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It’s time to post my top 20 films of 2020 and top 20 tv shows of 2020!
As usual, I need to have seen it, it was released in 2020 in the UK and it is just my opinion. If you disagree, please tell me about your choices, I’d love to know!
#FilmsOf2020 #TVShowsOf2020



One thing to note, that is different this year, due to Tier 4 restrictions in London, I am going to make #WonderWoman1984 eligible for next year's list (2021). I am classing it's release date as 13 January 2021.



#TVShowsOf2020
10. Ted Lasso
A real surprise and a gem of a comedy.

9. The Stranger
A bizarre Netflix mystery drama. Captivating watch.

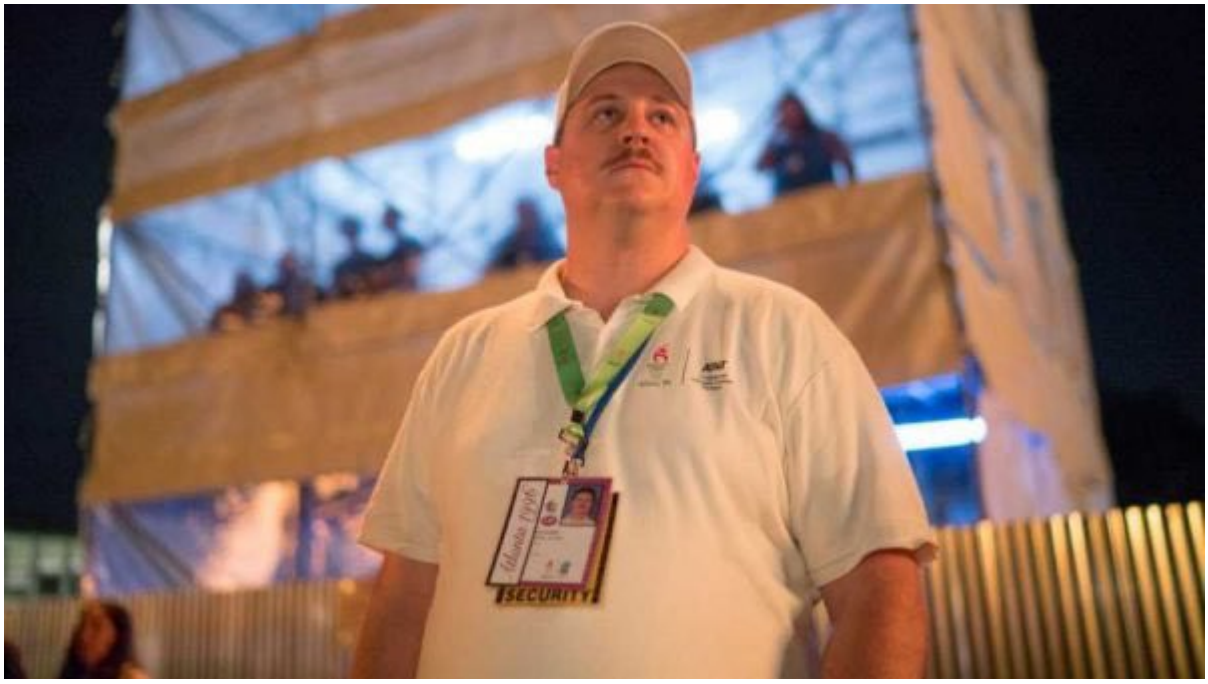
8. The Twilight Zone
A brilliant reprisal of the old series. Such great, mysterious stories and incredibly entertaining.



#TVShowsOf2020
7. Manhunt: Deadly Games
Little known in the UK, but this series was fantastic. Thrilling.

6. Brooklyn Nine-Nine

This sitcom keeps going from strength to strength, so funny.



#TVShowsOf2020
5. The Boys
Action? Thriller? Drama? I’m not sure what to call this show. It’s bizarre, dark, controversial and well worth a watch!

4. The Mandalorian
Mando has brought peak Star Wars back. This series is just pure joy, and so much fun to watch. Plus, BABY YODA!



#TVShowsOf2020
3. Hunters

This Amazon series was a real surprise. I had no real idea what it was about, but I quickly fell in love with it. It’s dark, and funny, and twisted and weird. It also has one of the most sinister bad guys I’ve ever seen.



#TVShowsOf2020
2. Criminal: UK

A very short Netflix drama series. It’s so well written and well performed. I am a huge fan of many bottle episodes in a series, and this show is basically all bottle episodes.



#TVShowsOf2020
1. Ghosts

My show of the year. It’s so funny and heartwarming. This silly little sitcom shouldn’t move me to tears, but it does. And to top it off, the Christmas special was the highlight of this year’s festive tv offering.



#FilmsOf2020
20. The Midnight Sky

A late entry this year, but it’s got some real heart to it. Clooney is excellent and the story is captivating.



#FilmsOf2020
19. The Lovebirds

An unexpected gem of a rom-com. The story kept me guessing and I kept on laughing.



#FilmsOf2020
18. The Parapod Movie

A tiny little film, but there is history being made here. The first podcast to be turned into a movie! So very funny and full of the stuff that made the podcast so great.
Ian and Barry have made something special here.



#FilmsOf2020
17. Onward

An unusual offering from Pixar saw this lovely tale of brothers searching for the chance to spend time with their father. It’s funny and sweet. Not quite top tier Pixar, but still charming and worth your time.



#FilmsOf2020
16. Richard Jewell

The second telling of this true story (see Manhunt in the TV Show list). The film isn’t quite as good as the series, but it’s still captivating stuff and tense as hell at times!



#FilmsOf2020
15. Ma Rainey’s Black Bottom

Powerhouse performances throughout. This adaptation of the play really feels like a play on screen, and it really works. The character work here is exceptional. A very sad farewell to Chadwick Boseman, who we tragically lost this year.



#FilmsOf2020
14. Saint Maud

A horror of circumstance and an exploration of a mind falling into an ever deeper and darker place. This is an unsettling watch, and one that makes you think long after seeing it.



#FilmsOf2020
13. Rebecca

This new adaptation divided opinion, but I really liked it. Solid performances throughout, and a classic story given a modern, fresh feel.



#FilmsOf2020
12. Soul

Pixar’s second offering this year is great. It’s very odd and at times hard to keep up with, but it’s a brilliant exploration into what makes life special. A great story told in an interesting way, with a brilliant soundtrack.



#FilmsOf2020
11. His House

A chilling ghost story that is just as horrific in its depiction of the refugee experience in Britain. It’s a tough watch, one that doesn’t hold back. And it’s scary. But definitely one to try for yourself!



#FilmsOf2020
10. Dark Waters

A style of film that we’ve seen before, this felt quite 90s in tone. But it’s one hell of a story, scarier to know it’s true! Mark Ruffalo is absolutely terrific in this.



#FilmsOf2020
9. Hamilton

Is it a film? Is it a stage show on screen? I’m counting it. This is just as good on screen as it is live on stage. A brilliant show, and one I would class as a must see.



#FilmsOf2020
8. Tenet

The timey-wimey adventure from Nolan was the big blockbuster of the year. I still don't really know what was going on, but it was thrilling, well made and a ride I want to go on again soon! The airport sequence is brilliant.



#FilmsOf2020
7. Rocks

Wow, what a lovely little film set in London. Considering very few of the cast are seasoned actors, the performances are remarkable. A moving story of young siblings trying to deal with some very tough circumstances.



#FilmsOf2020
6. Bombshell

It’s hard to remember a time that Covid and Brexit weren’t the big news items, but this film, set on the outset of the #MeToo movement is a brilliant and important reminder of events.



#FilmsOf2020
5. Jojo Rabbit

A story of a young boy who has Hitler (played by Taika Waititi) as his imaginary friend. And it wasn’t a fever dream. And it was excellent.



#FilmsOf2020
4. The Trial of the Chicago 7

A very timely film, and an excellent court room drama. Excellent performances throughout, particularly Eddie Redmayne, Sacha Baron Cohen and Mark Rylance. “The whole world is watching,” and so it should.



#FilmsOf2020
3. The Invisible Man

Sinister, claustrophobic and heartbreaking at times, this Blumhouse horror is absolutely excellent. It is as much about surviving as a victim of domestic abuse as it is about a man that turns invisible. But also full of genius camera work.



#FilmsOf2020
2. Parasite

Oh wow, what an experience this was. So funny, twisted and unique. A magnificent story, full of shocking moments. A slow burn that feels equally action packed. Very hard to sum up, just watch it for yourself!



#FilmsOf2020
1. 1917

My film of the year. This was a brave form of storytelling that really draws you in. Brilliant performances, brilliant camera work, incredible production work. It’s a huge achievement, and worthy of its place at the top of the pile.



So there we go, my top 20 #FilmsOf2020 and top 10 #TVShowsOf2020.

Do you agree with any of them? Do you disagree? What would you add to the list? Let me know!

See you next year x

