

Japan on American TV Watch List

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Introduction

- “Coffee Land,” *Portlandia*, February 4, 2011

Chapter 1

- “Judo Jack,” *Pixie and Dixie and Mr. Jinks*, *The Huckleberry Hound Show*, October 9, 1958
- “The Prowler,” *The Flintstones*, December 30, 1960
- “Pearl Thief Grief,” and “Jewel Fool,” *The Dick Tracy Show*, January 1961
- “So Sorry, My Island Now,” *Gilligan’s Island*, January 9, 1965
- “Diogenes, Won’t You Please Go Home,” *Gilligan’s Island*, May 1, 1965

Propaganda Cartoon Shorts

- *Popeye the Sailor’s You’re a Sap, Mr. Jap*, 1942
- *Tokio Jokio*, 1943
- *Commando Duck*, 1944
- *Bugs Bunny Nips the Nips*, 1944

Films

- *Think Fast, Mr. Moto*, 1937
- *Our Job in Japan*, 1945
- *Design for Death*, 1947
- *A Year in America (Kōkan ryūgakusei)*, 1951
- *Japanese Bride in America (Sensō hanayome)*, 1952
- *Breakfast at Tiffany’s*, 1961

Japanese Cartoons, Films, and Television Programs

- *Toybox Series 3: Picture Book 1936 (Omochabako shirizu dai san wa: Ehon senkyūhyakusanjūrokunen)*, 1934
- *Momotarō in the Sky (Manga sora no Momotarō)*, 1931
- *Mole’s Adventures (Mogura no abanchūru)*, July 14, 1958
- “Kaminari versus Doronpa” (Kaminari tai Doronpa), *Obake no Q-tarō*, April 13, 1985

Chapter 2

- “Samurai Futaba” Skits, including “Samurai Hotel” (December 13, 1975, the first of the series), “Samurai Delicatessen” (January 17, 1976), “Samurai Divorce Court” (February 14, 1976), “Samurai General Practitioner” (July 31, 1976), “Samurai Stockbroker” (October 30, 1976), “Samurai Hit Man” (March 19, 1977), “Samurai B.M.O.C” (May 21, 1977), “Samurai Psychiatrist” (November 19, 1977), “Samurai Night Fever” (February 25, 1978), “Samurai TV Repairman” (May 20, 1978), “Samurai Optometrist” (November 11, 1978)
- “Baba Wawa at Large,” March 19, 1977
- *Astro Boy (Tetsuwan Atomu)*, 1963-1976
- *Princess Knight (Ribon no kishi)*, 1967-1968
- *Speed Racer (Mach GōGōGō)*, 1967-1968

- *Candy Candy (Kyandi-kyandi)*, 1976-1979
- “Swedish Chef versus the Japanese Cake,” *The Muppet Show*, November 22, 1976
- *Shōgun*, September 15-19, 1980

Japanese Television (not globalized)

- *Princess Atsu (Atsuhime)*, 2008
- *Gou: Princesses’ Warring States Period (Gou: Himetachi no sengoku)*, 2011
- *Mito kōmon*, 1969-2011
- *Comedy This Is Edo (Komedī O-Edo de gozaru)*, 1995-2004
- *Satadē naito raibu JPN*, 2011

Japanese Films

- Example samurai films directed by Kurosawa Akira and starring Mifune Toshirō: *Seven Samurai (Shichinin no samurai)*, 1954) and *Yojimbo (Yōjinbō)*, 1961)

Chapter 3

- *Big Bird in Japan*, 1988
- *Big Bird in China*, 1983
- *Farewell Mr. Hooper*, November 24, 1983
- *Follow That Bird*, 1985
- *Don’t Eat the Pictures: Sesame Street in the Metropolitan Museum of Art*, 1983

Japanese Television

- *Sesame Street Japan*, TV Tokyo, 2004-2007
- *Together with Mother (Okāsan to issho)*, begun in 1959
- *Songs for Everyone (Minna no uta)*, begun in 1961
- *Hirake! Ponkikki*, 1973-1993

Chapter 4

- “Thirty Minutes Over Tokyo,” *The Simpsons*, May 16, 1999
- “In Marge We Trust,” *The Simpsons*, April 27, 1997
- “Returning Japanese,” *King of the Hill*, May 5 and 12, 2002
- “Death Picks Cotton,” *King of the Hill*, November 11, 2007
- “American History” (short film by Trey Parker and Chris Graves), 1992
- “Chinpokomon,” *South Park*, November 3, 1999
- “Whale Whores,” *South Park*, October 28, 2009
- “Tweek x Craig,” *South Park*, October 28, 2015
- *I Survived a Japanese Game Show*, 2008-2009

Chapter 5

- “J-Pop America Fun Time Now,” *Saturday Night Live*, 4-part sketch series, 2011-2012

Chapter 6

- *Tidying Up with Marie Kondo*, 2019
- *Queer Eye: We’re in Japan!*, 2019
- *Queer Eye*, 2018-Present
- *Queer Eye for the Straight Guy*, 2003-2007

- *Terrace House (Terasu hausu)*, 2012-2020
- *Atelier (Andāwea)*, 2015
- *Ainori*, 2017, 2019
- *Death Note* (Netflix), 2017
- *Aggretsuko*, 2018-2020
- *Making the Cut*, 2020

Japanese Television

- *Oshin*, 1983-1984
- *Perfect Blue Sky* (Dondo hare), 2007
- *Chiritotechin*, 2007- 2008
- *Aguri*, 1997
- *Carnation* (Kānēshon), 2011-2012
- *Ohanahan*, 1966-1967
- *Dr. Ume-chan (Umechan sensei)*, 2012
- *Massan*, 2014-2015
- *Perfect Woman (Yamato nadeshiko)*, 2000
- *Bachelor Japan (Bacherā Japan)*, 2017-2019
- *Bachelorette Japan (Bacheroette Japan)*, 2020

Afterword

- “Arnold’s Wedding,” *Happy Days*, March 2, 1976
- *Mr. T and Tina*, September 25-October 30, 1976
- *Pink Lady and Jeff*, March 1-April 4, 1980
- “The Arrow That Is Not Aimed,” *Magnum P.I.*, January 27, 1983
- “The Japanese Office,” *Saturday Night Live*, May 17, 2008
- “Made in Japan,” *Shake It Up*, August 17, 2012
- “Foreign Exchange,” *Beavis and Butt-Head*, December 9, 1993
- “Road to the Multiverse,” *Family Guy*, September 27, 2009
- *Man in the High Castle*, 2015-2019
- *Amazing Race*, Season 15 (2009), Season 20 (2012), and Season 23 (2013)
- *RuPaul’s Drag Race*, Season 7 (2015)
- *Last Week Tonight with John Oliver*, “Japanese Government Mascots” (May 10, 2015), “Chiitan” (April 21 and November 17, 2019)