

MeierMovies TV/Web/Streaming Series

This smaller, more informal list catalogues TV, internet and streaming series and mini-series. The rating scale is similar to my scale for movies but lacks quarter-stars (0-5 stars with half-star increments). Ratings try to take into account the quality over the entire run but also make mild allowances for the fact that most series do not maintain high quality throughout their run, especially if the series lasts many years. Long-running, high-quality series are given slightly more credit than short-run (one or two seasons) series. In some instances, separate star ratings are given for separate seasons if the series sees a large shift in quality or tone. And in some instances, the list includes a rating for just one or two seasons of a multi-season run if those are the only seasons I have seen.

For British visitors, please note that I am using the American descriptors: "Series" refers to the entire history of a show, and "season" refers to a single year.

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	<u>Stars</u>	<u>Year(s)</u>	<u>Network</u>	<u>Director/Creative Producer</u>
<u>TV Series</u>				
ALF	1	1986-1990	NBC	
Alfred Hitchcock Presents / The Alfred Hitchcock Hour	4	1955-1965	CBS/NBC	A. Hitchcock/R. Stevens/N. Lloyd
All in the Family	4	1971-1979	CBS	Norman Lear
Amazing Stories	3 ½	1985-1987	NBC	Steven Spielberg
The Andy Griffith Show (Seasons 1-5)	5	1960-1965	CBS	S. Leonard/B. Sweeney/A. Griffith
The Andy Griffith Show (Seasons 6-8)	3	1965-1968	CBS	S. Leonard/B. Sweeney/A. Griffith
Barney Miller	3 ½	1975-1982	ABC	
Bates Motel	2 ½	2013-	A&E	
The Beverly Hillbillies	1 ½	1962-1971	CBS	
Bewitched	2	1964-1972	ABC	
The Bob Newhart Show	3 ½	1972-1978	CBS	David Davis/Lorenzo Music
The Brady Bunch	2	1969-1974	ABC	
The Carol Burnett Show	4 ½	1967-1978	CBS	Carol Burnett
Cheers	4	1982-1993	NBC	
The Colbert Report	3	2005-2014	Comedy Central	
Columbo (part of the NBC Mystery Movie series)	3 ½	1968; 1971-1977	NBC	Richard Levinson/William Link
The Cosby Show	3 ½	1984-1992	NBC	
The Daily Show with Jon Stewart	3 ½	1996-2015	Comedy Central	
Death Row Stories	3 ½	2014-	CNN	
Downton Abbey	5	2010-2016	ITV/PBS	Julian Fellowes
Dr. Who (original)	1 ½	1963-1989	BBC	
Dr. Who (new)	3 ½	2005-	BBC	
The Dukes of Hazzard	1 ½	1979-1985	CBS	
The Ed Sullivan Show	4 ½	1948-1971	CBS	Ed Sullivan
Everybody Loves Raymond	4	1996-2005	CBS	
The Fall and Rise of Reginald Perrin	3 ½	1976-1979	BBC	
Family Ties	2 ½	1982-1989	NBC	
Fargo (Season 1)	3 ½	2014	FX	Noah Hawley
Firefly	1 ½	2002-2003	Fox	Joss Whedon
The Flintstones	2	1960-1966	ABC	
Fraggle Rock	3	1983-1987	HBO/CBC/ITV	
Frasier	4	1993-2004	NBC	
Friends	3	1994-2004	NBC	
Full House	½	1987-1995	ABC	

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Gilligan's Island	1 ½	1964-1967	CBS	
Glee	1	2009-	Fox	
The Golden Girls	2	1985-1992	NBC	Susan Harris
Gomer Pyle, U.S.M.C.	1 ½	1964-1969	CBS	
Green Acres	1 ½	1965-1971	CBS	
The Honeymooners	4	1951-1956	DuMont/CBS	
I Dream of Jeannie	2 ½	1965-1970	NBC	
I Love Lucy	4	1951-1957	CBS	
The Jeffersons	2 ½	1975-1985	CBS	Norman Lear
The Jenny Jones Show	1	1991-2003	Warner Brothers/Syndicated	
The Jerry Springer Show	0	1991-	NBC/Universal/Syndicated	
Jeopardy!	4	1984-	Syndicated	Merv Griffin
The Jetsons	2	1962-1963	ABC	
Late Night with David Letterman	4	1982-1993	NBC	
The Late Show with David Letterman	4	1993-2015	CBS	
Leave it to Beaver	1 ½	1957-1963	CBS/ABC	
Little House on the Prairie	3	1974-1982	NBC	
Lost in Space	2	1965-1968	CBS	Irwin Allen
Mad About You	3	1992-1999	NBC	Paul Reiser/Danny Jacobson
Mad Men	3 ½	2007-2015	AMC	
Married ... with Children	1 ½	1987-1997	Fox	Michael Moyer/Ron Leavitt
M*A*S*H	3 ½	1972-1983	CBS	
Medical Detectives / Forensic Files	3	1996-2011	TLC	Paul Dowling
Meet the Press	4 ½	1947-	NBC	
Monty Python's Flying Circus	4 ½	1969-1974	BBC	
The Muppet Show	4 ½	1976-1981	ATV	
Nanny	3 ½	1981-1983	BBC	
Night Gallery	3 ½	1969-1973	NBC	
Northern Exposure	3	1990-1995	CBS	
The Odd Couple	3	1970-1975	ABC	
One by One	4	1984-1987	BBC	
One Step Beyond	3	1959-1961	ABC	
Open All Hours	3	1976, 1981, 1982, 1985	BBC	
Outlander	3	2014-2016	Starz	
The Outer Limits	4	1963-1965	ABC	
The Prisoner	4 ½	1967-1968	ATV Midlands	Patrick McGoohan
Real Time with Bill Maher	3 ½	2003-	HBO	Bill Maher
Rising Damp	3 ½	1974-1978	ITV	
Roseanne	1 ½	1988-1997	ABC	
Sanford and Son	3	1972-1977	NBC	Bud Yorkin/Norman Lear
Saturday Night Live	3	1975-	NBC	
Saved by the Bell	0	1989-1993	NBC	
Scrubs	2	2001-2010	NBC/ABC	
Seinfeld	4 ½	1989-1998	NBC	Larry David/Jerry Seinfeld
Sesame Street	4	1969-	PBS	Stone/Cooney/Morrisett/Henson
The Simpsons (Seasons 1-12)	4	1989-2001	Fox	Matt Groening
The Simpsons (Seasons 13-)	3	2002-	Fox	Matt Groening
60 Minutes	5	1968-	CBS	Don Hewitt
Some Mothers Do 'Ave 'Em	3	1973-1978	BBC	Raymond Allen
Star Trek	2	1966-1969	NBC	
Taxi	3	1978-1983	ABC/NBC	James L. Brooks
This Week with David Brinkley	4	1981-1996	ABC	
The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon	2 ½	2014-	NBC	
The Tonight Show Starring Johnny Carson	4 ½	1962-1992	NBC	
The Tonight Show with Jay Leno	3	1992-2014	NBC	
The Twilight Zone	5	1959-1964	CBS	Rod Serling
The Twilight Zone (first reboot)	2	1985-1989	CBS	
Two and a Half Men	1 ½	2003-2015	CBS	
United States of Tara	2 ½	2009-2011	Showtime	Diablo Cody
The Walking Dead	1 ½	2010-	AMC	Frank Darabont
Welcome Back, Kotter	3 ½	1975-1979	ABC	G. Kaplan/A. Sacks/P. Meyerson

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Westworld (Season 1)	3	2016	HBO	Jonathan Nolan/Lisa Joy
Westworld (Season 2)	1 ½	2018	HBO	Jonathan Nolan/Lisa Joy
What's My Line?	3 ½	1950-1975	CBS/Syndicated	
Whose Line Is It Anyway?	3 ½	1988-1998	Channel 4	
Whose Line Is It Anyway?	3	1998-2007	ABC/ABC Family	
Whose Line Is It Anyway?	2	2013-	CW	
WWE Raw/Monday Night Raw	0	1993-	USA/TNN	Vince McMahon
The X-Files	3 ½	1993-2002, 2016	Fox	Chris Carter
Your Show of Shows	4	1950-1954	NBC	

TV Mini-Series

American Experience: Walt Disney	2	2015	PBS	Sarah Colt
Baseball	4 ½	1994	PBS	Ken Burns
The Beatles Anthology	4 ½	1995	ITV/ABC	Wonfor/McCartney/Harrison/Starr
Big Little Lies	2	2017	HBO	David Kelley/Jean-Marc Vallée
Chernobyl	3 ½	2019	HBO/Sky UK	Craig Mazin/Johan Renck
The Civil War	5	1990	PBS	Ken Burns
Country Music	4 ½	2019	PBS	Ken Burns
The Dust Bowl	3 ½	2012	PBS	Ken Burns
Fawlty Towers	4 ½	1975 & 1979	BBC	Davies/Spiers/Cleese
Frank Lloyd Wright	3 ½	1998	PBS	Ken Burns/Lynn Novick
Hemingway	3 ½	2021	PBS	Ken Burns/Lynn Novick
The Invisible Man	3 ½	1984	BBC	James Hall/Brian Lighthill
Jazz	5	2001	PBS	Ken Burns
Maelstrom	3 ½	1985	BBC	David Maloney
The Men Who Killed Kennedy	4	1988/91/95 & 2003	ITV/History Channel	Nigel Turner
Muhammad Ali	3 ½	2021	PBS	Ken Burns/S. Burns/D. McMahon
The National Parks: America's Best Idea	4 ½	2009	PBS	Ken Burns
Prohibition	4	2011	PBS	Ken Burns/Lynn Novick
The Roosevelts: An Intimate History	4 ½	2014	PBS	Ken Burns
Shooting the Past	3	1999	BBC	Stephen Poliakoff
Stephen King's It	1 ½	1990	ABC	Tommy Lee Wallace
The Story of Film: An Odyssey	3	2011	More4	Mark Cousins
Unknown Chaplin	3 ½	1983	BBC	Kevin Brownlow/David Gill
V	2	1983	NBC	Kenneth Johnson
Very Scary People	2	2019	HHN	
The Vietnam War	5	2017	PBS	Ken Burns/Lynn Novick
The War	5	2007	PBS	Ken Burns/Lynn Novick
War and Remembrance	2 ½	1989	ABC	Dan Curtis
The West	4	1996	PBS	Stephen Ives
Why Planes Crash	3	2009-2015	MSNBC	Caroline Sommers
The Young Ones	3	1982-1984	BBC	Geoff Posner

Web/Streaming Series

The Handmaid's Tale	3 ½	2017-	Hulu	Bruce Miller
House of Cards (Seasons 1-4)	4	2013-2016	Netflix	Beau Willimon
House of Cards (Season 5)	3	2017	Netflix	Beau Willimon
House of Cards (Season 6)	1 ½	2018	Netflix	Beau Willimon
My Next Guest Needs No Introduction with David Letterman	3	2018-	Netflix	Michael Bonfiglio/David Letterman
Stranger Things (Season 1)	3	2016	Netflix	Matt Duffer/Russ Duffer
The Twilight Zone	2	2019	CBS All Access	Jordan Peele

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The Beatles: Get Back	3 ½	2021	Disney+	P. Jackson/Beatles/ M. Lindsay-Hogg
The Movies That Made Us	1 ½	2019-2021	Netflix	Brian Volk-Weiss
The Neighbors	0	2015	Hulu	Tommy Wiseau
The Queen's Gambit	3	2020	Netflix	Scott Frank

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