

The Great Detectives, Olli, Spring 2020

Jan. 31: The Masters: Agatha Christie: Miss Marple: "The Murder at the Vicarage," 1986, based upon Miss Marple's first appearance in a full length Christie mystery, in 1930.

Also: "Rosemary and Thyme" ("cosy" mystery) in the 2003 to 2006 series, starring Felicity Kendall and Pam Ferris.

February 7: Back Stories: Arthur Conan Doyle and the Origins of Sherlock Holmes: The "Murder Room Series," 2001, Dr. Joseph Bell (Ian Richardson) and the Apprentice of Arthur Conan Doyle: Episode, "The Patient's Eyes."

Also, The "cosy" mystery, "Murder in Suburbia," 2004/5 series, starring Lisa Falkner, and Caroline Catz of "Doc Martin" fame.

Feb. 14: The Masters: Sherlock Holmes: Jeremy Brett: "The Adventure of the Second Stain," from the collection "The Return of Sherlock Holmes," first telecast in July, 1986.

Hercule Poirot: David Suchet: "The Adventure of the Western Star," from Season 2, first telecast in March, 1990.

Feb. 21: The "Family" Mystery: "Midsomer Murders" begins with a novel by Caroline Graham, "Killings at Badger's Drift," 1997, the first episode of the first season. The series is now in its 21st season!

Feb: 28: The Masters: Inspector Maigret, from the novels by Georges Simenon: the 1992-3 series in English, starring Michael Gambon: episode "Maigret and the Maid".

Also, an episode from the French series, starring Bruno Cremer as Maigret (1991-2005).

Mar. 6: The Back Story: The series "Endeavour" began in 2012 as a prequel to the career of Inspector Morse from the novels by Colin Dexter. This series has starred Shaun Evans as the youthful Endeavour Morse. We will see an episode yet to be chosen.

March 13: The Detective Operates from a Religious Viewpoint: The Cadfael series from 1994-1998 starred Derek Jacobi in episodes from the books by Ellis Peters. We will see the episode "Cadfael and the Potter's Field", as well as an episode from a "Father Brown" Series, based on the stories by G.K. Chesterton.

March 20: The Inspector Montalbano series, set in contemporary Sicily, are based on books by Andrea Camilleri. Begun in 1999, and now in its 14th series, the leading detective is played by Luca Zingaretti.

Individual episodes may be changed, depending on availability.

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