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NEW on TV

Tiger King (Netflix)

Netflix couldn't have timed the release of their new docuseries *Tiger King* any better. With majority of people quarantined at home, seemingly everyone is talking about the new sensation that is *Tiger King* and all of the stranger than fiction characters in it. The series, which follows exotic animal dealers, collectors and zookeepers is one of the best documentary series I have ever seen. The main character of Joe Exotic is almost too bizarre of a character to be believed as are the rest of the insane folks involved like Carole or Doc Antle. Every time you think this show can't get any crazier it always does. I didn't think any documentary this year could top *McMillions* but I would say the sheer insanity of *Tiger King* does.

NEW on HOME VIDEO

The Invisible Man (2020)

In light of millions of people in America and across the world self-isolating, several major studios have now released movies that would've been in theaters at this time onto on-demand via Amazon's Prime Video Cinema. The best that I have watched of these new flicks so far is definitely this year's *The Invisible Man*, a fresh new take on the classic Universal monster written and directed by *Saw* and *Insidious* writer Leigh Whannell. This movie combines a fantastic script with stylish direction and simple yet effective visual effects to make one of the best Thrillers of recent memory. The movie is grounded by a truly remarkable performance by Elizabeth Moss, who's had a breakout few years as of late. Moss does incredible work here portraying a victim of abuse and hopefully her acting will still be remembered come awards season.

Director Spotlight: Leigh Whannell



Birth: 1/17/77 Melbourne, Australia
Notable Works: *Insidious: Chapter 3*, *Upgrade*, *The Invisible Man*
Fun Facts: Met James Wan at the Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology and the two would later come up for the concept for *Saw*.

The Top Eight QUARANTINE/ SELF-ISOLATION Movies Ever

Majority of us are stuck at home in quarantine and in a perpetual state of self-isolation. So here is a list of the top eight movies about characters who are either in an actual quarantine or who are self-isolating from the world they are in due to a variety of circumstances.

8. *Buried* (2010)

The Ryan Reynolds thriller set entirely inside a coffin follows an Iraq-based American truck driver who's been buried alive. The film does an excellent job conveying the character's confined, claustrophobic state.

7. *Quarantine* (2008)

This found footage thriller from directing duo John and Erik Dowdle is a bit of an underrated gem. It also could have made our recent list of virus outbreak movies as it is a different sort of spin on the zombie flick as seen through the eyes of quarantined reporter and camera man.

6. *127 Hours* (2010)

James Franco received an Oscar nomination for his work in *127 Hours*, a true story of a climber whose arm has been pinned under a boulder and must find a way to escape. Directed by the great Danny Boyle whose *28 Days Later* also got a spot on our virus outbreak list in Issue No. 64.

5. *10 Cloverfield Lane* (2000)

In what I believe to be the best of all the *Cloverfield* movies, we get one of John Goodman's finest performances of his career. It also has an equally impressive performance by Mary Elizabeth Winstead as a woman held prisoner in a bunker after a recent alleged alien chemical attack.

4. *Castaway* (2000)

It is rather fitting to have listed this movie, one of director Robert Zemeckis' best, which stars Tom Hanks, as Hanks was one of the first celebrities to be diagnosed with the coronavirus a few weeks back. I also think we could all use a friend like Wilson in these trying times.

3. *The Lighthouse* (2019)

I talked all about my love of last year's *The Lighthouse* back in Issue No. 60 and awarded it several Hanks in this year's Puritan Post Awards. This insanely bizarre and allegorical movie is all about two men in isolation in a lighthouse on an island and their descent into madness.

2. *Panic Room* (2002)

Panic Room is not only an awesome isolation movie but also one of the best home invasion flicks ever. David Fincher crafts some unbelievably tense sequences in this story of a mom (Jodie Foster) and her diabetic daughter (Kristen Stewart) hiding from burglars in their panic room.

1. *The Shining* (2019)

There is no better movie to illustrate the mania of self-isolation quite like Stanley Kubrick's masterpiece *The Shining*. A movie that was critically panned when it was released, it has since gone on to receive the recognition it deserves as one of Kubrick's best. I think everyone is maybe starting to feel a bit too much like Jack Torrance these days.

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