

MeierMovies TV/Web Feature Films, Shorts and Series

As my larger lists cover only theatrically released features and shorts, I felt the need to create this smaller, more informal one to catalogue some of the best, most notable or most infamous films that never got a theatrical release, plus TV/Web shows and mini-series. Here you will find feature-length TV movies, short TV and/or Web/streaming movies, TV series, Web/streaming series, direct-to-video/DVD/Blu-ray feature-length movies and feature-length films that played only a handful of non-major film festivals and were then released to video/DVD/Blu-ray or the internet. The rating system for feature-length movies on this list is the same as the one for theatrically released movies (0-5 with quarter-star increments), keeping in mind I am holding them to the same high standards as theatrical releases. (And for teleplays, which are included under TV movies, I've tried to take into account the fact that they are a very different type of animal. But despite their theatrical aesthetic, they are ultimately judged as filmed entertainment, because trying to guess what the experience would have been like live and on stage seems a futile and haphazard exercise.)

The scale for TV and Web series and TV mini-series is similar to my scale for movies but lacks quarter-stars. (It's 0-5 stars with half-star increments.) The scale for TV shorts is the same as my scale for Short Films (0-5 with no half- or quarter-stars). Please note that feature-length movies are listed here only if they never received any type of theatrical release (which could include screenings at two or more major film festivals). If a made-for-TV or direct-to-video/DVD movie was later screened theatrically (either in general/limited release or at major film festivals), you can find it on the larger, theatrically released lists (with a **TV** designation after). **All movies and series are organized alphabetically.** Ratings for TV series 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.

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TV, Web/Streaming & Direct-to-Video/DVD Feature Films

	<u>Stars</u>	<u>Year(s)</u>	<u>Network</u>	<u>Director/Creative Producer</u>
After So Many Days	1	2020	Web/Blu-ray/DVD	Jim Hanft/Samantha Yonack
Awake and Sing!	1 ½	1972	PBS	Robert Hopkins/Norman Lloyd
At the Video Store	1 ¼	2020	Web/Blu-ray/DVD	James Westby
Bad Witch	½	2020	Web/Blu-ray/DVD	Victor Fink/Joshua Land
The Beach House	1 ½	2020	Shudder	Jeffrey Brown
Belushi	3 ¼	2020	Showtime	R.J. Cutler
The Bleeding Edge	3 ½	2018	Netflix	Kirby Dick
Borat Subsequent Moviefilm	3 ½	2020	Amazon Prime Video	Jason Woliner
Breaking Bread FL	1 ½	2020	Web/Blu-ray/DVD	Beth Elise Hawk
The Curse of Robert the Doll	½	2016	Web/Blu-ray/DVD	Andrew Jones
Dick Johnson Is Dead	3	2020	Netflix	Kirsten Johnson
The Dresser	3 ¼	2015	BBC	Richard Eyre
Drought	1 ¼	2020	Web/Blu-ray/DVD	Hannah Black/Megan Petersen
18 to Party	1 ¼	2020	Web/Blu-ray/DVD	Jeff Roda
Emmet Otter's Jug-Band Christmas	3 ¾	1978	HBO	Jim Henson
Empire of the Air: The Men Who Made Radio	3 ¼	1991	PBS	Ken Burns
The Extreme Adventures of Super Dave	¾	2000	Video/DVD/Web	Peter MacDonald
Grumpy Cat's Worst Christmas Ever	½	2014	Lifetime	Tim Hill
The Further Adventures of Walt's Frozen Head	¼	2018	DVD/Blu-ray/Web	Benjamin Lancaster
Horatio's Drive: America's First Road Trip	3 ½	2003	PBS	Ken Burns
How to Be a Serial Killer	½	2018	DVD/Blu-ray/Web	Luke Ricci
Huey Long	3 ¾	1986	PBS	Ken Burns

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The Hunchback of Notre Dame	1 ¾	1982	CBS	Michael Tuchner
I Love You, Daddy	3	2017	DVD/Blu-ray/Web	Louis C.K.
The Idea Thief	¼	2011	Video/DVD/Web	Jonathan Skocik
Image Makers: The Adventures of America's Pioneer Cinematographers	3	2019	TCM	Daniel Raim
The King of Staten Island	2 ½	2020	Web/Blu-ray/DVD	Judd Apatow
Landfall FL	1 ½	2020	Web/Blu-ray/DVD	Cecilia Aldarondo
Lon Chaney: a Thousand Faces	3	2000	TCM	Kevin Brownlow
The Making of a Legend: Gone with the Wind	3 ½	1988	Video/DVD/Web	David Hinton
The Making of Sgt. Pepper	3 ¼	1992	ITV/Disney Channel	Alan Benson
My Darling Vivian	3 ¼	2020	Web/Blu-ray/DVD	Matt Riddlehoover
A Normal Heart	3 ½	2014	HBO	Ryan Murphy
On the 7th Date	¼	2017	DVD/Blu-ray/Web	Chris Goodwin
People Who Die Mysteriously in Their Sleep	¼	2004	Video/DVD/Web	David Gaz/Kevin Poore
Piranhaconda	¼	2012	SyFy	Jim Wynorski
Recount	3 ¼	2008	HBO	Jay Roach
Requiem for a Heavyweight	3 ½	1956	CBS	Ralph Nelson/Rod Serling
Robert, a.k.a. Robert the Doll	½	2015	Web/Blu-ray/DVD	Andrew Jones
Rolling Thunder Revue: A Bob Dylan Story	2	2019	Netflix	Martin Scorsese
Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer	2 ¾	1964	NBC	Larry Roemer/Kizo Nagashima
Sgt. Pepper's Musical Revolution with Howard Goodall	3 ¼	2007	BBC/PBS	Francis Hanley
Sharknado 3: Oh Hell No!	½	2015	SyFy	Anthony C. Ferrante
Sharknado 5: Global Swarming	¼	2017	SyFy	Anthony c. Ferrante
Sharktopus	¼	2010	SyFy	Declan O'Brien
Sharktopus vs. Whalewolf	¼	2015	SyFy	Kevin O'Neill
Snakes on a Train	¼	2006	Video/DVD/Web	Peter Mervis
The Social Dilemma	3 ¼	2020	Web/Blu-ray/DVD	Jeff Orlowski
The Strange Life of Dr. Frankenstein	3	2018	TCM	Jean Froment
Swing State Florida	3	2020	Web/Blu-ray/DVD	Samuel George
The Syria Tate Interview	0	2017	DVD/Blu-ray/Web	Mare Costello
Television Event	3 ¾	2020	Web/Blu-ray/DVD	Jeff Daniels
That's Wild	2	2020	Web/Blu-ray/DVD	Michiel Thomas
The Third Harmony	1 ¼	2020	Web/Blu-ray/DVD	Michael Nagler
Velvet Buzzsaw	3 ¼	2019	Netflix	Dan Gilroy
The Woman in Black	3 ¾	1989	ITV	Herbert Wise
You Don't Know Jack	3	2010	HBO	Barry Levinson

TV, Web/Streaming & Direct-to-Video/DVD Short Films and Music Videos

BURN-E	3	2008		Angus MacLane/John Lasseter
A Busload of Thrills and Cool Casual Comfort	3	2013		MK12/TJ Fuller
La Cabina (The Telephone Box) FL	5	1972	Televisión Español	Antonio Mercero
A Charlie Brown Christmas	4	1965	CBS	Bill Melendez/Charles Schulz
Dawson City: Postscript	4	2017		Bill Morrison
A Day in the Life	3	1967		The Beatles
Dear Satan	3	2017	Web	A. Bingham/C. Swanston/B. White
Don't Answer Me	4	1984	MTV/VH1	M. Kaluta/A. Parsons/D.J. Webster
Dug's Special Mission	3	2009		Ronaldo Del Carmen/John Lasseter
Elton John Lewis (John Lewis commercial)	4	2018	BBC/ITV	John Lewis
Fallingwater	3	2015		Cristóbal Vila
Free as a Bird	5	1995	ITV/ABC	Pytka/McCartney/Harrison/Starr
Hello Goodbye	3	1967		The Beatles
Henri 2: Paw de Deux FL	4	2012	Web	Shawn Bean
Holding Back the Years	4	1985	MTV/VH1	Simply Red
Housecall	3	2019	Web	Josh Soskin
How the Grinch Stole Christmas	5	1966	CBS	Chuck Jones/Ben Washam
Italian Spiderman FL	3	2007	Web	Dario Russo
It's the Great Pumpkin, Charlie Brown	4	1966	CBS	Bill Melendez/Charles Schulz
Jazzin' for Blue Jean	4	1984	MTV/VH1	Julien Temple/David Bowie
Moby and the Void Pacific Choir: Are You Lost in the World Like Me?	4	2016		Steve Cutts
Monty the Penguin (John Lewis commercial)	4	2014	BBC/ITV	John Lewis

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Paperback Writer	4	1966		Michael Lindsay-Hogg/The Beatles
Penny Lane	4	1967		Peter Goldman/The Beatles
Pets or Meat: The Return to Flint	4	1992	PBS	Michael Moore
Rain	4	1966		Michael Lindsay-Hogg/The Beatles
Real Love	4	1995	ITV/ABC	Geoff Wonfor/Kevin Godley
Road to Nowhere	4	1985	MTV/VH1	David Byrne/Stephen Johnson
The Scarecrow (Chipotle commercial)	4	2013		Bill Joyce/Moonbot Studios
Strawberry Fields Forever	5	1967		Peter Goldman/The Beatles
Sledgehammer	4	1986	MTV/VH1	Stephen Johnson/Peter Gabriel
Harvey and Harmony (Thinkbox commercial)	3	2014		Andrew MacGillivray/Thinkbox
The Third & the Seventh	4	2009		Alex Roman
Thriller	4	1983	MTV	John Landis/Michael Jackson
Video Killed the Radio Star	3	1979	MTV	Russel Mulcahy/The Buggles
Who Cares	4	2018		B. Gutierrez/R. Heffington/P. McCartney
Within You Without You/Tomorrow Never Knows	4	2006		Simon Hilton/George Martin
Your Friend the Rat	4	2007		Jim Capobianco/John Lasseter

TV Series

ALF	1	1986-1990	NBC	
Alfred Hitchcock Presents / The Alfred Hitchcock Hour	4	1955-1965	CBS/NBC	Alfred Hitchcock
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	
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	
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	

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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
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
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	

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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
Fawlty Towers	4 ½	1975 & 1979	BBC	Davies/Spiers/Cleese
Frank Lloyd Wright	3 ½	1998	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
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
The Neighbors	0	2015	Hulu	Tommy Wiseau
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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