



# THE PURITAN POST

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## This Week on TV

***Into The Dark: Flesh and Blood***  
(2018, Hulu)

In Issue No. 14 of THE PURITAN POST I reviewed the first installment of a new Hulu anthology show done with Blumhouse called *Into the Dark*. The first movie, *The Body*, released near Halloween, was not very good. The follow up episode, however, *Flesh and Blood*, about a young agoraphobic woman grieving after the murder of her mother is a huge step up. This movie is actually really solid as a stand-alone feature length slasher flick. Dermot Mulroney gives perhaps the performance of his career as the girl's father, whom she suspects not only killed her mom, but is also a maniacal serial killer.

## Also on TV This Week

***Making a Murderer: Season Two***  
(Netflix)

In case a fictional story about family and murder on Thanksgiving is too on the nose for you, cuddle around the fire with the folks and watch the second season of the 2015 sensation *Making a Murderer*. If you watch the news, you kind of know what happened since season one, but there are still some new twists and turns along the way for you and your family to enjoy this holiday.

## Showrunner\*

**Spotlight: Rob McElhenney**



**Birth:** 4/14/1977,  
Philadelphia, PA

**Notable Works:** *It's Always Sunny in Philadelphia*, *The Cool Kids*

**What's Next:** A new series he is writing with Charlie Day and a new TV movie starring Kaitlin Olson

**Fun Facts:** Married "Sunny" co-star Kaitlin Olson in 2008. They have two sons, Axel and Leo

\* *The Showrunner* is the most important role on any TV set, trumping even the director in say

## The TOP 10 THANKSGIVING EPISODES In Television History

THE PURITAN POST is a Movie and TV blog. But never in our short history have we done an All TV Issue... until now. I don't celebrate Thanksgiving in November, rather in October as we do in the Great White North, but I aim to please. In the first All TV Issue of THE PURITAN POST, I countdown the best American Thanksgiving episodes in television history.

### No. 10: *That 70's Show*, S01E10 "Thanksgiving"

Laurie brings a friend home for Thanksgiving, causing some well written Donna/Eric drama. Also a vintage Red, "because you're a dumbass" moment.

### No. 9: *Roseanne*, S04E10 "Thanksgiving 1991"

Textbook *Roseanne* blending drama and comedy with *Night of the Hunter's* Shelly Winters as Nana Mary. D.J. alone at the kids table = comedy gold.

### No. 8: *The O.C.*, S01E09 "Homecoming"

Read more about my love for *The O.C.* in Issue No. 3. This classic episode is the first time Julie Cooper is revealed to be dating Caleb. Also, Marissa joins Ryan to visit his imprisoned brother Tre in Chino.

### No. 7: *The Cosby Show*, S06E09 "Cliff's Wet Adventure"

Cliff in and out from the rain kills me every time. Also, Kenny giving love advice and "So Raven" Olivia moments, like a song about a turkey.

### No. 6: *Seinfeld*, S06E08 "The Mom and Pop Store"

*Seinfeld* reinvents the "Thanksgiving Episode" focusing on a parade party and Bryan Cranston does fantastic work, as always, here as Tim Whatley. Also, George finds out the truth about which John Voight's Car he owns.

### No. 5: *The League*, S03E09 "Thanksgiving"

This episode cracks the top five for the genius casting of Jeff Goldblum as Ruxin's father alone. Not to mention the equally genius casting of Sarah Silverman as Andre's promiscuous sister who got lap-band surgery.

### No. 4: *Boy Meets World*, S04E10 "Turkey Day"

They don't make heart-warming TV content like this anymore. A wonderful episode made better by Frankie Stecchino and his little brother, Herman.

### No. 3: *How I Met Your Mother*, S05E09 "Slapsgiving 2: Revenge of the Slap"

The T2: *Judgement Day* of TV Episodes. Tops the first "Slapsgiving" thanks in large part to the great Chris Elliot as Lilly's dad, Mickey.

### No. 2: *It's Always Sunny in Philadelphia*, S09E10 "The Gang Squashes their Beefs"

No show subverts the American sitcom better than "Sunny". Fitting that their Thanksgiving episode ends in the Gang learning nothing and burning everyone alive. Also, Frank's stare down with Wang and one-eyed McPoyle.

### No. 1: *Friends*, S08E09 "The One with the Rumor"

No show does Thanksgiving like *Friends*. Watch for Brad Pitt and his "I Hate Rachel Green Club". Stay for Joey eating Turkey in maternity pants. And Phoebe and Chandler talk like I do while watching American football.

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