

# Fourth-Season Premiere Of 'True Blood,' Sunday On HBO

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**REASON TO WATCH:** The fourth season begins. **CATCHING UP:** Sookie Stackhouse (Anna Paquin) is a fairy, and a semi-comatose Bill Compton (Stephen Moyer) nearly drained her of blood after she saved him from the clutches of the evil Russell Edgington (Denis O'Hare), vampire king of Mississippi. Funny thing about fairy blood — vamps can actually stay in the sun a couple of minutes after imbibing.

Eric Northman (Alexander Skarsgård) decides to slay Russell, who slaughtered his entire family hundreds of years earlier, so tricks him into drinking Sook's blood. Russ goes into the sun, and fries after a few minutes. Meanwhile, Sookie has split up with Bill after that little aforementioned sucking incident; she later goes to the graveyard to visit her dear "gran's" grave, when suddenly she disappears — drawn into the fairy realm.

**WHAT SUNDAY'S ABOUT:** HBO has already released (on the Web) the first eight minutes of the fourth season, so it's not giving too much away to say that Sookie finds herself in some Elysian spot where everyone is happy, healthy and high on something called "lumiere," a sort of glowing fruit. This is the land of fairies, but looks can be very deceiving.

Meanwhile, this season could do for witches what the last did for werewolves: Lafayette Reynolds (Nelsan Ellis) is invited to join a coven of weird sisters by friend Jesus Velasquez (Kevin Alejandro) who himself was revealed to be a "brujio," or male witch. Tara Thornton (Rutina Wesley) has drifted to New Orleans, where ... sorry, that would be giving too much away. Also, expect radical new story lines for Bill and Eric.

**MY SAY:** All is well, "Blood" fans, if the first episode is an indication. Show-runner Alan Ball has wisely fast-forwarded the timeline a year (you'll see how), which means a major reboot for characters, plot lines and the series itself. Everyone, fans included, needed distance from last year's copious blood letting. They'll get it Sunday.

**BOTTOM LINE:** These fairies are not from the fairy tales we know so well. A harrowing new season arrives.

# True

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recounts what led him to this turning point in a career that inadvertently began at age 7, when he appeared in his first film opposite his father, 1984's "Åke och hans värld."

Instead, he's cordial and polite, recounting his decision to quit acting at age 13 when the spotlight became too intense and how he returned to the profession roughly seven or eight years later, after serving in the Swedish military. (Any time he mentions Sweden or his family — he has five brothers and one sister — he brightens noticeably.)

He eventually landed a small part in the Ben Stiller comedy "Zoolander" before going on to star in HBO's 2008 acclaimed Iraq war mini-series "Generation Kill," and then "True Blood."

He's now poised to make the leap to a career on the big screen with two films due out before the end of the year: Rod Lurie's remake of Sam Peckinpah's controversial "Straw Dogs" and Lars von Trier's elegiac sci-fi meditation "Melancholia," which shot in Sweden and allowed him to work again briefly with Stellan.

In May, he'll star as a naval officer in "Battleship," Universal's big-budget action movie directed by Peter Berg and, yes, based on the board game.

"I was first made aware of Alex Skarsgard by the 15 women who work in my office who came in collectively as one with a picture of Alex and said, 'He is going to be in 'Battleship.' It's non-negotiable,'" Berg said with a laugh. "When they left, I pulled up some 'True Bloods' and really liked the show and thought that he was completely right for this character. I had a great meeting with him — he and I spent a day on an aircraft carrier in San Diego. After that I was convinced he was the right guy for the film. He had a real sense of what the purpose of that role was. He had really strong opinions and ideas."

FRIDAY PRIMETIME/LATE NIGHT															JULY 1, 2011									
BROADCAST STATIONS	3:00	3:30	4:00	4:30	5:00	5:30	6:00	6:30	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30	12:00	12:30	1:00	1:30		
PBS KUSD 2 8 (2)	Arthur (DVS)	WordGirl (DVS)	Wild Kratts	The Electric Company	Fetch! With Ruff Ruffman	Nightly Business Report	PBS NewsHour (N) (In Stereo)	Washington Week (N)	Need to Know (N) (In Stereo)	Market to Market	Joe Bonamassa Live From the Royal Albert Hall The musician performs songs in London.	BBC World News	Charlie Rose (N) (In Stereo)	Tavis Smiley (N)	America's Heartland	Dakota Life	Masterpiece Mystery!							
KTIV 4 4 (4)	2011 Wimbledon Championships		Judge Judy	Judge Judy	KDLT News (N)	NBC Nightly News (N)	KDLT News (N)	Two and a Half Men	Friday Night Lights	Dateline NBC (N) (In Stereo)	Dateline NBC (N) (In Stereo)	KDLT News (N)	Wimbledon Update	The Tonight Show With Jay Leno (In Stereo)	Late Night With Jimmy Fallon (In Stereo)	Late Night	News (N)	News (N)	News (N)	News (N)	News (N)	News (N)		
NBC KDLT 5 5 (5)	2011 Wimbledon Championships Men's Semifinals.		Judge Judy	Judge Judy	KDLT News (N)	NBC Nightly News (N)	KDLT News (N)	Two and a Half Men	Friday Night Lights	Dateline NBC (N) (In Stereo)	Dateline NBC (N) (In Stereo)	KDLT News (N)	Wimbledon Update	The Tonight Show With Jay Leno (In Stereo)	Late Night With Jimmy Fallon (In Stereo)	Late Night	News (N)	News (N)	News (N)	News (N)	News (N)	News (N)		
KCAL 9 6 (9)	Dr. Phil (In Stereo)		Oprah Winfrey Show	Oprah Winfrey Show	News	ABC News	News	Inside	Shark Tank	Primetime: What	20/20	News	News	News	News	News	News	News	News	News	News	News		
CBS KELO 13 3 (11)	Dr. Phil (In Stereo)		Oprah Winfrey Show	Oprah Winfrey Show	News	ABC News	News	Inside	Shark Tank	Primetime: What	20/20	News	News	News	News	News	News	News	News	News	News	News		
ABC KSFY 13 7 (13)	The Ellen DeGeneres Show (In Stereo)		Be a Millionaire	Jeopardy!	News	ABC World News	News	Wheel of Fortune	Shark Tank	Primetime: What	20/20	News	News	News	News	News	News	News	News	News	News	News		
KMEG 13 13 (6)	Nate Berkus		The Doctors	KMEG 14	News	Jeopardy	Wheel	Flashpoint	CSI: NY	Blue Bloods	News	News	News	News	News	News	News	News	News	News	News	News		
FOX KTKW 23 9 (7)	New Adv/Old Christine		Swift Justice	Swift Justice	America's Funniest Home Videos (In Stereo)	How I Met Your Mother	How I Met Your Mother	Bones A body dressed as a scarecrow is found.	CSI: NY	Blue Bloods	News	News	News	News	News	News	News	News	News	News	News	News		
KLKN	Ellen DeGeneres		Dr. Phil	Dr. Phil	News	ABC News	News	Smarter	Shark Tank	Primetime: What	20/20	News	News	News	News	News	News	News	News	News	News	News		
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KPTH	Jdg Judy		Justice	Justice	Simpsons	Simpsons	Two Men	Two Men	Bones	CSI: NY	Blue Bloods	News	Office	Office	Mother	Mother	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond		
KSCB 97	Grace		Phillips	Hillsong	Zola Lev	Changing	Back to J. Hagee	Rod P.	World Revival	Church Services	Van Impe	Franklin	Word	Copeland	Life To	J. Meyer	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond		
KSN 99 (12)	Arthur		Electric	Martha	WordGirl	Wild	Electric	PBS NewsHour (N)	Ebert	Wash.	Market	Lark Live	Wait...	Business	Dwarf	Dwarf	Second	Second	Second	Second	Second	Second		
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<b>PAY CHANNELS</b>																								
HBO 17 (46)	** "Ice Age: Dawn of the Dinosaurs" (2009) Voices of Ray Romano. (In Stereo)		** "Land of the Lost" (2009) Will Ferrell. (In Stereo)		** "Swept Away" (2002) Brad Pitt. (In Stereo)		** "The Hangover" (2009) Brad Pitt. (In Stereo)		** "Jennifer's Body" (2009) Jennifer Garner. (In Stereo)		** "Real Time With Bill Maher" (2009) Bill Maher. (In Stereo)		** "Real Time With Bill Maher" (2009) Bill Maher. (In Stereo)		** "The Wolfman" (2010) Benicio Del Toro. (In Stereo)		** "Old School" (2003) Luke Wilson. (In Stereo)		** "Old School" (2003) Luke Wilson. (In Stereo)		** "Old School" (2003) Luke Wilson. (In Stereo)		** "Old School" (2003) Luke Wilson. (In Stereo)	
HBO2	** "Ramona and Beezus"		** "WarGames" (1983) (In Stereo)		** "Swept Away" (2002) Brad Pitt. (In Stereo)		** "The Hangover" (2009) Brad Pitt. (In Stereo)		** "Jennifer's Body" (2009) Jennifer Garner. (In Stereo)		** "Real Time With Bill Maher" (2009) Bill Maher. (In Stereo)		** "Real Time With Bill Maher" (2009) Bill Maher. (In Stereo)		** "The Wolfman" (2010) Benicio Del Toro. (In Stereo)		** "Old School" (2003) Luke Wilson. (In Stereo)		** "Old School" (2003) Luke Wilson. (In Stereo)		** "Old School" (2003) Luke Wilson. (In Stereo)		** "Old School" (2003) Luke Wilson. (In Stereo)	
MAX 420	**** "Dances With Wolves" (1990) Kevin Costner. A Union officer befriends the Lakota. (In Stereo)		**** "No Way Out" (1987) Kevin Costner. Gene Hackman. (In Stereo)		**** "Waterworld" (1995) Kevin Costner. Gene Hackman. (In Stereo)		**** "Robin Hood" (2010) Russell Crowe. (In Stereo)		**** "The Book of Eli" (2010) Denzel Washington. Gary Oldman. (In Stereo)		**** "The Book of Eli" (2010) Denzel Washington. Gary Oldman. (In Stereo)		**** "The Book of Eli" (2010) Denzel Washington. Gary Oldman. (In Stereo)		**** "The Book of Eli" (2010) Denzel Washington. Gary Oldman. (In Stereo)		**** "The Book of Eli" (2010) Denzel Washington. Gary Oldman. (In Stereo)		**** "The Book of Eli" (2010) Denzel Washington. Gary Oldman. (In Stereo)		**** "The Book of Eli" (2010) Denzel Washington. Gary Oldman. (In Stereo)		**** "The Book of Eli" (2010) Denzel Washington. Gary Oldman. (In Stereo)	
MAX2 187	*** "Say Anything..." (1989)		*** "Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince"		*** "The Sum of All Fears" (2002)		Alonso Bodden		DeRay Davis		Aries Spears: Look I'm Smiling		Shaquille O'Neal: Comedy		Bruce Bruce		"Scary Movie"		Drop Dea		Life Befo		Life Befo	
SHOW 18 (435)	** "Knowing" (2009) Nicolas Cage.		** "Remember Me" (2010) (In Stereo)		** "Extraordinary Measures" (2010)		"King of Paper Chasin" (2009) D.L.		"Before I Self Destruct" (2009)		"6 Guns" (2010, Western)		"Stan Helsing" (2009)		"Stan Helsing" (2009)		"Stan Helsing" (2009)		"Stan Helsing" (2009)		"Stan Helsing" (2009)		"Stan Helsing" (2009)	
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TLC	Serv Sara		"Here and There" (2009)		"Mandela" (1996)		"King of Paper Chasin" (2009) D.L.		"Before I Self Destruct" (2009)		"6 Guns" (2010, Western)		"Stan Helsing" (2009)		"Stan Helsing" (2009)		"Stan Helsing" (2009)		"Stan Helsing" (2009)		"Stan Helsing" (2009)		"Stan Helsing" (2009)	
<b>CABLE STATIONS</b>																								
ABC 57 (41)	The Sopranos		Criminal Minds		Criminal Minds		Criminal Minds		Criminal Minds		Criminal Minds		The Glades		Criminal Minds		Criminal Minds		Criminal Minds		Criminal Minds		Criminal Minds	
AMC 41 (54)	** "Pearl Harbor"		*** "A Few Good Men" (1992, Drama) Tom Cruise.		*** "Flight of the Phoenix" (2004) Dennis Quaid.		*** "The Hills Have Eyes 2" (2007)		*** "The Fly" (1986) Jeff Goldblum.		*** "The Fly" (1986) Jeff Goldblum.		*** "The Fly" (1986) Jeff Goldblum.		*** "The Fly" (1986) Jeff Goldblum.		*** "The Fly" (1986) Jeff Goldblum.		*** "The Fly" (1986) Jeff Goldblum.		*** "The Fly" (1986) Jeff Goldblum.		*** "The Fly" (1986) Jeff Goldblum.	
ANPL 19 (43)	After the Attack		The Most Extreme		Untamed and Uncut		Whale Wars		Whale Wars		Whale Wars		Whale Wars		Whale Wars		Whale Wars		Whale Wars		Whale Wars		Whale Wars	
BRAVO 25 (55)	*** "Suits" (1999)		*** "Bee Movie" (2007, Comedy)		** "Dickie Roberts: Former Child Star"		** "The Dukes of Hazzard" (2005)		** "The Dukes of Hazzard" (2005)		** "The Dukes of Hazzard" (2005)		** "The Dukes of Hazzard" (2005)		** "The Dukes of Hazzard" (2005)		** "The Dukes of Hazzard" (2005)		** "The Dukes of Hazzard" (2005)		** "The Dukes of Hazzard" (2005)		** "The Dukes of Hazzard" (2005)	
CMTV 38 (77)	Extreme-Home		The Singing Bee		Extreme Makeover		Extreme-Home		** "Tombstone" (1993) Kurt Russell. (In Stereo)		** "Tombstone" (1993) Kurt Russell. (In Stereo)		** "Tombstone" (1993) Kurt Russell. (In Stereo)		** "Tombstone" (1993) Kurt Russell. (In Stereo)		** "Tombstone" (1993) Kurt Russell. (In Stereo)		** "Tombstone" (1993) Kurt Russell. (In Stereo)		** "Tombstone" (1993) Kurt Russell. (In Stereo)		** "Tombstone" (1993) Kurt Russell. (In Stereo)	
CNBC 53 (52)	Closing Bell		Options		Money In		Mad Money (N)		The Kudlow Report		60 Minutes on		Porn: Business		Crime Inc.		Mad Money		60 Minutes on		Porn: Business		Paid	
CNN 33 (49)	CNN Newsroom (N)		The Situation Room With Wolf Blitzer		John King, USA (N)		In the Arena (N)		Piers Morgan		Anderson Cooper 360 (N)		Anderson Cooper 360 (N)		Anderson Cooper 360 (N)		Anderson Cooper 360 (N)		Anderson Cooper 360 (N)		Anderson Cooper 360 (N)		Anderson Cooper 360 (N)	
COM 45 (61)	RENO Futurama		South Park		Tosh.0		Scrubs		Daily		Colbert		Tosh.0		Tosh.0		Completely Serious		Christopher Titus		Dave Chappelle		Kevin Hart	
CSPAN 49 (17)	House of Representatives		House of Representatives		House of Representatives		House of Representatives		House of Representatives		House of Representatives		House of Representatives		House of Representatives		House of Representatives		House of Representatives		House of Representatives		House of Representatives	
DISC 34 (44)	American Chopper		Cash		Cash		Cash		Dual Survival		Dual Survival		Dual Survival		Dual Survival		Dual Survival		Dual Survival		Dual Survival		Dual Survival	
DISN 64 (36)	Good		ANT		Shake it		Random		Vampire		*** "Boh" (2008) Miley Cyrus		ANT		Random		Vampire		Vampire		Random		Vampire	
DISXD 65 (163)	Zeke		Deck		*** "Tarzan II" (2005)		*** "Tarzan II" (2005)		To Be Announced		Avengers		Phineas		Zeke		I'm-Band		Kings		Phineas		Deck	
EITV 51 (62)	Ice-Coco		Ice-Coco		El Special "50 Super Epic TV Moments"		El News (N)		Sex & Sex/City		El Special		The Soup		Fashion		Chelsea		El News		Chelsea		Chelsea	
ENIC 48 (168)	Get		*** "Working Girl" (1998)		*** "Robin Hood: Men in Tights" (1993)		*** "Dumb & Dumber" (1994) (In Stereo)		*** "Get Shorty" (1995)		*** "Cyborg" (1989)		*** "Cyborg" (1989)		*** "Cyborg" (1989)		*** "Cyborg" (1989)		*** "Cyborg" (1989)		*** "Cyborg" (1989)		*** "Cyborg" (1989)	
ESPN 28 (24)	NFL Live		J. Rome		Around		Pardon		SportsCenter (N)		NASCAR		NASCAR		NASCAR		NASCAR		NASCAR		NASCAR		NASCAR	
ESPN2 29 (25)	Report		Football		NASCAR		Football		Around		Pardon		Football		NFL Live		The Complete Wimbledon Highlights of the day's events. (N)		Boxing Friday Night Fights (N) (Live)		Live		E:60 (N)	
EWTN 74 (65)	Hermie		Divine		Truth in		Heavens		Church		Solemnity of the Sacred Heart		Life on the Rock		Catholic		Women		Solemnity of the Sacred Heart		Life on the Rock		Defend	
FAM 62 (40)	70s		70s		Gilmore Girls		Still Strnd		Still Strnd		Still Strnd		Still Strnd		Still Strnd		Still Strnd		Still Strnd		Still Strnd		Still Strnd	
FX 23 (56)	** "Me, Myself & Irene" (2000, Comedy)		Two Men		Two Men		Two Men		Two Men		Two Men		Two Men		Two Men		Two Men		Two Men		Two Men		Two Men	
FXNW 50 (48)	Neil Cavuto		To Be Announced		Special Report		FOX Report		The O'Reilly Factor		Hannity (N)		Greta Van Susteren		The O'Reilly Factor		Hannity		Greta Van Susteren		To Be Announced		To Be Announced	
FXSP 35 (27)	World Poker Tour		Ball Up		Streetball		Action Sports World		Boys in		Twins		MLB Baseball Milwaukee Brewers at Minnesota		Twins (Live)		Twins		Final Scr		Action Sports World		MLB Baseball: Brewers at Twins	
GOLF 55 (39)	PGA Tour Golf		PGA Tour Golf		PGA Tour Golf		PGA Tour Golf		PGA Tour Golf		PGA Tour Golf		PGA Tour Golf		PGA Tour Golf		PGA Tour Golf		PGA Tour Golf		PGA Tour Golf		PGA Tour Golf	
HALL 22 (33)	The Waltons		The Waltons		The Waltons		The Waltons		The Waltons		The Waltons		The Waltons		The Waltons		The Waltons		The Waltons		The Waltons		The Waltons	
HGTV 54 (34)	Summer		Summer		Summer		Summer		First Pla.		First Pla.		Hunters		Hunters		Hunters		Hunters		Hunters		Hunters	
HIST 46 (47)	Brad Meltzer's Dec.		Brad Meltzer's Dec.		Brad Meltzer's Dec.		Brad Meltzer's Dec.		Modern Marvels		American Pickers		Pawn		Pawn		American		Modern Marvels		American Pickers		Pawn	
KAUN 15 (22)	Emergency!		Kojak		Adam-12		Dragnet		Incredible Hulk		Knight Rider		The A-Team		Magnum, P.I.		Daniel Boone		Simon & Simon		Hitch.		Gallery	
KWSD 12 (14)	Paid		King		King		70s		Seinfeld		Seinfeld		Smallville "Harvest"		Supernatural		Reba		Reba		Payne		Browns	
LIFE 58 (29)	Cold Case Files		Unsolved Mysteries		Unsolved Mysteries		Unsolved Mysteries		Unsolved Mysteries		Unsolved Mysteries		Unsolved Mysteries		Unsolved Mysteries		Unsolved Mysteries		Unsolved Mysteries		Unsolved Mysteries		Unsolved Mysteries	
MSNBC 66 (50)	Dylan Riatgan		Hardball		Matthews		MSNBC Live		Hardball		Matthews		The Last Word		Rachel Maddow		Documentary		Documentary		Documentary		Documentary	
NICK 32 (37)	Big Time		iCarly		Sponge.		Sponge.		iCarly		iCarly		iCarly		iCarly		iCarly		iCarly		iCarly		iCarly	
RFDTV 18 (1)	Wilburn		Country		RFD-TV Spec.																			