



The Code

World Premiere Thursday 1 September at 8.30pm



Agatha Raisin

Premiere Saturday 3 September at 7.30pm



Vera

Series Return Sunday 28 August at 8.30pm



Anh's Brush With Fame

Wednesday 31 August at 8.00pm



The Code

World Premiere/ Series 2

If Ned (Dan Spielman) and Jesse Banks (Ashley Zukerman) think they're going to ride off into the sunset after all the trouble they've caused, they're sorely mistaken.

Extradition requests have been filed in an American court and the brothers come face to face with the very real possibility of being extradited to the United States. Fortunately, the authorities are wrestling with a case they can't crack, and Jesse Banks might just have the skills to help them solve it.



Meanwhile, 48 hours ago, a young teen, Callum (Otis Pavlovic), went missing and police have begun to fear the worst. Detective Nolan Daniels (Ben Oxenbould) and his counterpart in the private cyber security world Lara Dixon (Sigrid Thornton), catch a lucky break when an apparently unrelated attack on a car full of Aussie surfers in West Papua, delivers an unexpected clue.

One of the passengers in the car is a person of extraordinarily special interest - national security interest - and in exchange for immunity Jesse will be tasked with luring out one of the most elusive players on the darknet. Jan Roth (Anthony LaPaglia) hosts an on-line market offering a cornucopia of illicit weapons, drugs and dangerous ideas, and it appears that Roth's site is offering young Callum's company for a price.

Jesse reaches out to Roth but things turn out to be significantly more complicated than the authorities have let on ... saving the boy is clearly just one of the reasons they're desperate for Jesse to help them bring Roth to justice.

#TheCode

Short Synopsis

Jesse and Ned are facing the possibility of extradition to the US to face serious charges. Fortunately Australian National Security is sitting on an explosive case they can't crack, and Jesse might just be the man to do it.

Production details

A Playmaker production; Producers: David Maher, David Taylor, Di Haddon, Shelley Birse; Writer/Creator Shelley Birse; Director Shawn Seet.

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Agatha Raisin

Australian Premiere

Starring Ashley Jensen and Matthew Horne and based on the much-loved books by M.C Beaton, our favourite Cotswold dwelling amateur sleuth returns for a new series of entertaining murder mystery adventures.

High-flying PR whizz Agatha Raisin (Ashley Jensen) is taking her foot off the gas. Having spent years toiling away, making a success of herself in London, the forty-something singleton has hit the refresh button and moved on to pastures new. Specifically the tiny village of Carsely in the Cotswolds, which ticks all the boxes: peaceful, stress-free and easy. Like all the best laid plans, it turns out to be anything but when murders occur in the village, its amateur sleuth Agatha who solves the crimes, often in a very unorthodox way.



#AgathaRaisin

Short synopsis

When militant Rambler Jessica Tartinck (Debbie Chazen) is found bashed to death in a field, former PR whiz Agatha Raisin (Ashley Jensen) is forced to go undercover to get to the bottom of the grisly crime.

Production details

Produced by Matthew Mulot and directed by Geoffrey Sax.
Co Production Mammoth Screen and Free@last TV for Sky UK.

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★**Top Pick**

Sunday 28 August 8.30pm



Vera

Premiere

DCI Vera Stanhope (Brenda Blethyn) investigates a suspicious fire in a holiday park where three cabins are destroyed and the body of a woman is found inside one. When park owner Jim Viner (Wayne Foksett) returns from a weekend away with his daughter Clare (Katherine Rose Morley) he suspects the body is his sister, Deena, but can't explain why she was there. Long-term resident Malcolm's (Dorian Lough) cabin also burned to the ground.



It's revealed that Clare's boyfriend Ryan (Elliott James Langridge) and his friends were partying nearby hours before the fire started, but they have an alibi. Vera discovers Deena was locked in her cabin, and her best friend Sally (Katie Brayben) is discovered sleeping off a hangover in Ryan's bed. She admits she put her friend in the cabin but denies locking her in.

When Deena's phone is found in Ryan's room, Vera realises he's been covering for his teenage brother, Riley who admits Deena was angry after he rejected her advances. The fire team finds traces of accelerant and when Malcolm admits to seeing Riley at the scene, they think they have their man.

Vera realises Malcolm was on site at the time, and he breaks down to reveal he and Jim were fighting and he set the fire. But he had no idea Deena was in the cabin. But when news comes through that Deena was dead before the fire started, it appears as though Malcolm is telling the truth. Could Jim have been involved in his sister's death after all? And where is he?

#Vera

Short synopsis

DCI Vera Stanhope investigates the death of a young woman in a suspicious fire that rips through a coastal holiday park. CAST: Brenda Blethyn

Production details

Produced by ITV; Executive Producers Kate Bartlett, Elaine Collins Director

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Anh's Brush With Fame

She's one of Australia's most beloved broadcasters and Anh is feeling the pressure to deliver an accurate portrait. Amanda's an entertainer, expert at portraying a certain persona, but Anh's challenge is to break through the showbiz exterior. They chat and laugh about Amanda's early childhood where she yearned for both a pet and Barry Manilow.



However, Amanda also talks about some of the darker times in her life. From losing her friend at school to leukaemia; the death of a best friend's child and her own struggles to have children through IVF. It shows a very vulnerable and emotional side to the quick-witted presenter that we rarely see and Anh's painting turns out quite differently than he had planned...

#AnhsBrushWithFame

Short synopsis

Comedian Anh Do paints and chats to one of Australia's most beloved broadcasters and television personalities Amanda Keller.

Production details

A Screentime Production. Producer Johnny Lowry. ABC Commissioning Editor Matt Scully.

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You Can't Ask That

"What did you do? How did you get caught?"
"Does the 'drop the soap' scenario actually happen?"
"Can you buy drugs in jail?"

"I killed a bloke," says Bobby Veen who went into prison at 17-years-old and was released last year. "I stabbed him with a knife, I stabbed him 12 times. And I didn't really get worried about being caught or anything like that. My world was shattered anyway, in the first place."

"So 42 years I've spent in jail. These two blokes that I killed were two innocent people. I call it a mess, a mess of my life," Bobby says.

"I'm openly gay, I was very afraid to show that, and I didn't, I masked it" says Scott Bolton from Kempsey, New South Wales. "I used to call my partner Robin instead of Rob."

"None of the girls were getting parole because no one cared and they were illiterate," says Kerry. "So I set up my own little work station and it went from 3 out of 40 getting their parole to 38 out of 40 getting their parole."

Insightful, irreverent, moving and unpredictable, this episode sets the record straight about what it's *really* like to go into prison and come out the other side.

Please note: Scott Bolton passed away in January this year. His appearance on the series was filmed in late 2015.

#ycat

Short synopsis

Insightful, irreverent, moving and unpredictable, this episode sets the record straight about what it's *really* like to go into prison and come out the other side.

Production details

An ABC Production. Series Produced and Directed by Kirk Docker and Aaron Smith. ABC Executive Producer Lou Porter.

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Soul Mates II

Adrian isn't happy with Dan Bingle's hip marketing plans for Uncle Perry so he uses an interview with a fashion vlogger to drop a truth-bomb – Adrian's new brand is inspired by the uncle who touched Dom on the dick. As the interview goes global, Ksodomi goes bankrupt. Dom swears he will never forgive Adrian. Will this blow their friendship apart forever?

Meanwhile, in the Kiwi Assassins world, after Thingie signs the divorce papers he goes off the rails and gets sacked from St Scotty's. Roger has been fully brainwashed within the Australiana program by Miss Murphy who calls Mum in for a very one-on-one parent-teacher night.

In Ancient Egypt, the tomb is ready for the big reveal. At first Thutmose hates it, but when Hatshepsut reveals she is pregnant with Thutmose's chick, his joy takes over. Hatshepsut allows Amram and his family freedom on the condition he never speaks to Seti again. Caught between remaining a slave forever with Seti by his side, and freedom without his master, Amram proves Hatshepsut right. A slave and master can never be friends.

Caveman Rocky discovers monogamy and marries his girlfriend Imogen. They settle into couple-dom much to Sticks' confusion and chagrin. Is Sticks merely jealous or does he see that eternal fidelity to a female monkey with a bad temper and a touch of rabies may not be a recipe for Rocky's happiness. When Sticks confronts Rocky with some hard truths a happy resolution is unlikely, but not impossible.

#SoulMatesTV

Short synopsis

Dom cops life-threatening shrapnel from Adrian's truth-bomb. Rocky gets hitched as Thingie and Mum get divorced. Set and Amram reveal their masterpiece. However, Hatshepsut has plans for their unsuitable friendship.

Production details

A Van Vuuren Bros and Ludo Studios in association with ABC, Seeso, Screen Australia and Screen NSW.

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The Tunnel: Sabotage

Australian Premiere

The English and French sleuthing duo, DCI Karl Roebuck (Stephen Dillane) and French Commander Elise Wasserman (Clémence Poésy) are back in the second series of *The Tunnel*.

Elise and Karl have been leading separate lives. But two seemingly isolated events reunite them – a French couple are abducted from the Channel tunnel, leaving behind a traumatised small child and days later a plane crashes into the Channel, killing everyone on board. Is it a terrible coincidence or are the two tragedies connected? Karl and Elise are faced with bigger questions; forging connections from the clues thrown up by a vast field of debris.

Following a shocking trail of devastation, Karl, Elise and the cross border team, become embroiled in a terrifying, deadly game of brinkmanship as the victims mount up. **The Tunnel** moves between the coasts of Kent and Northern France via the Eurotunnel, against a backdrop of a continent in crisis.

Joining the cast for series two include; Emilia Fox (*Silent Witness*), Clarke Peters (*The Wire*), Paul Schneider (*Parks and Recreation*) and William Ash (*Shameless*).

#TheTunnel

Short synopsis

The English and French sleuthing duo French Commander Elise and DCI Karl Roebuck are reunited when a French couple are abducted from the Channel tunnel and days later a plane crashes into the Channel.

Production details

Sky and Canal+ present a Kudos and Shine France Films production.

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