has fought in including all World Wars....combined.