

ith bloodsuckers and the braindead overexposed, witches are having a major moment. Finally. After

Samantha stole America's hearts on Bewitched in the mid-'60s, it took a while for enchantresses to cast a new spell. Lately, however, sultry

sorceresses (and a few brooding warlocks) are all over TV, riding a hockeystick-shaped broomstick of popularity that lifted off in the late '90s and went stratospheric in the '00s. And why not? Like vampires,

witches look great, and like all supernatural beings, they click into our fantasy lives like serotonin into a neural receptor. Who hasn't wanted to turn an ex into a grunting pig — or hex a chatty coworker into silence?

Vampires? Zombies? So last decade. Eye of newt? Now you're on trend. THE ORIGINALS The CW, 2013-18 This dark and dramatic spinoff of The Vampire Diaries features FRE ABC, 1989-90 lozens of witches in assorted Corinne Bohrer varieties, lineages, covens and even hybridizations with plays Winnie Goodwin, a vampires and werew witch sent to ut none so powerful as **Riley** help newly divorced T.J. Voelkel's Freya Mikaelson. Harper care for his three kids one played by a NBC, 1969-70 young Alysor 10 Even a crystal ball Hannigan, ouldn't have foreseer who'd later play that Billie Hayes' a witch herse "kooky old witch" on Buffy, the Witchiepoo would Vampire Slaver resurface on four mor The CW. 2009–17 shows by Sid and Marty Krofft. Hayes also STORY: COVEN FX. 2013-14 Surrounded by vampires lves and other witches, **ABC, 1964-72** It's hard to be a guested on Bewitched and Tabitha and even The third season of Ryan Murphy and Brad Falchuk's time-tripping Kat Graham's Bonnie Bennett is a lead character for much of this normal housewife anthology features sex, spells popular fantasy drama's run. when your ghastly Disney's The Black torture, voodoo, zombies and family keeps Cauldron plenty of witches. Jessica Lange stirring up trouble. and Kathy Bates both win Emn As Samantha THE WORST WITCH for their work. Stephens, **Elizabeth** ITV/HB0, 1998-2001 Jill Murphy's kidlit series about a sweet misfit at a school for magic BUFFY, THE Montgomery is TV's first beloved witch. VAM (a hit years before Harry Potter cast his first spell) The WB, 1997–2001; UPN, 2001–03 has come to TV twice As teen witch Willow THE SECRET CIRCLE HARTMAN, CORINN AT GRAHAM, BRIT AT GOMERY, SABF M. DEMETRIA, SABF M. DEMETRIA, SABF M. DEMETRIA, SABT ANTONIC, TERES, I CHANNEL, TERES, I CHANNEL, TERES, I and even spawned spin Rosenberg, Alyson The CW. 2011-12 Georgina Sherrington played Mildred Hubble first. Hannigan shows up in Britt Robertson stars as a 100 L ABC, 1976-78 every episode of this fan new kid in town who disfave, plus a few episodes of its spinoff, Angel. Only star 6. In this Bewitched covers she's — gasp — a IEND OHERTY, KATO VIEND OHERTY, KATO VIEND, JANET MONT DN, AMALIA HOLM, E ZAVILL, ANGELY GA TCH SHOW, MELISS, BE, ASHLEY TISDAL ELL: HALLMARK CHA off, Samantha' witch after her mom dies. daughter (**Lisa** Sarah Michelle Gellar is as Based on a YA series from Hartman) is in her ever-present L.J. Smith, this teen fantwenties and worl tasy drama's ratings are less magical than Smith's MITC TUBE BELL BILLIE station. The comedy magic is... wobbly. CHARMED The Vampire Diaries. ABC, 1966-71 The WB, 1998-2006 Two years after The Craft T The estranged proved moviegoers liked oretty young witches, **Alyssa** wife of series star Barnabas Collins. Milano, Shannen Doherty, and Holly Marie Combs bring the Halliwell sisters to TV. Lara Parker's HBO, 2013-19 time-travelling As the sultry Red Witch, Carice van S 010s witch Angélique Bouchard Collins Houten's Melisandre kills royals but N O Rose McGowan joins after redeems herself by reviving a dead Jon Snow. Her arc is long and full of terrors. is also the reason Doherty's exit. In 2018, The CW reboots the series Ξ 66 he's a vampire. In Đ with Latina leads and a true soapy style, their relationship ELIZA KATH KATH KIERI KIERI LAWF SHER NA'S RILEY lesbian twis <u>.</u> N N is... complicated. • • THE MANY LIVES OF SABRINA Came to life Materialized as Melissa Joan Hart Appeared 10 as a Filmation in a prequel, voiced by Hart's

in a Showtime TV

movie and then

an ABC sitcom

(1996-2000:

The WB 2000–03)

GOOD WITCH Hallmark, 2015-now **Catherine Bell** stars as Cassie Nightin gale in this sweet fantasy sitcom. Based on Hallmark's telefilms of the same name, it's both an homage to Bewitched and WITCH WAY Nickelodeon, a reaction to the 2014-15 swarm of dark In this telenovela witch shows based on a popu lar Nick LatAm show, **Paola** Andino stars as a newcomer at a Miami high school that's ing with witches 

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Lifetime, 2013-14

This soapy, campy book adaptation

features a fam-

ily of grown-up witches, which

sets it apart from

the teen shows

Julia Ormond

plays Joanna

Beauchamp, an

immortal royal

witch mom with

lots of enemies.

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younger sister **Emily Hart** in

(Disney Channe 1999-2000)

WGN, 2014-17 Janet Montgomery (New Amsterdam) stars in this historical drama based on the famous witch trials. It is WGN's first scripted drama.

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Reappeared in a sequel to that

prequel, voiced by Britt McKillip

Kids Network

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LEGEND **FUN** dark SOAP

It takes a special kind of magic to conjure

so much TV from one teen half-witch,

but Sabrina — who debuted in a 1962

issue of Archie's Madhouse — has the

her medium:

touch. Mostly. Here's how she's made TV

Saturday morning

cartoon in The

(CBS. 1970) and

assorted related shows.

With Halloween around the corner, we've conjured up a coven's worth of witchy shows to keep you spellbound before your television set.

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# AMC, 2018

Teresa Palmer Matthew Goode a vampire whose mutual attraction at an English university violates the ancient boundaries between their "species."

WITCH Netflix, 2017-20

Bella Ramsey – who played fierce

little Lyanna Mor-

mont on Game

stars in the

second adaptatio of Jill Murphy's

children's hook

about a well-

fit at a school

for magic

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#### GOOD OMENS Amazon, 2019 Josie Lawrence's Agnes Nutter isn't a major character, but she sets things

into motion in this sprawling apoca-lyptic farce based on a novel by Neil Gaiman and the late Terry Pratchett.

#### SIEMPRE BRUJA **SAWITCH** Netflix, 2019-now

In the streamer's Colombian orig nal, a teen slave/witch (**Angely Gaviria**) pops up in modern-day Cartagena, having fled the seventeenth century to escape being burned at the stake.

## Netflix, 2019-21

He's called a witcher but star **Henry Cavill** is a monster hunter, not a witch, in this popular epic. Based on a series of Polish fantasy novels, the show has spawned a prequel and an anime film.

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## Netflix. 2020

Antonia Fotaras stars in this Netflix Italian original, a sumptuous historical drama about a —what else? —teen witch.

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6. MOTHERLAND: FORT SALEM Freeform, 2019

Militarized young witches **Taylor Hickson, Amalia Holm** and **Demetria McKinney** take on supernatural baddies to protect the U.S. Think Charmed meets Hanna in the High Castle

Popped up on Hasbro's The Hub, voiced by High School Musical star Ashley Tisdale in a Ter te Witch (2013)



Went dark in a zeitgeist-y way, embodied by Mad Men's **Kiernan** Shipka in Ch a (Netflix, 2018-20)