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The Sons of Anarchy or SAMCRO

About two years ago in the summer of 2009 I watched the entire television series called "The Shield." Our library had the first three seasons and I rented the other four elsewhere. I always ranted and raved about how great the show was to other people so imagine my surprise **Read more »**

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Parks and Recreation

As an Indiana native and someone who finds bureaucracy ridiculous, *Parks and Recreation*consistently tickles my funny bone.
The key for me is Amy Pohler?s performance as Leslie Knope. As the deputy director of the parks and recreation department for Pawnee, Indiana her eagerness and honest belief in the system make her as sympathetic as she is funny. The rest of her colleagues have a more realistic view of their positions and their town but either like Leslie enough or are bored enough to help her on her many crusades. **Read more »**

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Dark Skies (1996)

Dark Skies, one of my favorite mid-90s TV shows, recently came out on DVD. It was one of those shows that I wasn't sure would ever come out on DVD because it seemed like it never developed the sort of cult following that demands that sort of thing. As it turns out, there was a cult following that show, I just never came across it. **Read more »**
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Winnebago Man (2009)

Winnebago Man, a documentary about one director's search for his favorite YouTube sensation, begins with said sensation, Jack Rebney, yelling at the director to just leave him alone. This is an interesting place to start because it kind of sets up the director, the person we'll be following on his journey to find Jack, as a jerk. Lucky for the viewer, this does not end up being the case. Rather, *Winnebago Man* becomes a humorous exploration of Internet fame and the responsibility of the fan/filmmaker. **Read more »**
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Downton Abbey

The year is 1912 and news of the Titanic's sinking has reached the fictional English estate Downton Abbey, home of the Earl of Grantham and his family. Unfortunately, the closest male family heirs were on board the ship and are presumed perished. *Downton Abbey* follows the family from this point forward as they deal with inheritance issues as well as the trials of day to day life.
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Justified (2010)

There are few actors who can effectively pull off a cowboy hat anymore. Perhaps this has

contributed to the relative death of the western, which is sad because I enjoy a good western. Every once in a while we'll get a *True Grit* or *The Assassination of Jesse James by the Coward Robert Ford*, but more often than not what we get is in the vein of the forgettable *American Outlaws*. **Read more »**
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