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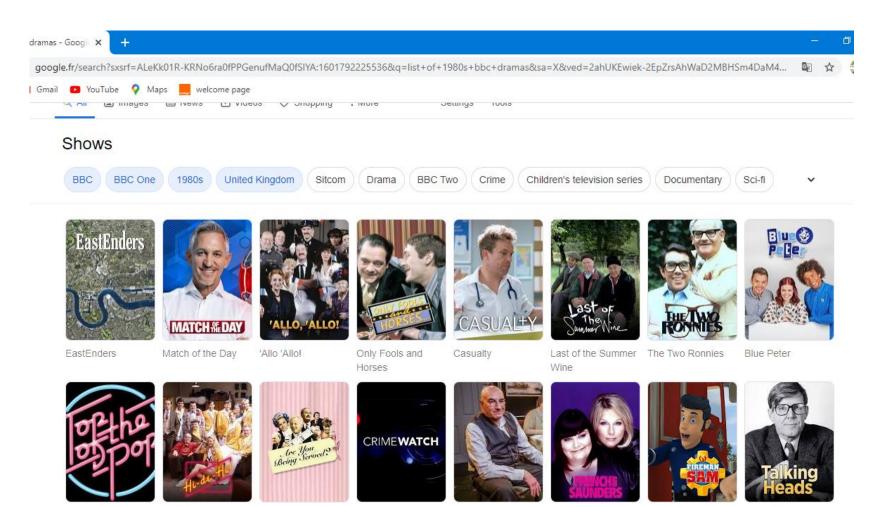
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Mitch Benn, a 21st century appreciative song



Top of the Pops

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Talking Heads



Welcome to the BBC Genome Project

What's here

This site contains the BBC listings information which the BBC printed in Radio Times between 1923 and 2009. You can search the site for BBC programmes, people, dates and Radio Times editions.

We hope it helps you find information about that long forgotten BBC programme, research a particular person or browse your own involvement with the BBC.

Through the listings, you will also be able to use the Genome search function to find thousands of radio and TV programmes that are already available to view or listen to on the BBC website.

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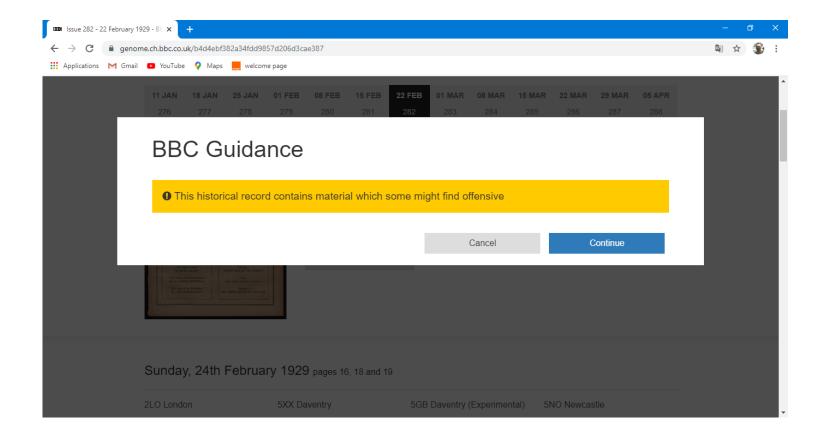






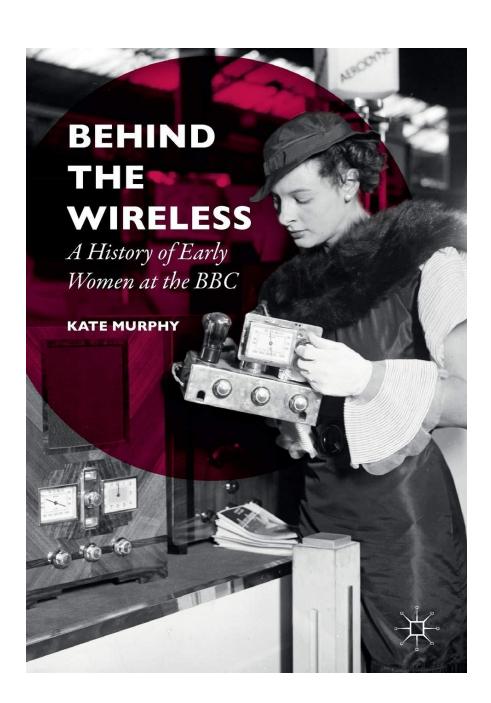




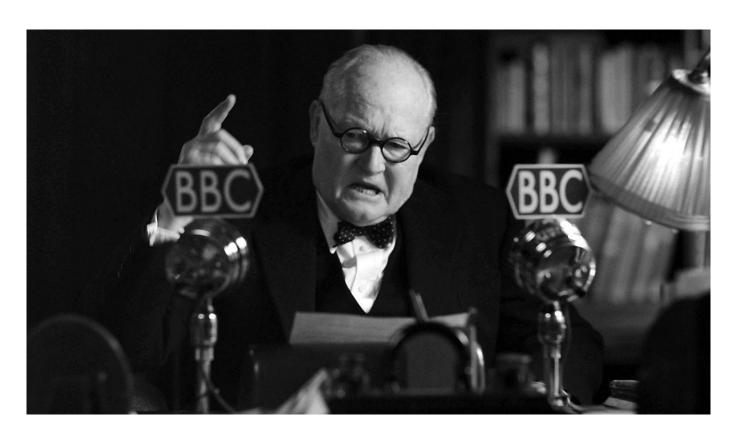


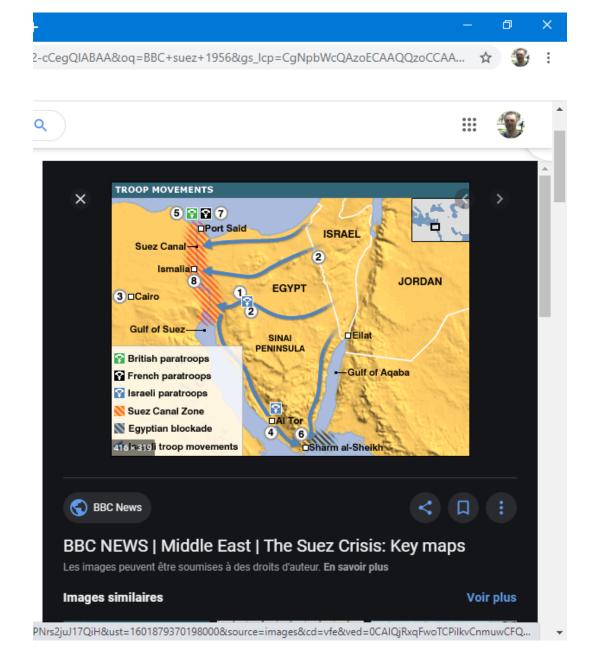
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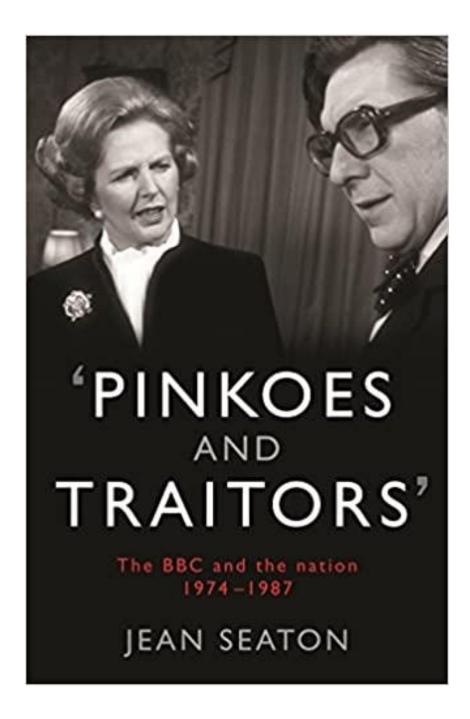


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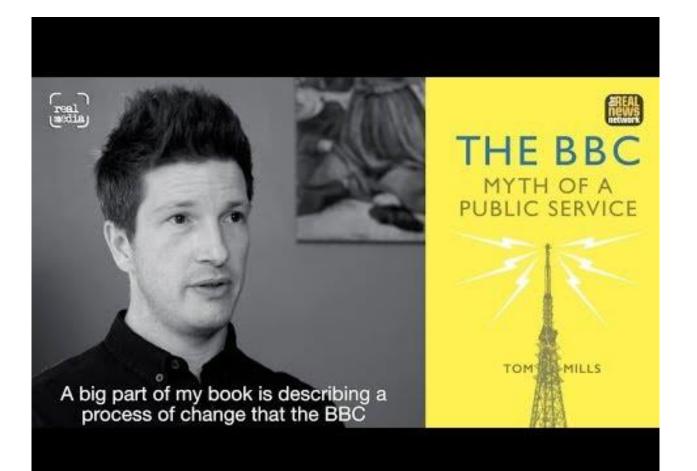
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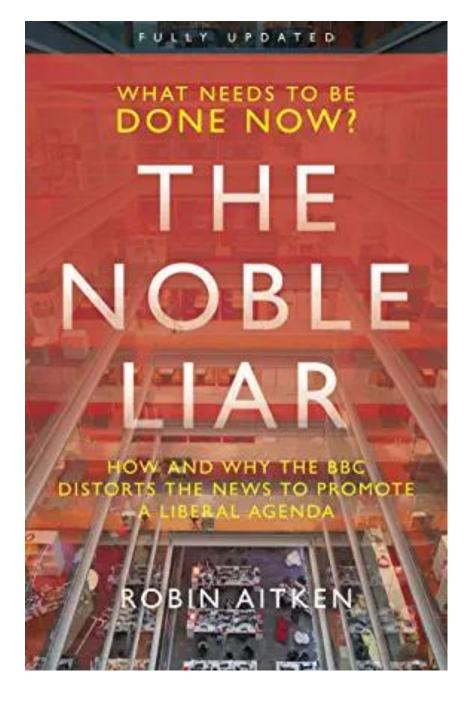
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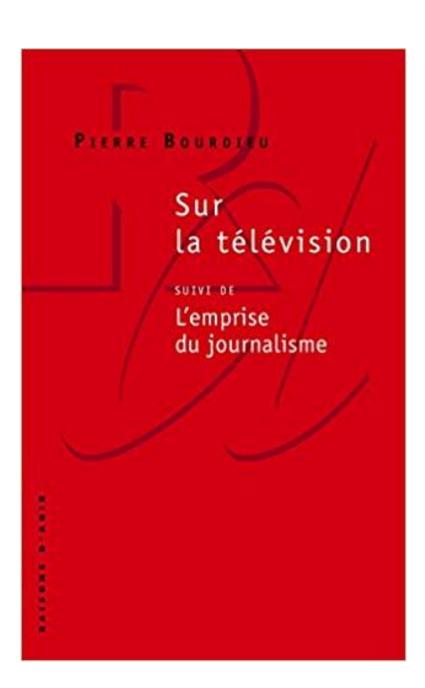


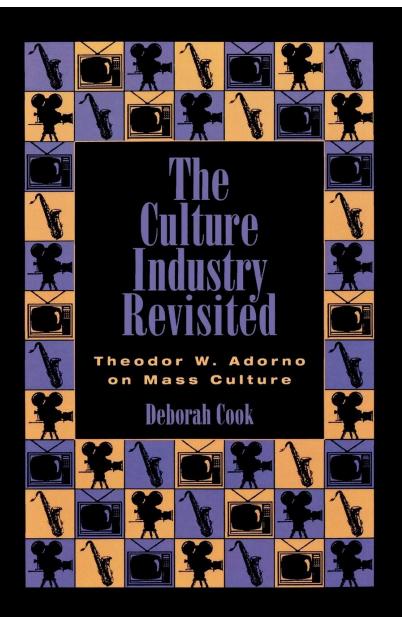
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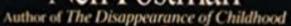


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Public Discourse in the Age of Show Business



"This comes along at exactly the right moment . . . We must confront the challenge of his prophetic vision."

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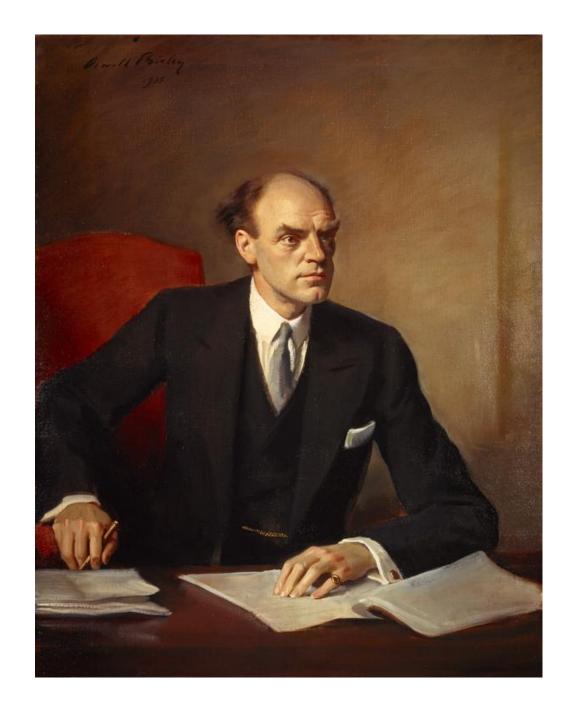
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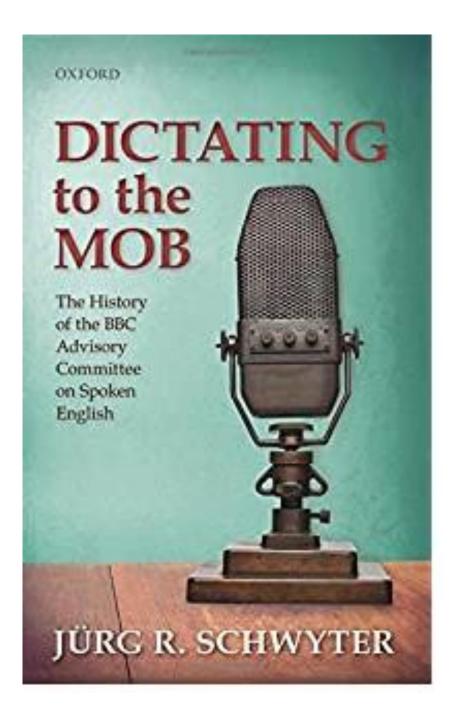


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The Story of BBC Audience Research

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All BBC Radio One presenters in 1967



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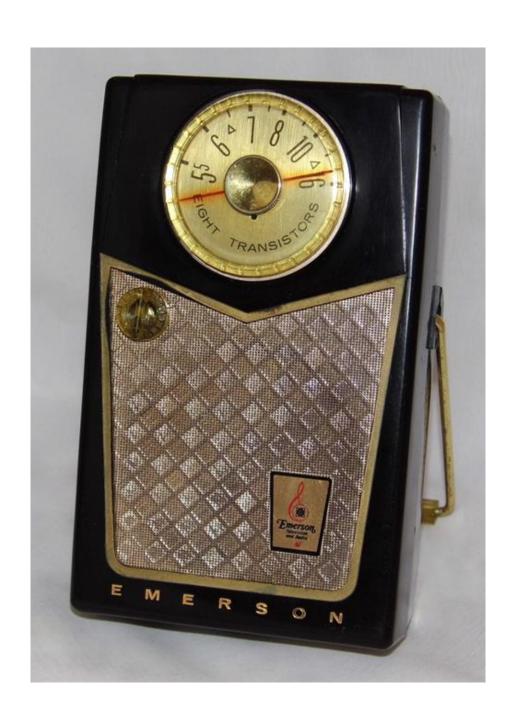
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1950, before transistors



1958 Emerson Model 888 Pioneer 8-Transistor AM Radio, Made in the USA,





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Above : Christopher Stone

Right: John Peel





Annie Nightingale



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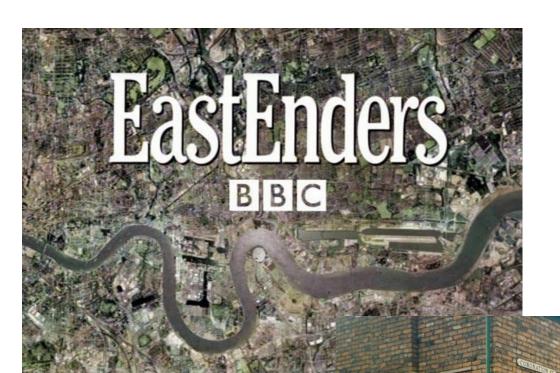
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Till Death Do Us Part 1965-1975

Dad's Army 1968- 1977





ROVERS RETURN IN

Coronation Street (9 million viewers on average). Shown continuously since 1960!

Eastenders (7 to 12 million viewers) Shown continuously since 1985.

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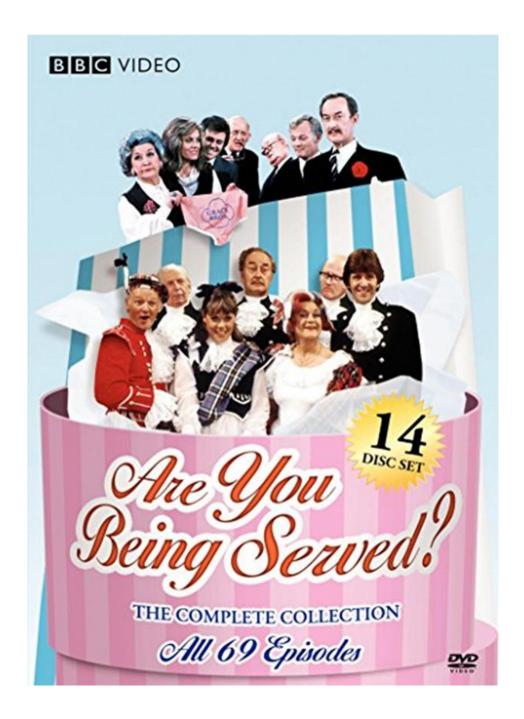
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There's plenty of laughter in store when an unbelievably quirky contingent of sales clerks makes shopping at Grace Brothers the comic experience of a lifetime. This ready-to-wear collection of classic episodes has been lovingly pressed and polished for DVD.



---- The Clock

After 37 years of loyal service, Mr. Grainger feels he may be forcibly retired from his job at Grace Brothers.

An international fuel crisis means the heat is off and the thermal underwear is on.

----- The Think Tank

When sales begin to slip in the Ladies' Lingerie and Gentlemen's Ready-Made departments, the staff puts on a fashion show to boost the business.

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--- Hoorah for the Holidays

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---- The Hand of Fate

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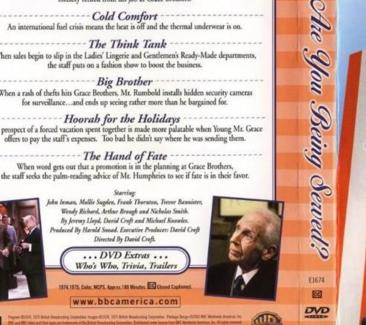
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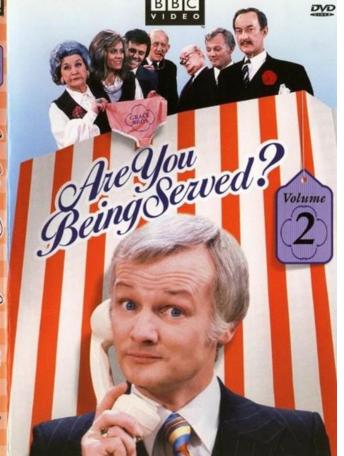








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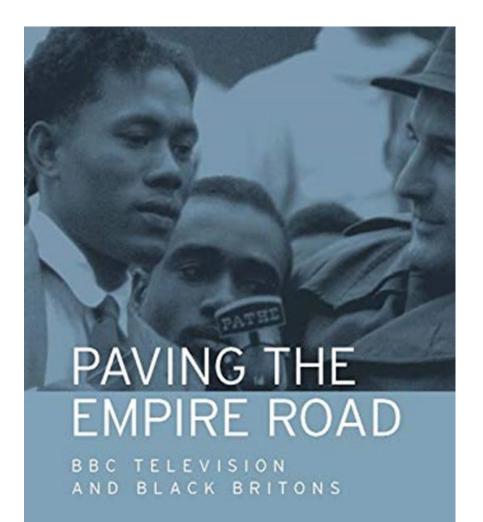


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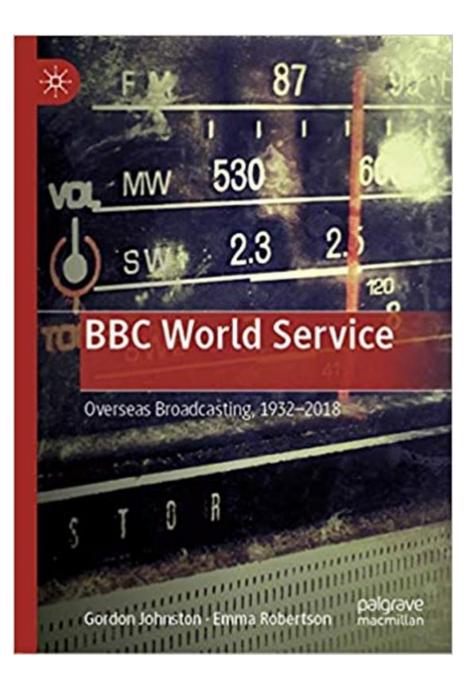


First « gay kiss » on EastEnders 1987





DARRELL M. NEWTON



Television



Television after the war in Britain

- BBC dilemma: its role as the broadcast medium in Britain vs. its nature as a verbal medium – TV thought of as an "extension of sound broadcasting"
- First television broadcast 7.6.1946
- As far as early 1950s one hour of programme in the morning, one in the afternoon, few in the evening
- "Something for everyone and everything for someone"

Major events televised

- Televising of the Victory Parade
- First full length Television drama The Silence of the Sea (1946)
- London Olympic Games, 1948
- Coronation of Queen Elizabeth II, June 1953 estimated 20 million viewers and captured on film for broadcasts in the USA, Canada and elsewhere

Reviewing the broadcasting environment – the crucial reports

- Beverage report 1951
- Pilkington report 1962
- Annan report 1977

Beveridge report 1951

- Criticized BBC monopoly and paternalism but nevertheless recommended its continuation with certain reservations
- Argued against television advertising
- Criticized BBC London centeredness
- In his minority report Selwyn Lloyd advocated competition funded either by advertising or public subsidy
- The new Conservative administration rejected the report but nevertheless renewed BBC's charter

Popular television association Was founded by West End theatre managers, advertising

- Was founded by West End theatre managers, advertising agency J. Walter Thomson, the Daily Mirror and the Financial Times
- Performers, scriptwriters, manufacturers of equipment, advertisers and market researchers, journalists etc. wre involved
- Call for people's right to be entertained rather than educated
- Need to be able to offer services to more than one broadcaster
- Investments were needed for a new channel, but BBC license fee could not be increased

Reaction defends BBC monopoly

- Educators, men of the church, moralists, ideological politicians – and newspapers that thought that they might lose advertising revenue to a commercial TV channel
- Emphasis on content: only as a monopoly the BBC would be able to operate a comprehensible public service and take into account also minorities.
- Lord Reith: allowing commercial television would be tantamount to importing into the country smallpox and bubonic plague

Independent television (ITV, 1955)

- Television Act of 1954 allowed commercial braodcasting
- Commercial broadcasting began in 1955
- Popularly referred to as ITV, although this was not a formal organization at the time
- Independent Television Authority (ITA) was set to allocate franchises and monitor operations particularly as regards public service
- ITA owned and operated television transmitters but did not actually make programmes
- ITA allocated a number of regional franchises on fixed term basis to programme producers

- These contractors were responsible for selling airtime to the advertisers, and from what they earned they would have to pay a levy
- Regions / programme time were divided between contractors
- Contractors effectively formed a network competing with BBC rather than competing with one another
- Independent Television News (ITN) was created to produce nationwide news broadcasts
- Advertising and programmes had to be clearly separated from one another
- Advertising limited to maximum of 6 min/h

ITV begins

- Programming: mainly light entertainment → loss of support of opinion formers
- BBC held on to tradition, ITV become innovative
- Soon ¾ of adult viewers preferred ITV
- ITN gradually created a televisual news format in contrast to BBC's very literary style. mission: "to make significant news more interesting, more comprehensible and acceptable."
- Question of cross media ownership and control would television become dominated by conservative dominated press?
- The Television Act forbade advertising with political or religious aim, promoting ideas on controversial issues such as abortion or capital punishment

Early TV advertising practices

- Roy Thompson: "Owning a commercial TV franchise in Britain was "like having a licence to print your own money."
- TV-advertisements were in the forefront of technical development and stylistic sophistication of sorts – their editing has influenced audiovisual culture in general

Early ITV favourites

- *Cool for Cats* (1956-59)
- Emergency Ward Ten (ATV, 1957-67)
- Coronation Street (Granada 1960 -)
- Television plays written by Dennis Potter, Ken Loach etc

BBC form in response to ITV

- "Toddler's truce" (no broadcasting between 6-7 pm.) practice abandoned in 1956
- BBC abandons the policy of broadcasting serious programmes at peak viewing hours
- Develops scheduling and style of presentation
- Public service ethos survives but more emphasis is put on the need to offer a great variety of programming and to serve minorities

- Current affairs programme Tonight (1960-) gains up to 9 million regular viewers
- Emphasis on well scripted, televisually realized comedy
- Fierce struggle for a second BBC channel



BBC: Tomorrow's world 1965-2003

Pilkington report 1962

- "Television is and will be a main factor in influencing the values and moral standards of our society."
- Concern for the survival of working class culture
- Competition is said to weaken BBC's ability to fulfil its public service responsibilities → a new channel would enable balancing
- BBC2 begins broadcasting in 1964

Some BBC programmes in the new broadcasting environment

- Juke Box Jury (1959-67)
- Cathy Come Home (1963)
- The Great War (1964)
- Monty Python's Flying Circus (1969-74)
- The Ascent of Man (1972-73)



Juke box jury from 1959



Monty Python's dead parrot sketch

ITV defends itself

- Pilkington rapport (1962) is criticized for being old fashioned and elitist
- There is a call to 'respect the taste of the audience'
- ITV begins to actively raise the standard of both fictional and factual programming, e.g. World at War (Thames Television, 1973)

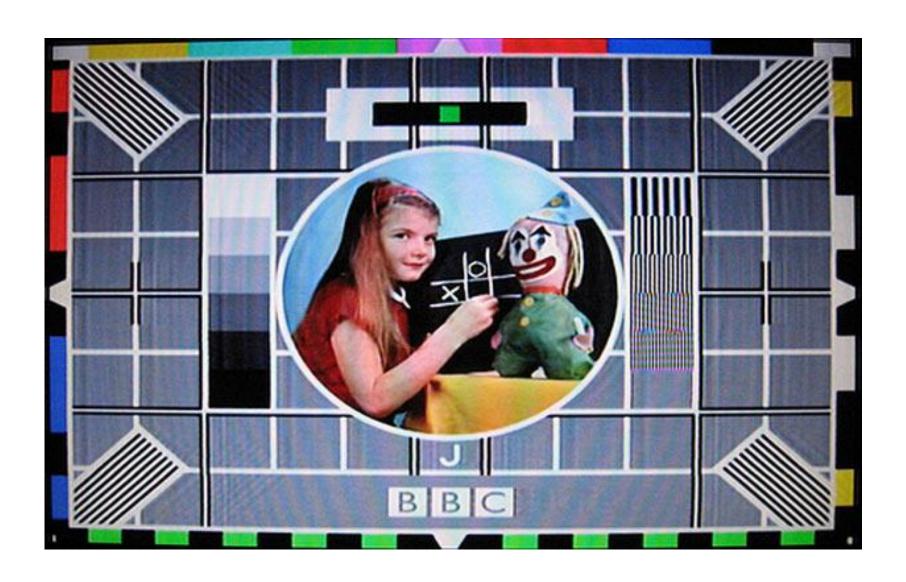


Competition: BBC's Panorama (1953-2016) and ITV's World in Action (1963-1998)



Changes in the 1970s

- 19 January 1972 day restrictions on broadcasting hours lifted – this is an acknowledgement of differences in people's schedules
- Independent Local Radio System (ILR, 1972) strips BBC of its radio monopoly. Local private radios are licensed,
- Rapid spreading of colour television in early 1970s



BBC test card 1970s

Celebrated programmes in the 1970s

- ITV
 - Upstairs Downstairs (LWT, 1971-77)
 - The World at War (Thames, 1974)
 - The Muppet Show (1976-81)
- BBC
 - The Six Wives of Henry VIII (1970)
 - I, Claudius (1976)
 - Not the Nine O'Clock News (1979-82)



The Muppet show ATV 1976

1970s sitcoms

Fawlty Towers

The Good Life

Man About the House

George and Mildred

On the Buses

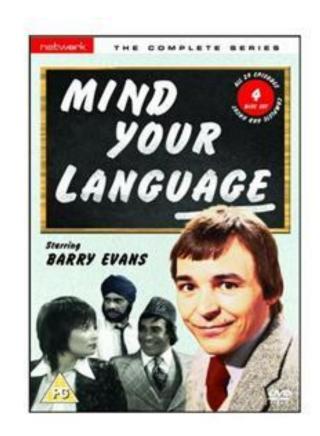
Love Thy neighbour

Mind Your Language

Are You Being served?



Scene from 1970s sitcoms « Love thy neighbour » and « Mind your language »



The Annan Report (1977) principles

British broadcasting should be characterized by

- accountability through Parliament to a public which is given more chance to make its voice heard
- diversity of services
- flexibility of structure
- editorial independence

The Annan Report recommendations

- A new channel should be awarded to ITV
- The channel should cater for interests of minorities presently ill served by television
- It should be supervised by an Open Broadcasting Authority

Channel Four principles

- Commercial but non-profit enterprise financed by ITV licence holders selling advertising time in its own region
- Production out-sourced to small scale enterprises thus hoping to access larger pool of talent



Channel Four under Jeremy Isaacs 1981-87

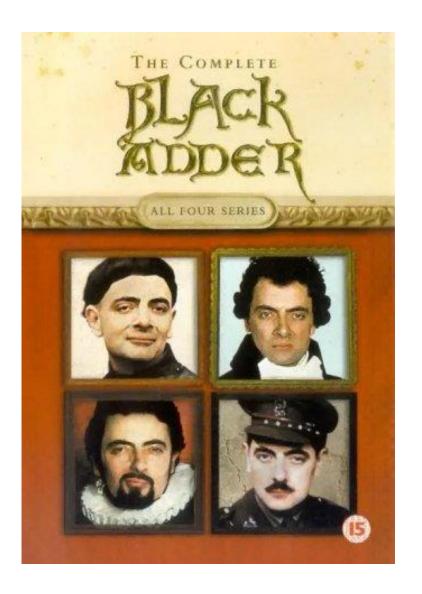
- Development of intellectually more challenging formats
- Attacks against class prejudice, sexism and racism
- Giving voice to a great variety of ethnic and social groups (Black on Black, Asian Eye) as well as gay & lesbian people
- Co-producer of films such as Greenaway's Draughtsman's Contract, Jarman's Caravaggio and Jordan's The Company of Wolves
- 10 % share of the audience

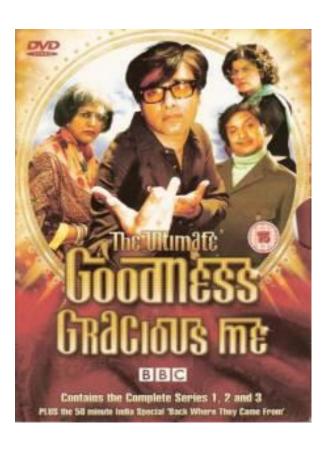
Satellite technology challenges

- Geostationary satellites together with glass fibre cable technology radically change the amount of potential channels
- Cable launched in Britain in 1983. The new services were to be supplementary to the existing BBC & ITV service
- Rupert Murdoch's News International launches Sky Channel in 1981

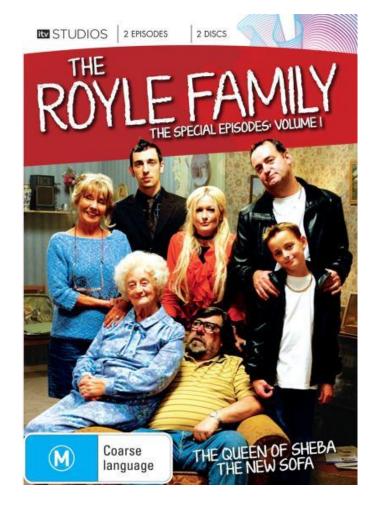
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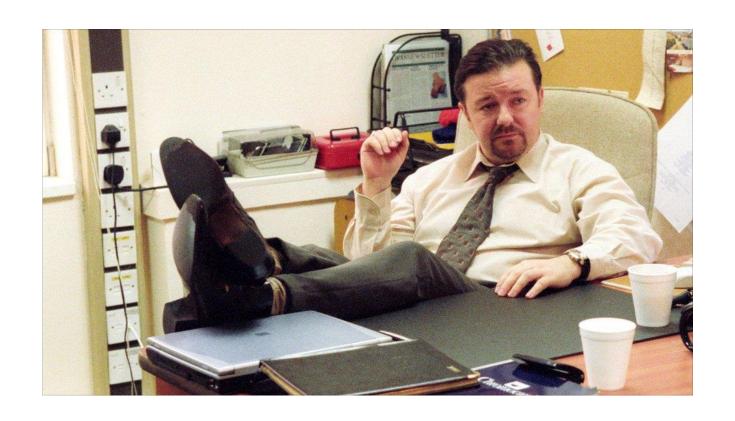






UK comedy 1990s





BBC The Office 2000s



A scene from « Citizen Kahn » : a 2012 sitcom some think is discriminatory

Further developments in Britain I

- Increasingly politicized nominations of BBC leadership
- A 1988 government proposal on legislation stated: "As viewers exercise greater choice there is no longer the same need for quality service to be prescribed by legislation or regulatory fiat... It should be for the operators to decide what to show and when to show it."
- In the 1990s BBC begins partnerships with the private sector in order to secure its international distribution. More outsourcing of programme production.
- BBC World (1991) sells advertising time like any commercial broadcaster

Television today

➤ Public channels: (BBC1 and BBC2 in particular) still derive most of their money from the television licence fee. There is no advertising at all on the BBC. The television licence costs £147 per year per household (as of 2018).



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QI: Series 6: Children in Need Special: Family



Children in Need: 2008: Part 4: Top Gear/Ashes to

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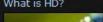
What is HD?

Licence fee

Going digital













Top ten moments in British TV by audience size, 2014

- 1, England v Uruguay, ITV 1 June 19 13.9 million
- 2. Great British Bake Off, BBC 1, October 8 13.5 million
- 3. Sherlock, BBC 1, January 1 12.7 million
- 4. Britain's Got Talent, ITV 1 12.4 million
- 5. Germany v Argentina, BBC 1, July 13 12.1 million
- 6. I'm A Celebrity, ITV 1, November 16 11.9 million
- 7. Strictly Come Dancing, BBC 1, November 15 11.4 million
- 8. Call The Midwife, BBC 1, January 19 11.3 million
- 9. Coronation Street, ITV 1, January 20 11 million
- 10. Downton Abbey, ITV 1, November 2 10.7 million

Source: Gloucestershire Echo

How many US programmes? Why?







Call the Midwife

Television genre

Docudrama, reality television,
quiz shows, sport shows, documentary,
chat shows,
sitcoms, soap operas,
detective series, cooking contests...

Reality television is a <u>genre</u> of <u>television programming</u> that documents supposedly unscripted real-life situations, and often features an otherwise unknown cast of individuals who are typically not professional actors, although in some shows <u>celebrities</u> may participate. It differs from documentary television in that the focus tends to be on drama, personal conflict, and entertainment rather than educating viewers. The genre has various standard tropes, including "confessionals" (also called talking heads or interview segments) used by cast members to express their thoughts, which often double as the shows' narration. In competition-based reality shows, a notable subset, there are other common elements such as one participant being eliminated per episode, a panel of judges, and the concept of "immunity from elimination."

Wikipedia



Airline is a fly on the wall television programme, produced in the United Kingdom that showcases the daily happenings of passengers, ground workers and flight crew of Britannia (series 1) and later EasyJet (from series 2). The show was broadcast between 1998 and 2007 on ITV, is often repeated on ITV2 and shown on syndication on Pick. The programme's success sparked a US version of the series, following American low-cost airline Southwest Airlines.

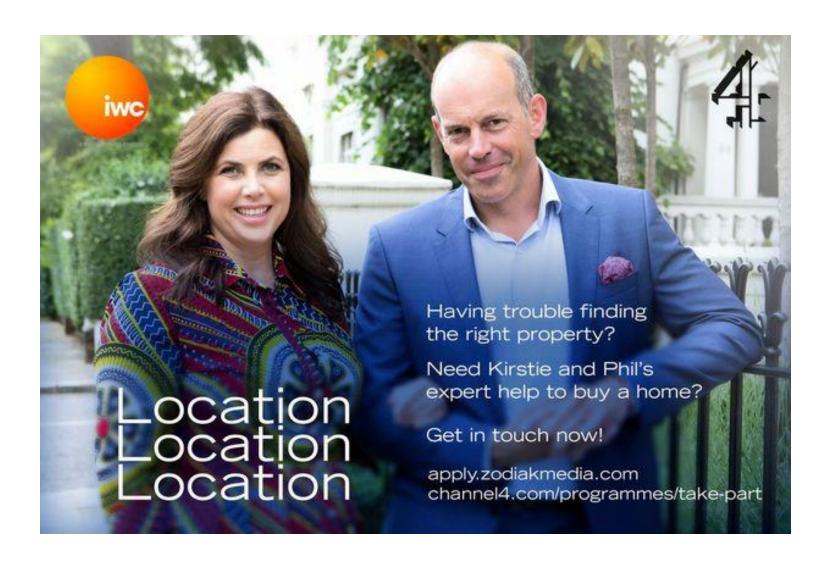
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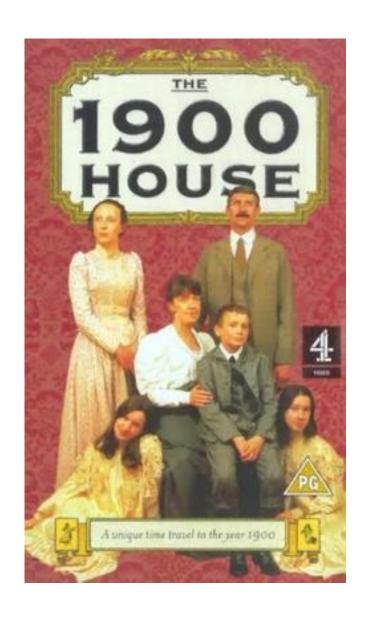


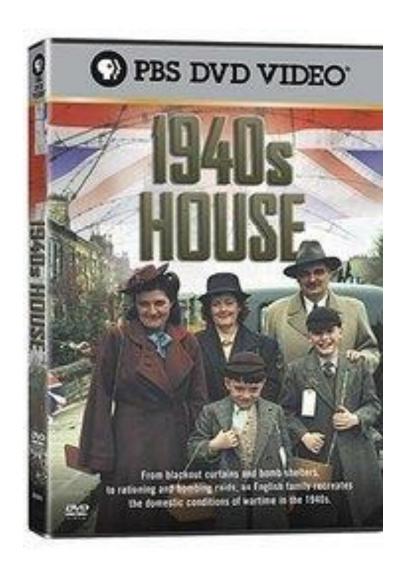


Over 1300 episodes,



« Reality TV » has a certain number of sub genres, variously analyzed, One which has been much more successful than might be expected is the historical reconstruction series, in which ordinary people (or, sometimes, historians) are asked to live in the way they would have done in a previous historical period,

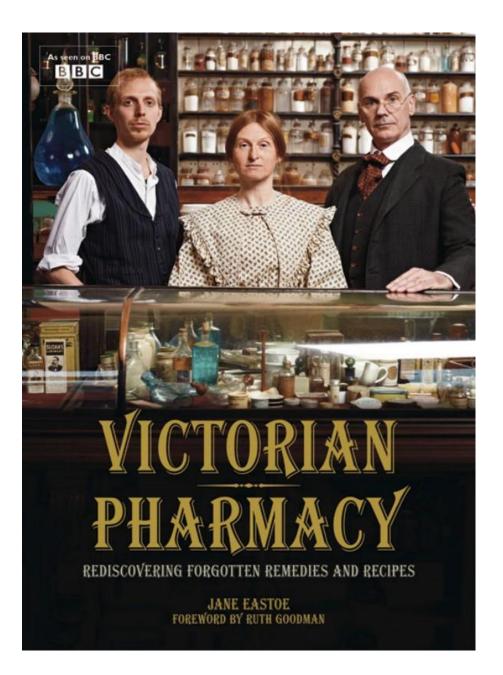




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