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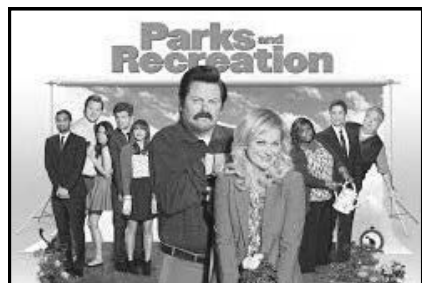
A “Blizzard Binge-Watching” Guide For When You’re Snowed In



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Sometimes weekend plans, such as going to a movie theater, can be foiled by a winter storm. If you find yourself stuck at home, here’s my “Blizzard Binge-Watching” Guide!

Parks and Recreation



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This show is perfect for a binge-watching weekend not only because it’s one of the funniest sitcoms of all time, but also because it’s currently airing its last season (which means seasons ready to watch on Netflix!)

While I feel that *Parks and Rec’s* final season isn’t living up to the hilarity of previous seasons, it’s still better than other options. This series follows the life of Leslie Knope, a dedicated public servant, and her efforts to navigate bureaucracy to make her town, Pawnee, a better place.

Characters haven’t remained static, but instead have grown and developed as the series developed. Each new episode is not just a 30 minute laugh fest, but also a charming story of friendship and family.

While some of the situations Leslie Knope and her friends face are extremely implausible, they approach them with such sincerity that they make you want to go change the world with your friends at your side.

Parks and Rec’s cast includes Amy Poehler, Adam Scott, Nick Offerman, Aubrey Plaza, and Chris Pratt.

My only criticism of the show is that I feel they are ending the series too early, but I feel that they will conclude the series in a satisfying way.

Scorpion



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Scorpion is a new CBS drama that is based on the life of Irish computer genius, Walter O’Brien. The story follows the life of Walter and his other genius friends, Happy, Sylvester, and Toby. While they are geniuses, they often find themselves in dangerous situations because of their struggle to understand traditional social skills.

For example, the series starts with a flashback of Walter being arrested by the CIA as an eleven year old because he hacked into NASA, simply so he could hang their blueprints on his wall for decoration.

Now grown adults, Walter and his friends have been approached by Agent Cade Gallo of the Department of Homeland Security to be a contracted group, named Scorpion, who solve special and high risk situations. In one of their missions, they cross paths with a waitress named Paige, who has a son named Ralph. Walter and his friends quickly realize Ralph is also a genius, which accounts for his uncomfortableness in interacting with other children. The Scorpion group agrees to take Ralph under their tutelage, and in exchange, Paige becomes their translator to the “real world.”

This series is thrilling, and it’s unique from other crime dramas because these geniuses solve crimes in unconventional ways. Because it is in its first season, there are not many episodes yet, but the series has been renewed for a second season, which is sure not to disappoint.

Downton Abbey



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Downton Abbey, or “Downton,” as devoted fans call it, is currently airing its fifth season in the United States.

The main plot follows the lives of Earl Robert Grantham and his family, who live at Downton Abbey and manage the local village. The servants lives are chronicled, not only in their interactions with their employers, but also in their own dreams, goals and relationships.

While this series is fictional, the plot is impacted by real historical events. For example, the much of the first two seasons was focused on the residents of Downton working through the aftermath of the Titanic disaster and then World War I.

Besides depicting accurate historical events, this show also boasts full time British etiquette expert, Alastair Bruce, who maintains the authenticity of the character’s mannerisms.

While many dramas just seem to be concerned with presenting a thrilling story, *Downton* also grapples with serious social issues of the time; and some that still remain, like disparities in the rich and the poor, equal opportunities for men and women, and tension that can occur between people of various ethnicities.

As if these reasons weren’t enough to watch *Downton*, there’s also great fashion in the show! But heed this advice: Start watching the series from the beginning! The episodes are so intricate that any details in current episodes would go right over a *Downton* newbie’s head.

Editor’s Note

Economic globalization is essentially the increased amount of interdependence between economies. One of the major goals of economic globalization is to decrease poverty. There is also substantial evidence to support both sides of this argument.

As far as benefitting poverty reduction the empirics seem to show that it has been a benefit. Countless numbers of researchers and studies seem to see a direct correlation between and increase in economic globalization and a decrease in poverty.

However economic theory, specifically the trend known as Kuznet’s Curve, states that the decrease in poverty may not be here to stay. Kuznet’s Curve states that when a country becomes globalized it sees a substantial decrease in poverty. However, the poverty levels progressively return back to their previous norms, sometimes plummeting even lower than they had been.

Kuznet’s Curve is only an economic theory. It is not flawless and may not even be applicable to all situations concerning globalization. With that being said however, it does need to be taken into account when examining the data with poverty and globalization.

However, even without Kuznet’s Curve being taken into account there are substantial harms concerning globalization. For example, the integration of global markets shifted the focus for many African farmers from their traditional crops to cash crops. Farmers were not ready to adjust to the volatility of the global market and many were financially ruined afterwards. At the point where seventy-five percent of the worlds impoverished work in rural sectors it is vital to pay attention to the impacts globalization has on the worldwide farming community.

Where it currently stands, economic globalization appears to be a substantial benefit to impoverished people around the world. Critics can cite examples such as the farming crisis or theories like Kuznet’s Curve. It appears to be that only time will tell whether or not Economic Globalization benefits the impoverished in the long run.

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Wholesome Vocals And A Welcome Mix Of Instruments Make *Cabin By The Sea*



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Cabin By the Sea is the second studio album by The Dirty Heads. It’s a very laid back, ska album. The band has two rhythm guitarists, a bassist, two singers, and two percussionists. You’d think this large number of people would lead to over complicated songs, but their individual parts are actually very simple, sounding fantastic when put together.

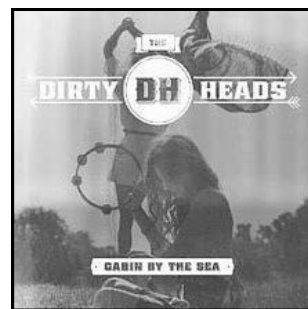
The vocals are very wholesome and give you a very secure feeling.

Lyrical, their songs are about things they love doing such as relaxing at the beach, their love interests, and dancing.

However, songs like “Spread Too Thin” and “Notice” are about the harder aspects of their lives, which aren’t many because, surprisingly, getting paid millions of dollars to play instruments isn’t a very hard life.

Their bass lines use heavy, low end tones that give the bass a lot of presence. as a result of this, the bass is really muddy and the notes really melt into one another.

In the song “Dance All Night”, the amp tone is set low but its played with a pick giving it a slight treble boost. Their lead instruments frequently change,



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giving everyone in the band a chance to showcase their talents.

In the song “Hipster”, the lead guitar is replaced by a loud and attention grabbing trumpet part.

The song “Disguise” also uses trumpets but they take up more of a rhythm role than in “Hipster.”

In a few songs, for example, “Dance All Night,” bass takes a more lead role than you’d usually expect.

The song “Day by Day” uses a really hypnotizing scaling acoustic guitar part throughout. Other than that and one or two other songs, lead guitar actually isn’t that prevalent on this album, and I can absolutely respect that decision by this band, especially since a radical guitar solo would feel out of place in a lot of these songs.

Overall, I really enjoy every song on this album except for *Smoke Rings*. On a record of really chill songs, it feels very out of place.

I’d have to give this album a seven point nine out of ten.

Patterns, Pastels And Everything Bold Is Hot For Spring Fashion



BY
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The weather is screaming winter, but the calendar shows that spring is quickly approaching.

The runways in New York, London, and Paris are filling with trends that will fill department stores and closets worldwide. This spring, designer’s trends will all include one thing: pastel colors.

Many associate the colors with spring and new beginnings.

Pastels are colors that hide under names like soft, washed out, and pale.

For example, typical color examples are turquoise, mint, primrose yellow, baby pink, jade, peach, salmon, and many other soft colors.

It is no surprise these colors appear often on runways.

These colors aren’t complex; they are subtle and can instantly make an outfit



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very girly and chic.

The simplicity of pastels allows you to compile an outfit easily.

There are many ways to incorporate this season’s

color trend into your wardrobe.

Perhaps, you could focus on one pastel color. A perfect example is selecting a pastel color and wearing a dress that complete color. This creates a sophisticated and chic vibe to your outfit.

Mixing your pastels will make a statement.

When combining neutrals with pastels, use simple neutrals so your pastel color is the emphasis of your outfit.

Tone down the pastels by adding patterns and different shades of pastels.

Incorporate simple pastel colored shirts under plaid button-ups to construct a casual yet preppy feeling. Your outfit should include enough pastel color to pull your outfit together.

Another easy way to wear pastels is with an edge.

You can do this by wearing bold accessories or rocking a leather jacket. An outfit can feel balanced if you throw on a blazer or even a leather jacket to create a winning combination.

Bold accessories such as chunky necklaces or patterned tights, leggings or pants allows your outfit to take the pastel beyond its normal limits.

Bold colors will not be left out this season, but they will be more an accent instead of the focus of an outfit. You can add the bold colors through make-up, shoes, or even cardigans.

Pastels continue to appear on runways letting us all know that this simple, yet diverse trend is nowhere near gone.

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