
Subject: Looking Forward To...

Posted by [L.R.K.](#) on Wed, 14 Jul 2010 05:12:35 GMT

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So I thought it was high time for me, quite a senior cit... er member, to actually start a new thread - I don't think I have done it before.

And I thought it would be fun, to have a thread dedicated to:

Upcoming books, movies, tv shows... Anything and everything.

News, thoughts, discussions perhaps.

Forthcoming publications. Works in progress. Books optioned. Movies being made, Tv shows commissioned or - sadly - cancelled. Directors. Casting. The season premiere of your favourite show... Just anything of interest.

This isn't strictly a recommendation thread - mentioning a thing isn't the same as endorsing it - it is enough if it might be of interest. However, it must of course all be in the benign spirit of Pollyanna, so if one thinks that something is going to be absolute rubbish - this isn't really the place to mention it.

Subject: Re: Looking Forward To...

Posted by [L.R.K.](#) on Wed, 14 Jul 2010 05:18:10 GMT

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So, I thought I'd begin. :)

The BBC-series Garrow's Law has been commissioned for a second series, and has begun shooting:

http://www.bbc.co.uk/pressoffice/pressreleases/stories/2010/07_july/07/garrow.shtml

Now, I've actually not seen the first series yet - but in view of the dearth of other costume drama news, I was actually quite excited to see this. And well, it's a historical drama, based on actual 18th Century court-cases, so I'd actually be really interested in it under any circumstances.

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Posted by [AJLR](#) on Wed, 14 Jul 2010 10:14:21 GMT

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Good idea, LRK. :)

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Posted by [holmes44](#) on Wed, 14 Jul 2010 11:48:03 GMT

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i just got michelle sagara's new book cast in chaos and if it is fantastic so far unfortunately i have to work 8 to 12 hours the next 3 days darn it.have been waiting since september for this book.

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Posted by [jlasserton](#) on Wed, 14 Jul 2010 15:30:15 GMT

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I am looking forward to the movie Eat Pray Love. I read the book a couple of years ago and really enjoyed it and think the movie will be great too! Julia Roberts seems like an amazing person for the lead role.

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Posted by [Mori-neko](#) on Wed, 14 Jul 2010 16:19:41 GMT

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Oh, I agree - that is indeed scary! Perhaps this is the beginning of the Star Trek holodeck?

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Oh, congratulations on the graduation, Mori-neko! :) And here's to hoping that the next show you get to work on is really fun and fulfilling!

Subject: Re: Looking Forward To...
Posted by [abigailmm](#) on Fri, 16 Jul 2010 03:37:04 GMT
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If ONLY I lived within 200 miles of NYC, I would absolutely go see Pilobolus, who premiered a new dance this week. It is a collaboration with, of all people, cartoonist Art Spiegelman. Here is a little snippet about it.

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Posted by [Susan in Melbourne](#) on Sat, 17 Jul 2010 02:47:38 GMT

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Ok, I can't hold it in any longer, I am SO looking forward to my forthcoming long service leave. Ten wonderful weeks, eight of them on a trip to the US and Canada.

We have a big itinerary: a week in Oregon (family member there), a week in Alaska (Glacier Bay and Skagway), Washington State (friends who live on Puget Sound), then via Vancouver to the Canadian Rockies for nearly two weeks. We then fly to Nova Scotia and make our way to Quebec City via PEI (Anne of Green Gables). Home via Washington DC (Smithsonian) and San Diego (so R can go to the zoo).

Once home, I think I'll take to my bed for a week to recover!

The whole reason behind this trip and its timing is an item on my 'bucket list'. Forests in Australia are largely evergreen eucalypt, and I have always wanted to walk in a North American forest in the Fall - to be completely surrounded by the colour.

So now I get to do it.

Any tips welcome - must sees that may not be obvious in the tourist literature, good second-hand bookshops, etc.

Can't WAIT!

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Posted by [Angelia](#) on Sat, 17 Jul 2010 16:06:50 GMT

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I saw them in the mid-eighties--wonderful!

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Posted by [Black Bear](#) on Sat, 17 Jul 2010 16:40:19 GMT

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Posted by [abigailmm](#) on Sun, 18 Jul 2010 01:22:14 GMT

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Absolutely! Lyme Disease is a real downer, even if you find the beastie immediately and only have to take one pill. And if you never notice the tick at all and don't recognize the Lyme symptoms, it can get into the central nervous system and be downright scary! (ask my brother) and need IV antibiotics daily for a month.

But don't be scared out of the woods, just pay attention. There is also a product now, permethrin, that gets good reviews, that you put on your clothes, not on you. It lasts for two weeks, even through the laundry, and kills ticks very effectively

Subject: Re: Looking Forward To...
Posted by [L.R.K.](#) on Sun, 18 Jul 2010 08:53:24 GMT
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Some news on Sharon Penman's next book, about Richard Lionheart:

<http://sharonkaypenman.com/blog/?p=136>

Subject: Re: Looking Forward To...
Posted by [librarykat](#) on Mon, 19 Jul 2010 02:46:28 GMT
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I'm looking forward to being a grandma, I may have already mentioned this some time ago. Late October. DIL doing well so far, we know baby is a boy, have the name already.

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Posted by [Susan in Melbourne](#) on Tue, 20 Jul 2010 12:44:46 GMT
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Thanks, Bonnie, that is exactly the sort of thing I hope we get to see.

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Posted by [Susan in Melbourne](#) on Tue, 20 Jul 2010 12:54:30 GMT

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Thanks for the tips, particularly on ticks. I had read the section on Bears in the Lonely Planet Guide to Canada with some attention to detail, but had skipped over the bit on ticks. I'm now up to speed...

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Posted by [Maren](#) on Tue, 20 Jul 2010 13:30:40 GMT

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Natural History has its own building. :) As do American History, American Art, Air & Space, American Indians, and, well, all of these. (Note that some of those are not actually in D.C., though.) I just went for the first time myself last month and only managed to hit the ones I listed here (except Natural History--I'm sure it's great but I figured, having seen its counterparts in Paris and London as well as several smaller ones in France, there wouldn't be much new to me there, whereas the others have things you can't see anywhere else).

The good thing is that they're free (though donations are welcome), so it's easy to pop in and out of the different museums as you have time.

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Posted by [L.R.K.](#) on Sat, 24 Jul 2010 18:07:39 GMT
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<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/entertainment-arts-10725501>

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Subject: Re: Looking Forward To...
Posted by [AJLR](#) on Sat, 24 Jul 2010 22:49:17 GMT
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Funnily enough, we've just got in from an evening out and my husband is reading aloud the blurb for this new Sherlock Holmes in the Radio Times (TV programmes magazine). I think it sounds worth a try, at least. I'll let you know. :)

Subject: Re: Looking Forward To...
Posted by [shalea](#) on Sun, 25 Jul 2010 03:52:28 GMT
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The Natural History museum is great - as with the other Smithsonian museums, there is almost too much to really process in one visit but I particularly like the gem/mineral displays (includes famous gemstones from history) and the dinosaurs.

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Posted by [AJLR](#) on Sun, 25 Jul 2010 21:51:22 GMT

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Posted by [skating librarian](#) on Mon, 26 Jul 2010 01:57:57 GMT

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www.foliage-vermont.com

Another autumnal experience not to be missed is apple picking when the sun has warmed the ripe apples and their sweet- tart perfume mixes with the richness of the goldenrod and the green smell of the crushed grass under the trees. My cottage is surrounded by the remnants of an old, old orchard with many varieties of heirloom apples and from late August through the end of October I walk the paths my neighbor has mown just to get drunk on the scent.

When I lived in Colorado I snickered at folks getting so excited about aspens turning yellow (a nice change from evergreen, but ...) and joined the late afternoon gathering on a street in Longmont with (yes!) one honest to goodness sugar maple.

I wouldn't worry about about eastern bears ... you have to be incredibly stupid to upset them. I had a yearling bear nose to the glass with my french doors this June. A neighbor had not taken down the her bird feeder and it was looking for more sunflower seeds. Admittedly there are places where they have come to associate people with food, but with the closing of the town dumps here in New England, any "trouble" is usually the fault of people who don't respect wild critters.

The grizzlies in the Rockies are something else, but having hiked there a lot over the years I only ever saw one once, in Glacier/Waterton Park (it was cooling off in a lake). In the Rockies I do have a "bear bell" on my pack and sing loudly when I see berry bushes ahead, but I have come to the conclusion that the writers of guide books are looking to spice up their lists of chain hotels and unattractive "attractions."

Speaking of the Rockies, the hike to the tea house at Lake Louise is tame, but so pretty ... and the restored historic hot springs in Banff were a highlight of one trip.

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(Stephen Moffat = Press Gang, Coupling, Dr Who)

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Eagle of the Ninth!! Wow. Yes, that will be a must see.

Thank you for your comments about the Fall. I hope I can be as inspired by my experiences when I get there.

Yes, I, too, really need time alone. 24 hours a day in a husband's company can be tricky, but if we spend some time apart doing the different things we like, it makes for something else to talk about! Fortunately, I love walking and he doesn't, so I usually do get some time out each day when we're away on holiday.

Subject: Re: Looking Forward To...
Posted by [Mori-neko](#) on Tue, 27 Jul 2010 18:46:56 GMT
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I just saw the first episode of Sherlock. Watched it on a whim because I like the character. It's hilarious. Kind of twisted, and a bit predictable at the end, but I'm definitely looking forward to the next one.

As far as coming up for me, I'm off to Seattle at the beginning of September to staff for PAX (Penny Arcade Expo). It looks to be a blast, and I am all sorts of giddy and excited about it!

Subject: Re: Looking Forward To...
Posted by [Susan in Melbourne](#) on Wed, 28 Jul 2010 12:04:11 GMT
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I was watching The Movie Show last night, and they reviewed a film called 'Centurion', which got a fairly luke-warm reception as graphically violent and two-dimensional. They said that the premise of the mystery of the disappearance of the Ninth Legion was the stuff of fable, but that "there is another film coming out soon on the same topic and I suspect that will handle the idea better." Think I know what that will be!

Subject: Re: Looking Forward To...
Posted by [AJLR](#) on Thu, 29 Jul 2010 08:13:32 GMT
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A small thing to look forward to, I know, but I'm going over to a local shop today that has a wonderful array of cheeses, mostly British but also many from the rest of Europe. So many different and fascinating smells and tastes.

The focus on different cheese types here, these days, is really heartening. There's an interesting map at the bottom of the linked article.

Subject: Re: Looking Forward To...
Posted by [Melissa Mead](#) on Thu, 29 Jul 2010 15:25:52 GMT
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Looking forward to my family's 5-year reunion this weekend.

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Posted by [L.R.K.](#) on Thu, 29 Jul 2010 15:29:09 GMT
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And there is a new adaptation of Richmal Crompton's "Just William" on its way:

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/entertainment-arts-10795569>

I love those books, so it is a good thing - but it feels like there was a series made quite recently? or is it just that time flies? Anyway, it should be good.

ETA: And here is some more info:

http://www.bbc.co.uk/pressoffice/pressreleases/stories/2010/07_july/28/william.shtml

Subject: Re: Looking Forward To...
Posted by [L.R.K.](#) on Sat, 07 Aug 2010 17:30:49 GMT
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The trailer for The Voyage of the Dawn Treader:

<http://www.movieline.com/2010/08/new-narnia-trailer-dont-you-forget-about-me.php>

It says it will be out this Christmas.

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Posted by [Melissa Mead](#) on Sun, 08 Aug 2010 01:31:57 GMT
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Thank you!

Subject: Re: Looking Forward To...

Posted by [Mori-neko](#) on Sun, 08 Aug 2010 18:29:01 GMT
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And there's a few new Mercedes Lackey books coming out in the next couple months too, including a direct follow on to Foundation.

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Posted by [holmes44](#) on Sun, 08 Aug 2010 23:38:42 GMT
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i know,i can't wait,currentlly rereading foundation.

Subject: Re: Looking Forward To...
Posted by [Melissa Mead](#) on Sun, 08 Aug 2010 23:42:58 GMT
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YES!

Subject: Re: Looking Forward To...
Posted by [L.R.K.](#) on Mon, 09 Aug 2010 22:12:13 GMT
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For those who are watching the new V - the return of Diana!:

<http://www.tvguide.com/News/Kecks-Exclusives-Jane-1021563.aspx>

Subject: Re: Looking Forward To...

Posted by [L.R.K.](#) on Tue, 10 Aug 2010 20:32:48 GMT

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And the latest on the sequel to Patricia C Wrede's "The Thirteenth Child" - including, possibly, the title:

<http://pcwrede.com/blog/title-wars-etc/>

Subject: Re: Looking Forward To...

Posted by [Library_dragon](#) on Wed, 11 Aug 2010 01:15:39 GMT

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I just pruned my roses, so I'm looking forward to seeing some new growth... I'm also looking forward to trying that new dark chocolate-caramel brownie recipe I concocted.

Subject: Re: Looking Forward To...

Posted by [holmes44](#) on Wed, 11 Aug 2010 02:40:14 GMT

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i am so looking forward to my girls going back to school.

Subject: Re: Looking Forward To...

Posted by [L.R.K.](#) on Tue, 17 Aug 2010 05:47:20 GMT

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<http://twitter.com/BrandonSanderson/status/21350398138>

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Posted by [AJLR](#) on Tue, 17 Aug 2010 12:24:13 GMT
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That's good news, thanks L.R.K. I thought the last WOT one he did was very creditable.

Subject: Re: Looking Forward To...
Posted by [L.R.K.](#) on Sat, 21 Aug 2010 19:54:51 GMT
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For comic book filmatisation enthusiasts - the forthcoming movie X-Men: First Class will be set in the '60s:

<http://www.movieline.com/2010/08/x-men-first-class.php#more>

To be quite honest, that is the first thing that has made me think the film might be worth watching - there has been some good casting, but, while I like James McAvoy, nobody but Patrick Stewart can really ever be Professor X to me - really, even the early comics seem to have been drawn as if with him in mind! it's quite uncanny...

Subject: Re: Looking Forward To...
Posted by [L.R.K.](#) on Sat, 21 Aug 2010 20:19:20 GMT
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Oh, I agree - I actually loved it. It wasn't RJ, of course - but I thought it was very wise of Sanderson not to try to imitate his style; I didn't really try to guess who had written what, and though it felt different, it did feel right in spirit - the difference was as if it was the same dish that had been cooked by another person, the flavour was somewhat different, but the dish was still

recognisably the same. (If that made sense?)

Anyway, here are a few more details from his twitter that might be of interest:

<http://twitter.com/BrandonSanderson/status/21399746751>

And he's promised a blog post on it soon:

<http://twitter.com/BrandonSanderson/status/21612066557>

I'll keep my eyes open for it, and post the link here when I do see it.

Subject: Re: Looking Forward To...
Posted by [L.R.K.](#) on Tue, 24 Aug 2010 19:52:53 GMT
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Here's Brandon Sanderson's blog post wherein he mostly talks about "Towers of Midnight", and a little what we can expect the book to be like:

<http://www.brandonsanderson.com/blog/911/TOWERS-OF-MIDNIGHT-Is-Done>

Subject: Re: Looking Forward To...
Posted by [CJames](#) on Wed, 25 Aug 2010 14:30:43 GMT
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Fall is such a good time of year for reading.

There's Patricia Brigg's River Marked and Masque (two!), Tanya Huff's Truth of Valor, Sharon Shinn's Troubled Waters, Pegasus of course, all coming out soon.

Subject: Re: Looking Forward To...
Posted by [abigailmm](#) on Thu, 26 Aug 2010 06:06:28 GMT
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And Sharon Lee's Carousel Tides. Looks to be a real winner. Sample chapters here (ten chapters

!) Set in Old Orchard Beach, Maine (well, Archer's Beach for purposes of the story), with the old-fashioned carousel at the amusement park as a major character. You may never ride a merry-go-round again without a prudent look over your shoulder.

Subject: Re: Looking Forward To...
Posted by [L.R.K.](#) on Thu, 26 Aug 2010 17:52:08 GMT
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Thank you, CJames and Abigailmn. :)

And in other news, there is apparently a new drama on the way based on Douglas Adams' Dirk Gently:

http://www.bbc.co.uk/pressoffice/pressreleases/stories/2010/08_august/25/literature.shtml

Sadly it says nothing about casting; I've not read the book, but it does sound like it might be fun.

EDIT: Oh, darn! It does not seem to want to link directly to it, but look at the right hand panel. (or whatever it's called.) Sorry about that. (Sigh.)

Subject: Re: Looking Forward To...
Posted by [Honey_Bee](#) on Thu, 26 Aug 2010 21:28:00 GMT
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I haven't gotten around to seeing the new Sherlock Holmes but I'm definitely looking forward to the time when I do. All my favorite Doctor Who episodes (Girl in the Fireplace, Blink, Silence in the Library) were written by Steven Moffat so I feel naturally inclined towards this new show.

I'm also looking forward to Dragon*Con coming up in a little over a week. I don't know if anyone else on the forum is in the Southern USA, or if anyone else is going, but I look forward to it every year.

Subject: Re: Looking Forward To...
Posted by [AJLR](#) on Thu, 26 Aug 2010 21:42:07 GMT
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I think you're going to have the pleasure of seeing Elizabeth Moon there. She's been tweeting about getting ready for it and all the preparations. Wish I was going. :)

Subject: Re: Looking Forward To...
Posted by [L.R.K.](#) on Sat, 28 Aug 2010 19:39:59 GMT
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I think this could be interesting:

<http://www.deadline.com/2010/08/what-is-john-cusack-raven-ab out/>

The Raven - a movie in which John Cusack will play Edgar Allan Poe.

Subject: Re: Looking Forward To...
Posted by [L.R.K.](#) on Sat, 28 Aug 2010 20:14:07 GMT
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And good news for fans of the new Sherlock Holmes BBC-series:

http://www.bbc.co.uk/pressoffice/pressreleases/stories/2010/08_august/28/bbcone.shtml

It's a long article, but here are some of the relevant parts:

Quote:Hunt also confirmed the recommissions of Sherlock Holmes and Luther for BBC One. Following a highly successful launch with over 7.5m viewers watching the first episode in July 2010, Sherlock returns for three new 90-minute episodes in Autumn 2011, while Luther comes back with two, two-hour specials

And:

Quote:Talking of the Sherlock recommission, co-creators, Mark Gatiss and Steven Moffat, say: "We've been overwhelmed by the warmth of response to our new Sherlock Holmes and John Watson and can't wait to take them on three new adventures next year. There'll be baffling new puzzles, old friends and new enemies – whether on two, or four legs. And we might well be seeing the cold master of logic and reason unexpectedly falling. But in love? Or over a precipice? Who can tell?"

So well done to those of our members who watched it, thereby helping to ensure its return! :)

Subject: Re: Looking Forward To...
Posted by [Julia](#) on Sun, 29 Aug 2010 14:40:57 GMT
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Hi everyone! I'm back at school, and finally have a functioning laptop again. So, I'm looking forward to classes, which begin on Monday.

Edit:

AND I am looking forward to being able to visit this forum again, after so many months of very very limited computer access. :)

Subject: Re: Looking Forward To...

Posted by [jaccain](#) on Sun, 29 Aug 2010 18:28:03 GMT

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I'm looking forward to finally seeing Going Postal as the DVD is now out!

Subject: Re: Looking Forward To...

Posted by [L.R.K.](#) on Sun, 29 Aug 2010 20:59:36 GMT

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And the next series of Doctor Who will be split into two halves:

http://www.bbc.co.uk/pressoffice/pressreleases/stories/2010/08_august/29/doctor.shtml

So, Doctor Who fans, do you think this is good news - or is it just a way to torture you?

Quote: By splitting the series Moffat plans to give viewers one of the most exciting Doctor Who cliffhangers and plot twists ever, leaving them waiting, on the edge of their seats, until the autumn to find out what happens.

Subject: Re: Looking Forward To...

Posted by [Honey_Bee](#) on Sun, 29 Aug 2010 21:47:06 GMT

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Oh man, I'm not really sure how I feel about the split. I do enjoy cliffhangers to an extent but I already felt like the cliffhangers for the two-part episodes were bad enough. I can't imagine what Moffat will pull out and then make us wait months for.

Subject: Re: Looking Forward To...

Posted by [L.R.K.](#) on Wed, 01 Sep 2010 01:16:53 GMT

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The next Discworld tv-adaptation will be "Unseen Academicals":

<http://thewertzzone.blogspot.com/2010/08/discworld-and-doctor-who-tv-news.html>

Subject: Re: Looking Forward To...
Posted by [L.R.K.](#) on Sat, 04 Sep 2010 10:06:13 GMT
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I know many here have been reading Suzanne Collins' books, so this might be of interest:

<http://www.deadline.com/2010/09/hunger-games-director-derby-down-to-three/>

A director will be chosen shortly.

Subject: Re: Looking Forward To...
Posted by [L.R.K.](#) on Thu, 09 Sep 2010 04:06:13 GMT
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And I'm quite looking forward to being Scared Shrekless :) :

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/entertainment-arts-11212148>

Subject: Re: Looking Forward To...
Posted by [AJLR](#) on Thu, 09 Sep 2010 09:15:15 GMT
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I've got a first meeting with the local beekeeping group coming up in two weeks time, so I'm really looking forward to that. They are the people who will know most about local conditions and be able to offer all sorts of tips. Their monthly meetings are apparently full of interest, not just about beekeeping itself but all the peripheral activities - candle making, local sales, etc.

Subject: Re: Looking Forward To...
Posted by [L.R.K.](#) on Fri, 10 Sep 2010 03:52:56 GMT
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Well, it seems that Martin Freeman might be Bilbo:

<http://www.movieline.com/2010/09/your-new-hobbit-got-his-sta-rt-on-the-office.php>

I was starting to wonder if the movie would be made at all, what with all the problems plaguing it, but seemingly there is still hope.

Subject: Re: Looking Forward To...
Posted by [L.R.K.](#) on Wed, 15 Sep 2010 07:02:28 GMT
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For our David Tennant fans:

http://www.bbc.co.uk/pressoffice/pressreleases/stories/2010/09_september/14/single_father.shtml

Subject: Re: Looking Forward To...
Posted by [L.R.K.](#) on Thu, 16 Sep 2010 21:44:30 GMT
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A trailer for Disney's Tangled:

<http://www.deadline.com/2010/09/hot-trailer-tangled/>

Subject: Re: Looking Forward To...
Posted by [Beauty/Anna](#) on Fri, 17 Sep 2010 20:48:00 GMT
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Cool weather and leaves all about.

Subject: Re: Looking Forward To...
Posted by [Beauty/Anna](#) on Fri, 17 Sep 2010 20:52:06 GMT

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L.R.K. wrote on Wed, 15 September 2010 03:02 For our David Tennant fans:

http://www.bbc.co.uk/pressoffice/pressreleases/stories/2010/09_september/14/single_father.shtml

Have you seen his Hamlet lrk?

Subject: Re: Looking Forward To...
Posted by [L.R.K.](#) on Fri, 17 Sep 2010 21:15:46 GMT
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Anna - no I haven't, thanks for posting the link, I'll be sure to come back and watch it, since I don't have the time just now (Hamlet is my favourite Shakespeare - of those I've seen - I have no idea why...)Is it the one with Patrick Stewart as well? Love Patrick Stewart! I've seen him do Claudius before, in the Derek Jacobi Hamlet (my favourite version - of those I've seen.)

What I came here to hurriedly and excitedly post is this sample chapter from "Towers of Midnight" that has been uploaded onto Brandon Sanderson's home page:

<http://www.brandonsanderson.com/library/65/Towers-of-Midnight-Chapter-Eight-The-Seven-Striped-Lass>

I haven't had time to read it, but I'm excitedly looking forward to doing so - for now, though, I must rush!

Subject: Re: Looking Forward To...
Posted by [L.R.K.](#) on Tue, 21 Sep 2010 17:39:37 GMT
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As for what Brandon Sanderson is up to now - well, apparently, it is secret:

<http://twitter.com/BrandonSanderson/status/25063801678>

So don't tell anybody... :)

Subject: Re: Looking Forward To...

Posted by [L.R.K.](#) on Tue, 21 Sep 2010 17:43:55 GMT

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Anna, I saw the Hamlet-video - it was really good!

For anyone wanting more Shakespeare, the BBC will oblige - in 2012...

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/entertainment-arts-11380237>

Subject: Re: Looking Forward To...

Posted by [L.R.K.](#) on Fri, 24 Sep 2010 22:33:11 GMT

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And a trailer for Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows. Part 1:

<http://www.deadline.com/2010/09/hot-trailer-harry-potterdeathly-hallows/>

Subject: Re: Looking Forward To...

Posted by [L.R.K.](#) on Tue, 28 Sep 2010 19:09:04 GMT

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This looks really interesting:

<http://www.movieline.com/2010/09/the-coen-brothers-enter-the-oscar-race-in-the-teaser-for-true-grit.php>

The Coen brothers True Grit - there's a trailer also; what do you think? Has anyone heard much about this before? Apparently it's based on the original book - which I haven't read (anyone here read it?) - rather than a remake of the John Wayne movie (which I haven't seen.)

Subject: Re: Looking Forward To...
Posted by [Melissa Mead](#) on Tue, 28 Sep 2010 22:30:59 GMT
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I'm looking forward to attending Albacon next weekend: <http://www.albacon.org/>

Subject: Re: Looking Forward To...
Posted by [mohawkguy28](#) on Fri, 01 Oct 2010 13:59:25 GMT
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I am looking forward to Intrigues by Mercedes Lackey and David Farland's final book in the Runelord series called Night Eternal.

Subject: Re: Looking Forward To...
Posted by [L.R.K.](#) on Fri, 01 Oct 2010 17:51:59 GMT
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Is David Farland finishing the series? I've got the first book on my reading-list, but have some books in between before I get to it. The only exception to my strict reading rules is the Wheel of Time - since I begun it before my "system" was set in adamant. That series too is coming to a close - and while I think that is a good thing, at the same time, I'm sad to see it ending since I've spent so many years on it.

How do you feel about the Farland series? Is it a good thing that it is ending, or are you sad to see it go? Oh, and I'm a bit curious about it too - what is it about the series that you enjoy? (and I can look forward to :))

Subject: Re: Looking Forward To...
Posted by [mohawkguy28](#) on Fri, 01 Oct 2010 18:03:27 GMT
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L.R.K. wrote on Mon, 09 August 2010 17:12 For those who are watching the new V - the return of Diana!:

<http://www.tvguide.com/News/Kecks-Exclusives-Jane-1021563.aspx>

oh i agree..i can't wait!!

Subject: Re: Looking Forward To...

Posted by [mohawkguy28](#) on Fri, 01 Oct 2010 18:12:27 GMT

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According to him he is finishing and going to let me know as soon as he is finished. I am sad to see it go personally. He did say this will be the last one of the series for sure.

It was the first series that I read that really brought me into the fantasy world of reading. I think that he creates the characters so beautifully. He also made it where it wasn't always happy endings so curiosity loomed in what would happen if so and so didn't make it and could they fix the problem. The ending in Chaosbound had me in tears and in complete curiosity on whether or not good does conquer all in the next one.

Subject: Re: Looking Forward To...

Posted by [L.R.K.](#) on Fri, 01 Oct 2010 18:32:40 GMT

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Mohawkguy - thanks, that sounds really interesting! For me, one of the main reasons I like a series is if I'm interested in/like the characters.

I do hope good conquers all, though - I always do. The same thing with Wheel of Time - talking, of which, here is the first chapter of "Towers of Midnight" for anyone wanting to read it:

<http://www.orbitbooks.net/towersofmidnight/>

Personally, I hate reading long chunks of text on the computer - and my eyes are hurting! but I will just have to... (haven't read it yet, am going to now.)

Subject: Re: Looking Forward To...

Posted by [Aaron](#) on Fri, 01 Oct 2010 23:27:27 GMT

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I was looking forward to the next Mark Morris program at Zellerbach.

Ordinarily the Mark Morris Dance Group only performs to live music but this program was going to include Behemoth from his Brussels days, which is danced to silence, and Looky where the accompaniment is a disklavier piece. The last piece, Socrates, is set to Satie's music and included super titles so there were a number of uncharacteristic features throughout the program.

I say I was looking forward to it since I don't think I would see it again. This is not a statement I have ever made about a Mark Morris program before. I admit that I have only ever gone to the same Morris program on successive nights once but I have always happily attended revivals.

Of the three Looky was a pleasant enough thing if rather lightweight, sort of The Hard Nut meets Night at the Museum. Socrates was stylistically more in line with why I love his work but needing super titles for something you watch was a bit of a problem. Needing them was a disappointment in itself, usually Mr. Morris manages to tell as much story as you need without this kind of aid and having to switch between them and the action on the stage was a functional problem as well as an aesthetic one.

I will concede that Behemoth was a success in that it really was a dance to silence, as contrasted to a dance to music you can not hear. In the end, though, the lesson I took from it was that if this is what a dance to silence is like I don't like silent dance.

Still, I can understand the desire to perform these three pieces together and I still am looking forward to the next Mark Morris program.

Edited to add - Rereading this it seems more negative than I intended so I have tried to fix it but I still don't seem to have hit the right tone. It wasn't what I expected. I would have preferred what I expected, but it was a noble experiment and I am glad I went . . . and I am looking forward to next time.

Subject: Re: Looking Forward To...

Posted by [L.R.K.](#) on Sun, 03 Oct 2010 01:50:29 GMT

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Good Lord - it seems as if there might be a Hobbit-movie after all:

<http://thewertzone.blogspot.com/2010/10/hobbit-close-to-greenlight.html>

After the latest news - a labour dispute - I really doubted it was ever meant to happen. Really, every kind of problem seems to have plagued the project from the beginning - I'm just wondering what will be next? Flood, fire or a hurricane or two? But at last there is some positive news.

Subject: Re: Looking Forward To...
Posted by [L.R.K.](#) on Sun, 03 Oct 2010 20:26:53 GMT
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So... sigh... the Hobbit-movie...

"Really, every kind of problem seems to have plagued the project from the beginning - I'm just wondering what will be next? Flood, fire or a hurricane or two?" (Yes, I'm quoting myself.)

As it turns out - fire.

<http://www.movieline.com/2010/10/the-hobbit-set-goes-up-in-tiny-flames.php#more>

I'm.... speechless.

Subject: Re: Looking Forward To...
Posted by [L.R.K.](#) on Wed, 06 Oct 2010 01:16:57 GMT
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More in the Hobbit-movie saga... (I'm not sure if anyone else is interested in this, but since I've begun...):

<http://thewertzone.blogspot.com/2010/10/major-hobbit-and-superman-announcements.html>

Apparently it is good news this time.

Also includes info about the upcoming Superman-movie reboot.

I'm looking forward more to the third Batman-movie myself, though.

Subject: Re: Looking Forward To...
Posted by [shalea](#) on Thu, 07 Oct 2010 00:51:24 GMT
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I am definitely interested in the Hobbit saga! Thanks for the ongoing updates.

Subject: Re: Looking Forward To...
Posted by [L.R.K.](#) on Thu, 07 Oct 2010 03:11:55 GMT
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Oh, good. :) Let's hope there won't be too many updates, however, since most news about this movie tends to be bad - but on a positive note, I suppose, if the movie actually gets made this will be a very inspirational tale of perseverance and never giving up etc. :) (Cue mushy music.)

Subject: Re: Looking Forward To...
Posted by [L.R.K.](#) on Fri, 08 Oct 2010 04:32:35 GMT
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Some casting news about the BBC adaptation of Douglas Adams' Dirk Gently:

http://www.bbc.co.uk/pressoffice/pressreleases/stories/2010/10_october/05/gently.shtml

Subject: Re: Looking Forward To...
Posted by [L.R.K.](#) on Fri, 08 Oct 2010 21:38:04 GMT
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Well, putting

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/entertainment-arts-11493676>

in this thread may be a bit of a stretch, but I didn't know where else it would suit so... Also the fourth Pirates-movie is something I'm really, really looking forward to - in fact, I think we'll probably go and see it in the cinema instead of waiting for the DVD to come out - I haven't been in years; in fact I can't even recall what film it was that I last saw at the cinema. (Though I have no interest in seeing it in 3D - I just hope they will have it in 2D as well, since I don't know why I should pay extra for something I don't even want?)

Subject: Re: Looking Forward To...
Posted by [shalea](#) on Sat, 09 Oct 2010 15:31:54 GMT
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L.R.K. wrote on Fri, 08 October 2010 00:32 Some casting news about the BBC adaptation of Douglas Adams' Dirk Gently:

http://www.bbc.co.uk/pressoffice/pressreleases/stories/2010/10_october/05/gently.shtml

Casting news about Dirk Gently!!! Woohoo!! Love those books.

Subject: Re: Looking Forward To...
Posted by [L.R.K.](#) on Sun, 10 Oct 2010 16:44:52 GMT
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Shalea - you've read the books? (I've only read "Hitchiker" - as yet, of course! :)) Great! Do you think they could be made into a good adaptation? - I mean, translate well into a visual medium? - because I certainly thought the description sounded really fun, and something I'd look forward to seeing, myself. :)

And in other news:

more about Brandon Sanderson's Super Secret Project:

<http://twitter.com/BrandonSanderson/status/26722479208>

<http://twitter.com/BrandonSanderson/status/26724709475>

Those are the newest entries on the subject - for those interested, go to his twitter and scroll down, there is more, for example:

<http://twitter.com/BrandonSanderson/status/26606929210>

and:

<http://twitter.com/BrandonSanderson/status/26114641726>

which I feel is a lesson to us all - at any rate those who have twitter and an agent... I wonder if some people took this very seriously however, since he then tweeted:

<http://twitter.com/BrandonSanderson/status/26118822373>

<http://twitter.com/BrandonSandrson/status/26118917802>

There is more there - for instance, the book involves a necromancer - but I think this is enough (and more than enough) for this comment.

Subject: Re: Looking Forward To...
Posted by [L.R.K.](#) on Sun, 10 Oct 2010 17:17:29 GMT
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So, some news for our Doctor Who fans:

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/entertainment-arts-11510514>

The next series will begin with a two-parter set - and filmed - in the US:

Quote:Scenes will be filmed in the Utah desert for a story set in the late '60s in which the Doctor, Amy and Rory find themselves on a secret summons to the Oval Office.

Sounds interesting, no? What do you think?

Subject: Re: Looking Forward To...
Posted by [shalea](#) on Sun, 10 Oct 2010 21:35:00 GMT
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L.R.K. wrote on Sun, 10 October 2010 12:44Shalea - you've read the books? (I've only read "Hitchiker" - as yet, of course! :)) Great! Do you think they could be made into a good adaptation? - I mean, translate well into a visual medium? - because I certainly thought the description sounded really fun, and something I'd look forward to seeing, myself. :)...

As with Hitchhiker, the main difficulty will be capturing the feel of the action/characters; the visuals in the Gently books are not going to be nearly as demanding (with the exception of certain of the scenes with the Electric Monk).

Subject: Re: Looking Forward To...
Posted by [L.R.K.](#) on Wed, 13 Oct 2010 22:32:49 GMT
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So, some quite detailed information on Brandon Sanderson's future plans:

<http://thewertzzone.blogspot.com/2010/10/book-updates-brandon-sanderson-george.html>

(Including a sequel to "Elantris".) Quite impressive, no?

And also information on George R R Martin's "A Dance with Dragons". (Though readers of that series probably don't need me to tell them not to get their hopes up too high?)

Subject: Re: Looking Forward To...
Posted by [L.R.K.](#) on Sat, 16 Oct 2010 01:51:35 GMT
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So a Hobbit-movie update - good news (mostly, at any rate):

<http://www.deadline.com/2010/10/the-hobbit-finally-starts-filming-in-february/>

As for this:

Quote:UPDATE:Things must be getting close on The Hobbit, because casting buzz is getting strong in Hollywood. Word is Martin Freeman will soon be set to play Bilbo Baggins, that Jimmy Nesbitt has been offered a role and that Michael Fassbender is being pursued for another as is David Tennant. Ian McKellan and Andy Serkis are expected to reprise Gandalf and Gollum.

So who do you think they would play? (I mean, of course, David Tennant and the others who have been rumoured to have been offered roles, but it has not been specified what roles.)

Subject: Re: Looking Forward To...
Posted by [jaccairn](#) on Sat, 16 Oct 2010 14:37:42 GMT
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Having looked up Michael Fassbender (as I didn't recognise the name) I suspect he might be the elf king judging solely by the cheekbones and a resemblance in the pictures I saw to Orlando Bloom (or possibly Elrond, I'd forgotten he was in it). After all Thranduil is supposed to be Legolas' dad. Jimmy Nesbit as the Master of Laketown and David Tennant as Bard the Bowman.

Subject: Re: Looking Forward To...
Posted by [L.R.K.](#) on Sat, 23 Oct 2010 00:09:56 GMT
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Thanks, Jaccairn! I did recognise the name of Michael Fassbender since I've seen it around a lot lately - but other than that I, quite honestly, have no idea who he is either.

At any rate, here is some confirmed casting news:

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/entertainment-arts-11604193>

Michael Freeman will indeed play Bilbo. The only other actor I recognised was Richard Armitage, who I know as Mr Thornton in North & South. (The Elizabeth Gaskell adaptation - to prevent any possible confusion as to which series I'm referring to.)

Subject: Re: Looking Forward To...
Posted by [jaccairn](#) on Sun, 24 Oct 2010 15:50:38 GMT
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It will be interesting to see how recognisable they are once the beards are on!

Subject: Re: Looking Forward To...
Posted by [shalea](#) on Sun, 24 Oct 2010 21:48:01 GMT
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jaccairn wrote on Sun, 24 October 2010 11:50It will be interesting to see how recognisable they are once the beards are on!

A very good point indeed - I didn't recognize John Rhys Davies at ALL in the Lord of the Rings movies.

Subject: Re: Looking Forward To...
Posted by [L.R.K.](#) on Thu, 28 Oct 2010 02:42:00 GMT
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Yes, and then there is whatever else they choose to add - prosthetics/makeup/mask/whatever it is called - poor John Rhys Davies was allergic to his, so the skin on his face was all inflamed - he was given his last mask (or whatever it's called) to burn, which he did, like a shot - quite gleefully, I

thought. (Well, considering the amount of discomfort he'd endured - I think the man's a hero!)

And it seems that it will be filmed in New Zealand after all:

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/entertainment-arts-11633724>

I'm glad - I'm sure they could have made a good movie wherever they shot it, but it wouldn't have been quite the same...

And then to some other things - some books:

Patricia A McKillip's next book - "The Bards of Bone Plain" - will be out in December:

<http://www.fantasticfiction.co.uk/m/patricia-a-mckillip/bards-of-bone-plain.htm>

And the cover is just gorgeous - as usual.

And Lindsey Davis has announced her next book:

<http://www.lindseydavis.co.uk/lindseyspage.htm>

(scroll down to Next Book) It's not a Falco-novel but:

Quote: Master and God, an epic novel of the Emperor Domitian

And Sharon Penman talked about some publications (not her own) on her blog a while back:

<http://sharonkaypenman.com/blog/?p=140>

Some of them have already been published, but some are still forthcoming. Worth taking a look for anyone with an interest in historical fiction.

Subject: Re: Looking Forward To...
Posted by [L.R.K.](#) on Mon, 01 Nov 2010 19:28:51 GMT
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The title for the third Batman movie has been announced:

<http://www.deadline.com/2010/10/next-batman-called-the-dark-knight-rises/>

It will be called The Dark Knight Rises, and will not feature the Riddler.

BBC's Merlin has been commissioned for a fourth series:

http://www.bbc.co.uk/pressoffice/pressreleases/stories/2010/10_october/25/merlin.shtml

Subject: Re: Looking Forward To...
Posted by [L.R.K.](#) on Tue, 02 Nov 2010 08:04:08 GMT
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And a Wheel of Time/"Towers of Midnight" interview with Brandon Sanderson:

<http://www.dragonmount.com/index.php/News/tom/brandonsanderson/my-interview-with-brandon-sanderson-r45>

(I had meant to include it in yesterday's comment, but the Dragonmount site was down for maintenance, darn it.)

Subject: Re: Looking Forward To...
Posted by [L.R.K.](#) on Sat, 06 Nov 2010 21:22:32 GMT
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More Hobbit-casting:

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/entertainment-arts-11674753>

And Aardman Animations has assembled quite an impressive voice cast for its next movie:

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/entertainment-arts-11684270>

Hugh Laurie, James McAvoy, Jim Broadbent, Bill Nighy, Imelda Staunton. Not bad. :)

Subject: Re: Looking Forward To...
Posted by [L.R.K.](#) on Tue, 16 Nov 2010 21:27:10 GMT
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And a trailer for the "The Eagle of the Ninth"-adaptation - now merely, for whatever reason, called

The Eagle:

<http://www.deadline.com/2010/11/hot-trailer-the-eagle/>

Hmmm....?

Subject: Re: Looking Forward To...

Posted by [L.R.K.](#) on Sat, 20 Nov 2010 17:19:52 GMT

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A movie about Abraham Lincoln:

<http://www.deadline.com/2010/11/daniel-day-lewis-to-star-in-lincoln-for-director-stein-wald-zemeckis-and-dreamworks/>

starring Daniel Day-Lewis, and directed by Steven Spielberg.

Subject: Re: Looking Forward To...

Posted by [Beauty/Anna](#) on Mon, 29 Nov 2010 20:11:28 GMT

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The new Jane Eyre movie, here is the trailer.

Subject: Re: Looking Forward To...

Posted by [L.R.K.](#) on Mon, 29 Nov 2010 22:24:54 GMT

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Subject: Re: Looking Forward To...

Posted by [L.R.K.](#) on Sat, 04 Dec 2010 20:14:49 GMT

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A Doctor Who Christmas Carol:

http://www.bbc.co.uk/pressoffice/pressreleases/stories/2010/12_december/02/who_christmas.shtml

The new Just William-series:

http://www.bbc.co.uk/pressoffice/pressreleases/stories/2010/11_november/30/william.shtml

So, what MG/YA fantasy novels will be made into movies?:

<http://www.deadline.com/2010/12/developing-which-uk-children-s-book-will-be-the-next-harry-potter-like-hit-film/#more-88019>

or?:

<http://www.deadline.com/2010/12/catherine-hardwicke-circles-the-maze-runner/>

Personally, I'm in favour of this trend. Not because I think every book needs to be made into a movie - but with good source material we may actually get a few decent movies. What do you think?

(And by the way - Peter Jackson is thinking of making "Mortal Engines"? Wasn't he planning on doing something with the "Temeraire"-books as well? If so, won't he be a busy, busy man - what with The Hobbit and all?)

And Miranda Otto is to star in the upcoming series Locke & Key - or, well, it's just a pilot at this stage, but since I think it sounds as if it could be (if done right) really interesting, and since I like Miranda Otto, I can hope, can't I? :) :

<http://www.deadline.com/2010/11/miranda-otto-to-star-in-foxs-locke-key/>

And finally (anyone having made it thus far in this comment is probably drawing a sigh of relief), Gore Verbinski is to direct The Lone Ranger:

<http://www.deadline.com/2010/11/toldja-verbinski-helming-the-lone-ranger/>

This would normally not interest me so much, but a while ago - quite a long while ago, actually - when I first read about it - in this BBC article:

<http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/entertainment/8028788.stm>

that not only was Johnny Depp to star in it, but the script was being written by the same writers who wrote the script for the Pirates-movies, I thought that this could actually turn out to be a lot of fun - if they could do for the western, what they did for pirate-movies. But this is the first I've seen about the projected movie in ages, so I can only hope that the same writers are still attached... Anyone else know something about it?

Subject: Re: Looking Forward To...
Posted by [NotACat](#) on Mon, 06 Dec 2010 14:43:00 GMT
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Dirk Gently

I went to school with the guy playing Dirk, he's really rather good ;)

Subject: Re: Looking Forward To...
Posted by [Beauty/Anna](#) on Tue, 07 Dec 2010 16:52:28 GMT
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I think it does look good, and I hope they don't go all dramatic/melodramatic.

I have not seen the Jane Eyre with Timothy Dalton, I have only seen the one with Ruth Wilson as Jane Eyre and Toby Stephens as Mr. Rochester; he was a really good Rochester.

Subject: Re: Looking Forward To...
Posted by [L.R.K.](#) on Thu, 09 Dec 2010 04:51:45 GMT
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NotACat wrote on Mon, 06 December 2010 15:43Dirk Gently

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Oh, I'm so glad - you live in England, don't you? Then you can watch it when it airs and tell us all about it? (I am of course, also, a tad envious - but I'm mostly glad. :)) According to IMDb it is in

post production, and I also found this article:

<http://www.digitalspy.co.uk/cult/news/a288109/dirk-gently-writer-teases-pilot-episode.html>

Note that it says:

Quote: The Dirk Gently pilot is expected to air later this year or in early 2011 on BBC Four. It has previously been suggested that a full series will be considered if the episode is successful.

So it is the manifest duty of everyone who can watch it to do so, so that the rest of us non-England residents who can do nothing about it, also get a series out of this. :)

And a trailer!:

<http://www.blogomatic3000.com/2010/12/08/first-trailer-for-bbc-fours-dirk-gently/>

I (who haven't read the books) think it looks like a great deal of fun - what do those who have read them think?

Subject: Re: Looking Forward To...
Posted by [jaccairn](#) on Thu, 09 Dec 2010 09:39:43 GMT
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Subject: Re: Looking Forward To...
Posted by [NotACat](#) on Thu, 09 Dec 2010 10:01:10 GMT
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It's on next Thursday. I'm hoping it won't be up against anything the Spousal Over-Unit wants to watch, or else i'll have to resort to iPlayer, which on our cable is always chancy.

Quote:I (who haven't read the books) think it looks like a great deal of fun - what do those who have read them think?

I haven't read them in ever so long, so I'm not planning a re-read before watching to avoid spoiling myself ;) I do however anticipate a great deal of fun, yes, not least because Stephen Mangan (my school friend) is a bit of a comic genius, and they've paired him up with Darren Boyd who is one of those quiet people you see in so many things looking befuddled and just doing it right, you know? Not to mention Helen Baxendale who I suspect a lot of you chaps over the pond might recognise... :d

Subject: Re: Looking Forward To...

Posted by [L.R.K.](#) on Fri, 10 Dec 2010 00:22:34 GMT

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Yes, I saw that too -

<http://thewertzone.blogspot.com/2010/12/galadriel-will-be-back-in-hobbit.html>

and Radagast is to be in it as well - and rumour hath it, that so will Legolas:

<http://www.deadline.com/2010/12/orlando-bloom-close-to-legolas-reprise-in-the-hobbit/>

But that's just a rumour, and I don't know how much substance there is to it, but be that as it may, it does indeed look like they are expanding the story quite a bit.

I think they begin shooting in February? I think it's quite exciting - we're bound to get more and more information on what's going on. :)

Subject: Re: Looking Forward To...

Posted by [L.R.K.](#) on Fri, 10 Dec 2010 00:31:07 GMT

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NotACat - Next Thursday already?! Yay! I do hope you get to see it - I understand, though, since in my home I'm the one who decides what we watch, and my husband has very little say in the matter. ;) (Luckily our tastes are quite similar...)

Subject: Re: Looking Forward To...
Posted by [L.R.K.](#) on Wed, 15 Dec 2010 06:13:10 GMT
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Aaaaaand - Breaking News! The trailer for Pirates of the Caribbean: On Stranger Tides:

<http://thewertzzone.blogspot.com/2010/12/pirates-of-caribbean-on-stranger-tides.html>

Excuse me for a moment....

WOOHOO!!!

There - I feel better now. :)

Subject: Re: Looking Forward To...
Posted by [L.R.K.](#) on Wed, 29 Dec 2010 07:34:57 GMT
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The fourth season of Lark Rise to Candleford:

http://www.bbc.co.uk/pressoffice/proginfo/tv/2011/wk2/feature_lark_rise.shtml

I will have to wait for the DVD of course, which will be out in early March. So looking forward to this! I just hope this isn't the last season... it's "only" six episodes, which does seem like a bad sign...

Subject: Re: Looking Forward To...
Posted by [L.R.K.](#) on Wed, 12 Jan 2011 00:18:27 GMT
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Hobbit-news:

<http://thewertzzone.blogspot.com/2011/01/elijah-wood-to-appear-in-hobbit.html>

<http://thewertzone.blogspot.com/2011/01/serkis-and-mckellen-back-for-hobbit.html>

Subject: Re: Looking Forward To...
Posted by [Beauty/Anna](#) on Tue, 18 Jan 2011 01:16:02 GMT
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The new Upstairs Downstairs, here are a couple links:

<http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/entertainment/8303620.stm>

<http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/masterpiece/upstairsdownstairs/index.html>

Subject: Re: Looking Forward To...
Posted by [Beauty/Anna](#) on Thu, 20 Jan 2011 21:19:25 GMT
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I wonder if it will be good as the older ones...

Subject: Re: Looking Forward To...
Posted by [L.R.K.](#) on Sun, 23 Jan 2011 03:50:48 GMT
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Anna - I'm sure the "production values" will be quite different. :) But let's hope the old-world-charm won't be gone with them. I suppose it will be different in that it is showing a different era... Are you planning on watching it? If you do, please "report" what you find; I'm also curious about it.

In other matters - Anne Hathaway has been cast in the upcoming Batman-movie:

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/entertainment-arts-12237338>

And "Across the Great Barrier" by Patricia C Wrede will be out in August:

<http://www.fantasticfiction.co.uk/w/patricia-c-wrede/across-great-barrier.htm>

And "Earwig and the Witch" by Diana Wynne Jones in June:

Subject: Re: Looking Forward To...
Posted by [Beauty/Anna](#) on Sat, 05 Feb 2011 21:32:10 GMT
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Wild Target with Emily Blunt, Rupert Grint, Bill Nighy, Martin Freeman and Rupert Everett, here is a link.

Subject: Re: Looking Forward To...
Posted by [L.R.K.](#) on Sun, 06 Feb 2011 04:01:31 GMT
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Thanks, Anna! - That looks absolutely wonderful, and I hadn't even heard of it before. I seldom laugh at trailers, but I sat snickering through most of this one. :) And what a wonderful group of actors they've assembled for it!

And some Terry Pratchett news, courtesy of Discworld Monthly:

http://www.discworldmonthly.co.uk/dwm0166.php#S_2

About the next Discworld novel, "Snuff":

Quote:Snuff

According to the writer of the best selling crime novel ever to have been published in the city of Ankh-Morpork, it is a truth universally acknowledged that a policeman taking a holiday would barely have had time to open his suitcase before he finds his first corpse.

And Commander Sam Vimes of the Ankh-Morpork City Watch is on holiday in the pleasant and innocent countryside, but not for him a mere body in the wardrobe, but many, many bodies and an ancient crime more terrible than murder.

He is out of his jurisdiction, out of his depth, out of bacon sandwiches, occasionally snookered and occasionally out of his mind, but not out of guile. Where there is a crime there must be a finding, there must be a chase and there must be a punishment.

They say that in the end all sins are forgiven.

But not quite all...

And the upcoming adaptation of Unseen Academicals:

Quote:The Mob Film Company have officially announced that they will start filming their fourth Discworld adaptation later this year. This time around football get the mini-series treatment in their adaptation of Unseen Academicals.

We look forward to seeing how they cast Vimes, Carrot, Mrs Nutt and Glenda. Especially with the recent sad news of the death of Pete Postlethwaite, who Melvyn Grant based his drawings of Vimes on in *Where's My Cow?*

I'm really curious about the casting.

Subject: Re: Looking Forward To...
Posted by [Melissa Mead](#) on Sun, 06 Feb 2011 17:38:47 GMT
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Oh, HOORAY!

Subject: Re: Looking Forward To...
Posted by [cgbookcat1](#) on Tue, 08 Feb 2011 03:32:28 GMT
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I'm looking forward to the next Paksenarrion book (*Kings of the North*) by Elizabeth Moon, which is out in March. Also, Diane Duane has finished *The Big Meow*, which has been in the works for about 5 years, and it should be out online (and later in paperback/hardback) quite soon.

Lastly -- less snow!

Subject: Re: Looking Forward To...
Posted by [L.R.K.](#) on Tue, 08 Feb 2011 08:47:43 GMT

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Wow, that is good news about "The Big Meow"! Especially that it will be "properly" published, since I don't really read long sections on the computer...

I've read the first book, but the second book seems to be out of print... Maybe they will reprint that as well, if the third book is to be published? Here's hoping!

(And I like snow.... I think I've got White Witch-y tendencies...)

Subject: Re: Looking Forward To...

Posted by [cgbookcat1](#) on Tue, 08 Feb 2011 15:07:27 GMT

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She's self-publishing, so you may want to buy a subscription. I'm considering an extra subscription and donating the second copy to a local library.

I also like snow, but we've had about 60 inches so far and it's starting to melt into slush puddles (which then freeze to ice).

Subject: Re: Looking Forward To...

Posted by [Mori-neko](#) on Wed, 09 Feb 2011 04:11:50 GMT

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That's great to hear, about The Big Meow!

I signed up for a subscription when she first announced the project, and was very sad when she vanished, with just the occasional comment about seriously bad health. I'm looking forward to finishing the book, since I'd really enjoyed what I'd read so far.

Subject: Re: Looking Forward To...

Posted by [L.R.K.](#) on Sun, 13 Feb 2011 13:59:53 GMT

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Upstairs Downstairs has been recommissioned:

http://www.bbc.co.uk/pressoffice/pressreleases/stories/2011/02_february/10/upstairs.shtml

The return of Lex Luthor to Smallville:

<http://www.deadline.com/2011/02/michael-rosenbaum-to-return-for-smallville-series-finale/>

(I've only watched up to the second season, myself, but as he is definitely one of my most favourite characters on the show, I'm glad to hear this.)

And an update on Patricia C Wrede's writing progress on the third Frontier Magic-book:

<http://pcwrede.com/blog/it-always-happens-to-me/>

Subject: Re: Looking Forward To...

Posted by [L.R.K.](#) on Mon, 21 Feb 2011 16:44:03 GMT

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Two Eva Ibbotson-movies seem to be on the way:

<http://www.deadline.com/2011/02/paul-king-to-direct-%e2%80%99island-of-the-aunts%e2%80%99/>

One - Island of the Aunts - has just found a director, while the other - The Great Ghost Rescue - is almost finished. This is great news, think I, for, if done well, these could be really fun.

And, for comic book movie enthusiasts - a new trailer for Thor:

<http://www.movieline.com/2011/02/humor-action-kat-dennings-now-this-is-a-thor-trailer.php#more>

I confess I'm somewhat curious (DVD-curious rather than cinema-curious) about it because I wonder what a superhero movie directed by Kenneth Branagh will look like; and, also, JMS (otherwise J Michael Straczynski, of Babylon 5 fame) supposedly has an extended cameo in it. Though I must confess - since I'm busy confessing I may as well do a complete job of it - that this (unlike previous trailers of the movie) made me think: "Cool"; and that I believe is the response that superhero-movie-trailers are supposed to evoke. :)

Subject: Re: Looking Forward To...

Posted by [L.R.K.](#) on Wed, 02 Mar 2011 14:18:30 GMT

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I try to dig up something interesting every week - at least - but either there hasn't been anything that has caught my fancy, or I have been lazy and not looked hard enough... Ah, well, be that as it may, today I actually saw something - this trailer for The Conspirator:

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iSvG_gk2mZU

I think it looks really good. (Well, in my enthusiasm directly after having seen it, the expression I used to myself was actually "Amazing". :))

(I don't know if anyone else is really interested - I do feel like I'm talking to myself most of the time, which is starting to make me feel rather... egocentric - but, never mind! Though if anyone else has any news or thoughts, please, chip in!))

Subject: Re: Looking Forward To...
Posted by [jaccairn](#) on Wed, 02 Mar 2011 18:51:43 GMT
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It looks interesting! I see several brits playing americans once more.

Subject: Re: Looking Forward To...
Posted by [mohawkguy28](#) on Wed, 02 Mar 2011 21:23:24 GMT
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Looking forward to Kara Thorpe's third book in Family Lies series.

Subject: Re: Looking Forward To...
Posted by [AJLR](#) on Wed, 02 Mar 2011 22:20:58 GMT
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Yes, I signed up too. Very frustrating the lack of news. I wonder if the book will actually arrive.

Subject: Re: Looking Forward To...
Posted by [cgbookcat1](#) on Thu, 03 Mar 2011 01:40:21 GMT
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I think so! Having now read all 13 chapters, at least I know the book exists in full. I believe she's sending it to an editor and then self-publishing.

Subject: Re: Looking Forward To...
Posted by [NotACat](#) on Sat, 05 Mar 2011 09:38:46 GMT
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I've read it, and enjoyed it very much. Now I have to catch up on those pesky Young Wizards too. Oh, for those of you who are interested, Diane is going to be updating those and reissuing them later in the year, to deal with all those annoying inconsistencies which sprang up over the years...mostly to do with the tech, I understand.

Subject: Re: Looking Forward To...
Posted by [L.R.K.](#) on Mon, 07 Mar 2011 15:09:37 GMT
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:)

Two new trailers:

Puss in Boots:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Htwiwtbnlqg>

And Kung Fu Panda 2:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Q1ftH73f3xg>

I've been waiting for the Puss in Boots-movie ever since I knew there was going to be a Puss in Boots-movie - so I'm really happy to see this! I haven't seen the first Kung Fu Panda yet, but I thought those who have may enjoy this trailer.

Subject: Re: Looking Forward To...

Posted by [Melissa Mead](#) on Tue, 08 Mar 2011 01:47:36 GMT

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I didn't know about either one. Thanks!

Subject: Re: Looking Forward To...

Posted by [L.R.K.](#) on Sat, 12 Mar 2011 15:26:35 GMT

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And, for your delectation, more Terry Pratchett news:

<http://www.discworldmonthly.co.uk/dwm0167extra.php>

Some of it from Sir Terry himself, among other things:

Quote:Snuff, with Commander Vimes of the City Watch as the main character, is now with the copy editor

Also, seemingly - two series to arrive on a television near you - well, some of you, anyway...
(green with envy)

Subject: Re: Looking Forward To...

Posted by [L.R.K.](#) on Mon, 21 Mar 2011 20:21:19 GMT

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Well, a little this and that...

A new trailer for Pirates of the Caribbean 4:

<http://www.deadline.com/2011/03/latest-trailer-pirates-of-the-caribbean-4/>

And Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows 2:

<http://www.deadline.com/2011/03/hot-trailer-harry-potter-and-the-deathly-hallows-%e2%80%93-part-2/>

The Hobbit has finally begun shooting:

<http://www.deadline.com/2011/03/%e2%80%98the-hobbit%e2%80%99-finally-begins-filming/>

(does this mean that miracles actually happen?)

A Titanic-mini series is on the way:

<http://www.deadline.com/2011/03/abc-picks-up-julian-fellowes-titanic-mini/>

(and it actually looks like it will air on Swedish television in a timely fashion too!)

And Jennifer Lawrence has been cast in the Hunger Games-movie:

<http://justjared.buzznet.com/2011/03/17/jennifer-lawrence-hunger-games-lead-confirmed/>

Subject: Re: Looking Forward To...

Posted by [Beauty/Anna](#) on Fri, 25 Mar 2011 18:42:17 GMT

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Frankenstein play with Jonny Lee Miller and Benedict Cumberbatch: here which they also will be filming.

Subject: Re: Looking Forward To...

Posted by [L.R.K.](#) on Tue, 05 Apr 2011 18:42:55 GMT

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More Dirk Gently on the way:

http://www.bbc.co.uk/pressoffice/pressreleases/stories/2011/03_march/31/dirk.shtml

Quote:The series commission comes on the back of the hugely popular one-hour instalment in

December last year, which attracted 1.1m viewers (3.9% share) on BBC Four, over three times the channel's slot average. This will be the first drama series commission for BBC Four.

So thanks to all who, so to speak, voted with their viewing. :)
(And now I'll just hope this wends its way to Swedish television one of these days - or maybe BBC Entertainment.)

Subject: Re: Looking Forward To...
Posted by [L.R.K.](#) on Tue, 12 Apr 2011 17:04:59 GMT
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Some This & That:

About the new season of Doctor Who:

http://www.bbc.co.uk/pressoffice/pressreleases/stories/2011/04_april/05/doctorwho.shtml

For our David Tennant fans:

http://www.bbc.co.uk/pressoffice/pressreleases/stories/2011/04_april/07/united.shtml

And some casting news:

The upcoming TV-Titanic:

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/entertainment-arts-12983574>

Some more Hunger Games-casting:

<http://www.deadline.com/2011/04/toldja-lionsgate-sets-josh-hutcherson-liam-hemsworth-for-the-hunger-games/>

& Suzanne Collins on the Katniss-casting:

<http://insidemovies.ew.com/2011/03/21/hunger-games-suzanne-collins-jennifer-lawrence/>

Subject: Re: Looking Forward To...

Posted by [Beauty/Anna](#) on Fri, 15 Apr 2011 01:09:35 GMT
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I'm still not sure that Jennifer Lawrence is the right Katniss, I thought that Hailee Steinfeld should have been cast...

Subject: Re: Looking Forward To...
Posted by [L.R.K.](#) on Fri, 15 Apr 2011 01:18:19 GMT
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I've seen a lot of debate about it, and many people seem to favour Hailee Steinfeld - not having read the books myself of course I don't have an opinion, but thanks for sharing yours Anna!

Talking of Hailee Seinfeld - I'm really looking forward to watching True Grit, in which I've heard she gave a superb performance. Actually, it was very much what I saw of her in the trailer that made me think I wanted to see the film in the first place.

Subject: Re: Looking Forward To...
Posted by [L.R.K.](#) on Sun, 17 Apr 2011 18:39:39 GMT
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First off - a video blog from The Hobbit:

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oUGEpOkO_Mw&feature=mfu_in_order&list=UL

It just makes me so happy - it's actually happening!!! Who would have thought? :)

The cover for Terry Pratchett's "Snuff":

<http://thewertzone.blogspot.com/2011/04/new-terry-pratchett-cover-art.html>

And Sally Field has been cast to play Mary Todd Lincoln in the Abraham Lincoln biopic:

<http://www.deadline.com/2011/04/sally-field-joins-steinberg-abraham-lincoln-film/>

This film, of course, is not to be confused with the other one also in the works, in which he is a vampire hunter...

Subject: Re: Looking Forward To...
Posted by [Beauty/Anna](#) on Thu, 21 Apr 2011 19:20:45 GMT
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I don't think I can express how excited I am for The Hobbit...AH!

Subject: Re: Looking Forward To...
Posted by [Mori-neko](#) on Sat, 23 Apr 2011 17:43:00 GMT
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New season of Doctor Who! Starts today! *squee*

Subject: Re: Looking Forward To...
Posted by [L.R.K.](#) on Sat, 23 Apr 2011 18:13:56 GMT
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"One Boy and His Dog" by Eva Ibbotson:

<http://www.fantasticfiction.co.uk/i/eva-ibbotson/one-dog-and-his-boy.htm>

More about the third Frontier Magic book by Patricia C Wrede:

<http://pcwrede.com/blog/changing-on-the-fly/>

A trailer for X-Men: First Class:

<http://www.movieline.com/2011/04/watch-the-slightly-different-x-men-first-class-international-trailer.php#more>

Some casting news - The Dark Knight Rises:

<http://www.deadline.com/2011/04/chris-nolan-signs-bat-cast-members-joseph-gordon-levitt-and-marion-cotillard/>

and more Hunger Games:

<http://www.movieline.com/2011/04/the-hunger-games-casts-unkn-owns-as-thresh-and-rue.php>

<http://www.deadline.com/2011/04/gary-ross-finds-newcomer-for-prim-role/>

Subject: Re: Looking Forward To...
Posted by [NotACat](#) on Sat, 23 Apr 2011 20:39:18 GMT
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Second half of Doctor Who two-parter next week: first part tonight was epic :d

Subject: Re: Looking Forward To...
Posted by [Beauty/Anna](#) on Thu, 28 Apr 2011 22:04:45 GMT
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Official Trailer for Deathly Hallows part 2:

<http://trailers.apple.com/trailers/wb/harrypotterandthedeathlyhallowspart2/>

Subject: Re: Looking Forward To...
Posted by [Stardancer](#) on Tue, 03 May 2011 18:20:27 GMT
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"The Demon's Surrender," the final installment of the "Demon's Lexicon" trilogy by Sarah Rees Brennan. I think Robin mentioned them once? They are BRILLIANT. I think it's out in June. Or July. Sometime over the summer :)

Subject: Re: Looking Forward To...
Posted by [L.R.K.](#) on Mon, 09 May 2011 19:34:26 GMT
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Well, I've been a bit occupied... busy... distracted. Yes, distracted is good. :) I've been a bit distracted, which means I'm a bit out of touch, so if any of this is "old news" or if any of this has changed, please feel free to correct!

The cover for Sharon Penman's next book:

<http://sharonkaypenman.com/blog/?p=186>

And The Hobbit has an Elf King:

<http://www.deadline.com/2011/05/peter-jackson-taps-lee-pace-for-elf-king-in-the-hobbit/>

I've also heard that Ian Holm will return as the older Bilbo.

And I keep forgetting to mention it, but apparently the next Narnia movie is to be The Magician's Nephew.

Meanwhile, Joss Whedon's Avengers has begun shooting:

<http://www.movieline.com/2011/04/joss-whedon-begins-shooting-the-avengers-today.php>

And, of course, more Hunger Games-casting:

<http://www.movieline.com/2011/04/the-hunger-games-adds-deadwood-caprica-vet-paula-malcomson-as-katniss-mom.php>

<http://www.movieline.com/2011/05/wes-bentley-cast-as-the-hunger-games-gamemaker-seneca-crane.php>

But I've been rather neglectful and inattentive of late, so if anyone has seen something of interest? or would add to or correct anything I've said? It would be much appreciated. :)

Subject: Re: Looking Forward To...

Posted by [Beauty/Anna](#) on Tue, 10 May 2011 15:58:25 GMT

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Yet another Hunger Games casting:

<http://latimesblogs.latimes.com/movies/2011/05/stanley-tucci-joins-the-hunger-games-cast.html>

I think he will do the job well.

Subject: Re: Looking Forward To...

Posted by [Beauty/Anna](#) on Tue, 10 May 2011 17:13:53 GMT

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Also a sequel to the new Star Trek movie:

<http://trekmovie.com/category/startrek12/>

and a Scarlet Pimpernel remake:

<http://www.thebestmoviereview.com/movie/news/hotline-news/30832/neil-jackson-leads-the-scarlet-pimpernel-remake>

David Tennant and Catherine Tate from Doctor Who, in Shakespeare's Much Ado About Nothing:

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/culture/theatre/theatre-features/8505416/David-Tennant-and-Catherine-Tate-interview-for-Much-Ado-About-Nothing.html>

Subject: Re: Looking Forward To...

Posted by [L.R.K.](#) on Wed, 18 May 2011 20:19:24 GMT

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Thanks Anna! I too am curious about the second Star Trek-movie, I liked the first one well enough, though Kirk annoyed me somewhat for a good deal of the movie, and my sympathies were all with Spock. :)

Patricia C Wrede on the third Frontier Magic-book:

<http://pcwrede.com/blog/miscellaneous-updating/>

A trailer for Tintin:

<http://www.deadline.com/2011/05/hot-trailer-steven-spielberg-s-tintin/>

And I believe this is the last of the Hunger Games-casting:

<http://www.deadline.com/2011/05/woody-harrelson-joins-hunger-games/>

<http://www.movieline.com/2011/05/race-to-witch-mountain-orphan-teens-round-out-hunger-games-tributes-casting.php>

(Hopefully I haven't mentioned either of those before, but I must confess to being a bit confused on the issue - so I hope you'll all excuse me if I have - thankfully this is a very charitable forum, so I'm counting on that. :))

And finally, this might be of interest to any Sarah Michelle Gellar and/or Ioan Gruffudd fans - a pilot, Ringer, with both of them has been picked up to series:

<http://www.deadline.com/2011/05/surprise-sarah-michelle-gellar-the-ringer-to-get-picked-up-by-cw/>

ETA - PS - Why, I quite forgot! Martin Freeman has taken a three-month break from The Hobbit to film some Sherlock:

<http://www.mckellen.com/cinema/hobbit-movie/110510.htm>

Subject: Re: Looking Forward To...
Posted by [NotACat](#) on Wed, 18 May 2011 21:57:23 GMT
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L.R.K. wrote on Wed, 18 May 2011 21:19
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<http://www.mckellen.com/cinema/hobbit-movie/110510.htm>
Yay \o\ \o/ /o/

Subject: Re: Looking Forward To...
Posted by [Beauty/Anna](#) on Sat, 21 May 2011 16:26:17 GMT
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Woo Hoo!

Subject: Re: Looking Forward To...
Posted by [L.R.K.](#) on Tue, 24 May 2011 20:26:18 GMT

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Some frabjous news - or at least I think so - Stephen Fry in The Hobbit!:

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/entertainment-arts-13455847>

The Dark Knight Rises has begun filming:

<http://www.deadline.com/2011/05/warner-bros-legendary-start-shooting-the-dark-knight-rises-final-chapter-of-christopher-nolans-trilogy/>

I had thought that the Hunger Games was finished casting, but apparently not so:

<http://www.movieline.com/2011/05/the-hunger-games-casts-lenny-kravitz-as-cinna-district-12-stylist.php>

<http://www.movieweb.com/news/the-hunger-games-adds-tobey-jones>

And apparently President Snow (the main villain, I believe?) is yet to be cast.

A look at Katniss:

<http://thewertzone.blogspot.com/2011/05/first-look-at-hunger-games-movie.html>

Subject: Re: Looking Forward To...

Posted by [librarykat](#) on Fri, 27 May 2011 03:35:21 GMT

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Older son and his wife have extended their Netflix subscription to us. And OS has just informed me that Netflix has Sherlock available. He's watched it and is totally hooked. So now I need to find time to watch it.

I was a total Hal Jordan/Green Lantern fangirl when I was a kid, and I still like Hal Jordan best of all the Green Lanterns, so I'm looking forward to the movie. The last two trailers were lots of fun.

Subject: Re: Looking Forward To...

Posted by [L.R.K.](#) on Fri, 03 Jun 2011 04:05:38 GMT

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Some Hobbit-news:

<http://thewertzone.blogspot.com/2011/05/hobbit-movies-are-na-med.html>

Winter has never been quite the same without a new LOTR-movie to look forward to - this will now be remedied. :)

On the other hand, the Star Trek-movie may be in some trouble if they intend to release it on schedule:

<http://www.deadline.com/2011/05/can-star-trek-2-morph-from-70-page-outline-to-summer-tent-pole-in-13-months/>

And a Star Wars series?:

[url= <http://www.deadline.com/2011/05/george-lucas-has-50-hours-of-scripts-for-star-wars-series/>[/url]

George Lucas talks about it in the last minute or so of the video. (I wish he had spoken more about that - what will it be about? for instance - instead of the eternal 3D...)

And a letter Alan Rickman wrote to J K Rowling after finishing shooting the last Harry Potter-movie:

<http://www.movieline.com/2011/05/read-the-touching-harry-potter-goodbye-letter-that-alan-rickman-wrote-to-jk-rowling.php> #more

And finally - is this the last of the Hunger Games casting? Presenting President Snow:

<http://www.deadline.com/2011/05/donald-sutherland-joins-the-hunger-games/>

Subject: Re: Looking Forward To...

Posted by [NotACat](#) on Sun, 05 Jun 2011 19:05:24 GMT

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Well, now I'm looking forward to the return of Doctor Who in September, with an episode intriguingly titled "Let's Kill Hitler".

The mind croggles.

After the mid-season finale ("A Good Man Goes to War" for the non-spoiler-phobic) asploded my head, it might well take that long to collect the splintered pieces of my brain sufficiently to

understand what is going on.

Subject: Re: Looking Forward To...

Posted by [jaccairn](#) on Mon, 06 Jun 2011 08:06:31 GMT

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you're almost asking for a repeat of these episodes, so that you can watch and then re-evaluate everything.

Subject: Re: Looking Forward To...

Posted by [Beauty/Anna](#) on Tue, 07 Jun 2011 17:11:20 GMT

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River, wow.

I mean, I was expecting something quite different than anything they've done with a character as of yet —and to be a bit shocking— but...Wow!

Subject: Re: Looking Forward To...

Posted by [Beauty/Anna](#) on Tue, 07 Jun 2011 17:12:19 GMT

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Subject: Re: Looking Forward To...

Posted by [Maren](#) on Tue, 07 Jun 2011 18:43:31 GMT

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Beauty/Anna wrote on Tue, 07 June 2011 13:12I hope none of that was a spoiler for anyone.....

It didn't really give anything away, but if anyone does want to talk about it in more detail, please use the spoiler toggle (directions here) or do it the old-fashioned way, with a warning and a big space.

This is not so much a modly admonishment as a personal request for myself and other technologically deprived Americans who have to wait until it's out on DVD here, which will be sometime in late summer I think. :)

Subject: Re: Looking Forward To...
Posted by [Melodie](#) on Wed, 08 Jun 2011 08:23:51 GMT
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Subject: Re: Looking Forward To...
Posted by [Beauty/Anna](#) on Wed, 08 Jun 2011 17:14:28 GMT
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Thank you for the directions, I was wondering how to do that—for future spoilers :d

Subject: Re: Looking Forward To...
Posted by [NotACat](#) on Wed, 08 Jun 2011 21:16:29 GMT
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Posted by [Mori-neko](#) on Wed, 08 Jun 2011 21:21:20 GMT
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Current season Doctor Who has been airing concurrently on BBC America - except for the last two episodes. At this point, BBCA is two weeks behind actual BBC.

Subject: Re: Looking Forward To...
Posted by [NotACat](#) on Wed, 08 Jun 2011 21:23:11 GMT

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jaccain wrote on Mon, 06 June 2011 09:06you're almost asking for a repeat of these episodes, so that you can watch and then re-evaluate everything.
I wonder how long it'll be available on iPlayer...aha!

The first episode of the current series will be available until this coming Saturday (11th June 2011).

HTH HAND

Subject: Re: Looking Forward To...
Posted by [Maren](#) on Wed, 08 Jun 2011 21:27:53 GMT
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Subject: Re: Looking Forward To...
Posted by [Stardancer](#) on Thu, 09 Jun 2011 13:02:22 GMT
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Due to the, er, difficulty of finding the show, I'm about five episodes behind in this season of Doctor Who.

NOT QUITE A SPOILER

I do have to say that I feel like I've spent a lot more time this season peering through my fingers than usual. Steven Moffat for the creepy!

END NOT-QUITE SPOILER

Oh--but Steven Moffat's involvement in "Sherlock" is, I think, the reason that it is very, very awesome. The only drawback to the show is that there are only three episodes a season! (At least, there were only 3 the first season; I don't know what upcoming seasons will look like.)

Subject: Re: Looking Forward To...
Posted by [jaccairn](#) on Thu, 09 Jun 2011 13:17:28 GMT
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I believe I read that it's going to be another three episodes. Probably a good thing as Martin Freeman would not be able to fit more in with the filming of the Hobbit.

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Subject: Re: Looking Forward To...

Posted by [Mismatched Socks](#) on Tue, 14 Jun 2011 02:00:06 GMT

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You can also get any of new Doctor Who (including current season) on iTunes; 99 cents per episode to rent (download, but the episode disappears 24 hours after you first watch it) in high definition, more to buy. Not that that helps if you want to watch it on something bigger than your computer screen.

Subject: Re: Looking Forward To...

Posted by [kalaidiscope](#) on Tue, 14 Jun 2011 03:12:56 GMT

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My copy of "Earwig and the Witch" arriving in the mail so I can read it. It's the last DWJ ever, but I'm still going to read it as soon as I have it....

Subject: Re: Looking Forward To...

Posted by [L.R.K.](#) on Fri, 17 Jun 2011 23:16:43 GMT

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Yes, I know what you mean. I'm thinking that if PJ makes more of those videoblogs, they could tide me over, even as they make me even more anxious for the movie to arrive! In fact, it's been quite a while since the last one, hasn't it? (Or it just feels like it...) I could use a new videoblog right about now...

Meanwhile, here's some Hobbit-news:

Luke Evans has been cast as Bard:

<http://www.deadline.com/2011/06/luke-evans-to-play-bard-in-the-hobbit/>

And the voice of Smaug by - this should please Sherlock-fans :) - Benedict Cumberbatch:

<http://www.deadline.com/2011/06/benedict-cumberbatch-to-voice-smaug-in-the-hobbit/>

And, to something different - though not completely different - a new Harry Potter-trailer:

<http://www.deadline.com/2011/06/hot-trailer-harry-potter-and-the-deathly-hallows-part-ii/>

Subject: Re: Looking Forward To...

Posted by [L.R.K.](#) on Sun, 19 Jun 2011 15:15:57 GMT

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I just saw this, so wanted to share - I don't typically post this kind of thing, but since we've got both Sherlock and Doctor Who-fans on the board - and I believe there is a considerable overlap? - at least that's the impression I've got - this might be of interest:

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/entertainment-arts-13784334>

I must confess that I'm quite confused... It seems such a case of "he said - he said", and I don't

seem able to make sense of it, I'm afraid. Any thoughts?

Subject: Re: Looking Forward To...

Posted by [jaccairn](#) on Sun, 19 Jun 2011 17:48:15 GMT

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I'd heard that Martin Freeman had let slip that Benedict Cumberbatch was going to be in the Hobbit, but hadn't thought of him as the voice of Smaug.

As to the Dr Who/Sherlock thing I suspect that they already had plans not to show it all at once (Matt may have asked for time off for other project, they did do that year of only specials for David Tennant) and the other guy, worrying about complaints from fans, is trying to suggest that Moffat is overworked to head this off.

Subject: Re: Looking Forward To...

Posted by [L.R.K.](#) on Sun, 19 Jun 2011 20:19:48 GMT

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You know, I wouldn't have thought of him as the voice for Smaug either, but - the more I think of it, the more I like it. It was really "Hmmm... this might actually be... really good..." I haven't seen Sherlock, but I thought he was very good in Amazing Grace - and voices are rather important to me, since I can't see faces very well, the voice is often the thing I'll recognise an actor by.

And thank you for your input on that other matter - it just sounded like those two needed to talk to each other, as they seemed to be at complete crosspurposes! :)

Subject: Re: Looking Forward To...

Posted by [L.R.K.](#) on Mon, 11 Jul 2011 11:20:43 GMT

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Yay! A new Hobbit-blog!:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YyZJMABGwel>

And I don't think I mentioned this:

<http://www.deadline.com/2011/06/evangeline-lilly-barry-humphries-join-the-hobbit/>

And a Puss in Boots-trailer:

<http://www.deadline.com/2011/06/hot-trailer-puss-in-boots/>

I haven't really had much time lately to look around, so...

Subject: Re: Looking Forward To...

Posted by [Beauty/Anna](#) on Wed, 13 Jul 2011 02:15:25 GMT

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I have been looking forward to this with all the great actors that are in it:

Tinker, Tailor, Soldier, Spy trailer

<http://www.moviefone.co.uk/2011/06/01/first-look-at-tinker-tailor-soldier-spy-movie/>

And perhaps this:

<http://trailers.apple.com/trailers/dreamworks/warhorse/>

Subject: Re: Looking Forward To...

Posted by [L.R.K.](#) on Tue, 19 Jul 2011 12:36:04 GMT

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Thanks for those, Anna! The ensemble really does look formidable in the former - what a cast! And The War Horse looks really good too - the only reason I wouldn't want to see it is worry about the horse - does anyone know if it dies? (It's based on a book, isn't it? So I thought if anyone here has read said book... Or seen the play?)

And - some Hobbit dwarves!:

<http://thewertzone.blogspot.com/2011/07/here-come-dwarves.html>

Er, well, I mean... well, you know what I mean. :) I think it's great the way they've managed to make each dwarf distinct - I think that this means they are going to make each one into his own personality in the film, instead of, say, just emphasising one or two, and then letting the rest be just a group of dwarves... I'm looking forward to more pictures! :)

And some trailers:

Hugo:

<http://www.deadline.com/2011/07/hot-trailer-martin-scorseses-hugo-2/>

Brave:

<http://www.deadline.com/2011/06/hot-trailer-disneypixars-brave/>

And The Dark Knight Rises:

<http://www.deadline.com/2011/07/hot-teaser-trailer-the-dark-knight-rises/>

Subject: Re: Looking Forward To...

Posted by [jaccairn](#) on Tue, 19 Jul 2011 17:48:12 GMT

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Love the dwarves. They are distinct which should make it easier to distinguish them and I like that there appears to be a good range of ages in the group, though I think Fili and Kili have a somewhat elvish air to them. They don't have such a solid look to them, though this might be to emphasise them as the youngest.

Subject: Re: Looking Forward To...

Posted by [jaccairn](#) on Thu, 21 Jul 2011 18:21:31 GMT

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New production video on the Hobbit blog. They look to be having such a great time!

<http://www.thehobbitblog.com/>

tried to add a link but it's not showing.

Subject: Re: Looking Forward To...

Posted by [Maren](#) on Thu, 21 Jul 2011 18:30:52 GMT

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[jaccairn](#) wrote on Thu, 21 July 2011 14:21

tried to add a link but it's not showing.

Fixed! The forum uses BBCode instead of HTML. The easiest way to make a link is to highlight/select the text you want to link from and click the little globe-and-chain-link icon in the middle of the formatting options. Then type or paste the URL in the box that comes up.

Subject: Re: Looking Forward To...
Posted by [jaccairn](#) on Thu, 21 Jul 2011 21:25:25 GMT
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Thankyou

I'd thought that I'd just copied the url from the top of the page into the box, but on experimenting it seems to be putting this inside the the first square brackets. It must just be me.

Subject: Re: Looking Forward To...
Posted by [L.R.K.](#) on Fri, 22 Jul 2011 00:35:15 GMT
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Jaccairn - Oh, thank you, thank you, thank you! That just made me so happy! They do really seem to be having fun - and that joy is so infectious. :)

Subject: Re: Looking Forward To...
Posted by [L.R.K.](#) on Sun, 31 Jul 2011 20:31:11 GMT
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Some updates from Brandon Sanderson about "A Memory of Light":

[http://thewertzzone.blogspot.com/2011/07/brandon-sanderson-up date-on-memory-of.html](http://thewertzzone.blogspot.com/2011/07/brandon-sanderson-up-date-on-memory-of.html)

I don't mind if they take their time on it - seeing as it will be the last book. In a way, though I will be very glad to finally get to it, I'll at the same time feel sad to see it all end. Though I wasn't "in" on it from the beginning, I've been reading the series from 1996 - so, it's the end of an era. (No doubt Potter fans feel/felt the same way about the last book/movie.)

And an interview with Sir Patrick Stewart about Dorothy of Oz:

[http://www.movieline.com/2011/07/sir-patrick-stewart-on-doro-thy-of-oz-captain-picards-legacy-and-his-favorite-scene.php# more](http://www.movieline.com/2011/07/sir-patrick-stewart-on-doro-thy-of-oz-captain-picards-legacy-and-his-favorite-scene.php#more)

Subject: Re: Looking Forward To...
Posted by [Beauty/Anna](#) on Thu, 25 Aug 2011 21:43:12 GMT
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The new Johnny English movie :d

<http://trailers.apple.com/trailers/universal/johnnyenglishreborn/>

Subject: Re: Looking Forward To...
Posted by [L.R.K.](#) on Sat, 03 Sep 2011 21:21:47 GMT
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I haven't actually seen the first Johnny English movie yet - but that trailer made me laugh so I coughed. :)

Here's a mish-mash of things - I've been a bit lazy lately, but have collected a few links here & there, so see if I remember them all...

A new Sherlock Holmes story:

<http://www.fantasticfiction.co.uk/h/anthony-horowitz/house-of-silk.htm>

written by Anthony Horowitz, who is, among other things, the author of the YA Alex Rider spy-series, and the writer/creator of Foyle's War. Could be interesting.

What will be the next Harry Potter:

<http://www.theatlantic.com/entertainment/archive/2011/07/the-next-harry-potters-where-are-they-now/242103/#slide1>

though to be honest, I don't really care what will be "the next" HP, or "the next" anything else - but it's a good roundup of MG/YA series that are to be, or have been, made into movies.

There seems to be a renaissance of the Western on TV:

<http://www.deadline.com/2011/08/tnt-gives-cast-contingent-or-der-to-western-gateway/>

<http://www.deadline.com/2011/08/abc-buys-western-from-ron-moore/>

<http://www.deadline.com/2011/08/bill-paxton-to-star-in-history-hatfields-and-mccoys-mini-kevin-reynolds-to-direct/>

<http://www.deadline.com/2011/08/tom-berenger-mare-winningham-powers-boothe-join-history-hatfields-mccoys-mini/>

Not so much on the big screen, however, alas, since last I heard we still don't know if there will be a Lone Ranger-movie or not:

<http://www.deadline.com/2011/09/disney-dilemma-johnny-depp-wont-make-lone-ranger-without-gore-verbinski-bruckheimer-bringing-lower-budget-to-studio/#more-157132>

Looking at this, it seems that it is already a sufficiently long comment, so I'll save what else I've got for another one.

To Be Continued...

Subject: Re: Looking Forward To...

Posted by [L.R.K.](#) on Sun, 04 Sep 2011 21:49:03 GMT

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As for costume dramas, other than Westerns, there may be a drama on the way set in a New York hotel in the 1890s:

<http://www.deadline.com/2011/08/shonda-rhimes-to-produce-1890s-new-york-hotel-drama-for-abc/>

Of course, I was quite disappointed when two of the dramas I was interested in, both set in the 19th Century - Reconstruction and Poe - were not picked up to series, although I understand that the pilots were said to be good; but I suppose if they keep at it, at last something has to stick, right? Right? (sigh)

A mini-series about the Titanic:

<http://www.deadline.com/2011/08/quartet-boards-bbc-titanic-series/>

Or another one, rather. This is about the making of the ship.

The trailer for The Woman in Black:

<http://enchantedserenityperiodfilms.blogspot.com/2011/08/woman-in-black-2012-trailer.html>

Looks creepy - in a good way. (I'm not much into "horror" as such - you know, the blood & gore variety.)

Some trailers for the second series of Downton Abbey:

<http://enchantedserenityperiodfilms.blogspot.com/2011/09/new-trailer-for-season-2-of-downton.html>

The Lady - a movie about Aung San Sun Kyi:

<http://enchantedserenityperiodfilms.blogspot.com/2011/08/lady-2011-teaser-trailer.html>

<http://enchantedserenityperiodfilms.blogspot.com/2011/04/lady-2011.html>

And a movie about Professor Tolkien:

<http://enchantedserenityperiodfilms.blogspot.com/2011/08/mirkwood-upcoming-film-based-on-jrr.html>

- well, sort of, anyway. This might be more in the nature of "curious about", than "looking forward to" - but at least he doesn't seem to be killing the undead. :)

Subject: Re: Looking Forward To...

Posted by [Beauty/Anna](#) on Sun, 04 Sep 2011 22:37:23 GMT

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Can't wait for the next Downton Abby.

Thank you for the posts L.R.K.

Subject: Re: Looking Forward To...

Posted by [L.R.K.](#) on Tue, 20 Sep 2011 20:36:00 GMT

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Brandon Sanderson is now beyond the half-way point in (his first draft of) "A Memory of Light":

<http://thewertzzone.blogspot.com/2011/09/final-wheel-of-time-novel-enters-home.html>

Some later tweets on the subject:

<https://twitter.com/#!/BrandSanderson/status/112630457107095552>

<https://twitter.com/#!/BrandSanderson/status/112630743808737280>

<https://twitter.com/#!/BrandSanderson/status/112647957337223168>

<https://twitter.com/#!/BrandSanderson/status/112648292525023232>

<https://twitter.com/#!/BrandSanderson/status/112649755741523968>

<https://twitter.com/#!/BrandSanderson/status/113394011313680384>

There's more there, of course, for those who are interested. I think I'll begin a new post for non Wheel of Time-stuff, since this will easily get a little long else, and those not interested in WOT can just skip ahead, and see if I've been able to dig up anything they'd care more for. :)

Subject: Re: Looking Forward To...

Posted by [L.R.K.](#) on Tue, 20 Sep 2011 21:00:47 GMT

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Well, thankfully someone seems to have strayed from the beaten Dickens path (such as Great Expectations - of which I think there are - two?! - being currently made; I could be mistaken - I've seemed to have lost track somewhat) and is adapting The Mystery of Edwin Drood:

http://www.bbc.co.uk/pressoffice/pressreleases/stories/2011/09_september/02/drood.shtml

(I'm curious as to how they will end it.)

And since we are on the subject - more 19th century crime:

from BBC:

http://www.bbc.co.uk/pressoffice/pressreleases/stories/2011/09_september/08/ripper.shtml

and BBC America:

<http://www.deadline.com/2011/07/bbc-america-officially-announces-first-scripted-series-tom-fontanas-copper/>

(For whatever reason, I can't seem to be able to make this link work... sigh.)

More information on The Lady:

<http://www.deadline.com/2011/09/toronto-distribution-deal-for-luc-bessons-the-lady-puts-michelle-yeoh-and-david-thewlis-in-oscar-race/#more-171330>

Those who are interested have probably seen this by now - but, if not: the teaser trailer for Hunger Games:

<http://bookaunt.blogspot.com/2011/08/hunger-games-teaser-trailer.html>

And finally - for now :) - since I just finished a Gerald Durrell, this feels very apposite: a trailer for We Bought a Zoo:

<http://www.deadline.com/2011/09/hot-trailer-we-bought-a-zoo/>

Subject: Re: Looking Forward To...

Posted by [L.R.K.](#) on Tue, 27 Sep 2011 17:10:21 GMT

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P D James' next book will be Death Comes to Pemberley:

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/entertainment-arts-15023862>

I've known since watching a BBC documentary about Jane Austen, that P D James was a fan of hers, so I think this is quite exciting news - really looking forward to it.

A new Sir Arthur Conan Doyle book:

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/entertainment-arts-15054089>

This is a book actually written by him, not something written by another author, though the question is, whether Sir Arthur himself would have been quite pleased:

Quote:"My shock at its disappearance would be as nothing to my horror if it were suddenly to appear again - in print," he once joked.

The latest developments (that I've seen) on the Lone Ranger-movie:

<http://www.deadline.com/2011/09/will-the-lone-ranger-ride-again-there-is-guarded-optimism-disney-film-is-alive-again/>

The release of Steven Spielberg's Abraham Lincoln-biopic will be delayed until after the 2012 election:

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/entertainment-arts-15000181>

Some info on the Doctor Who Christmas-special:

http://www.bbc.co.uk/pressoffice/pressreleases/stories/2011/09_september/21/who.shtml

Some new cast additions to Upstairs Downstairs:

http://www.bbc.co.uk/pressoffice/pressreleases/stories/2011/09_september/26/upstairs.shtml

And finally - a spooky trailer for The Awakening:

<http://enchantedserenityperiodfilms.blogspot.com/2011/09/awakening-trailer.html>

Subject: Re: Looking Forward To...

Posted by [L.R.K.](#) on Tue, 11 Oct 2011 18:31:19 GMT

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It seems Terry Pratchett is busy penning his memoirs:

<http://www.pjsmprints.com/news/sep2011.html>

Quote: The writing of my personal account of my life is well under way, including all the saucy bits and lies I can now tell because the people who know otherwise are now dead :)

More Westerns - maybe - in the works for TV:

<http://www.deadline.com/2011/09/nbc-buys-western-produced-by-sean-hayes/>

<http://www.deadline.com/2011/09/fox-buys-wyatt-earp-western-from-alex-kurtzman-roberto-orci-dating-comedy/>

Shakespeare TV-movies:

http://www.bbc.co.uk/pressoffice/pressreleases/stories/2011/10_october/05/henry.shtml

But mostly - trailers! for:

The Lady:

<http://www.deadline.com/2011/10/hot-trailer-the-lady/>

War Horse:

<http://www.deadline.com/2011/10/hot-trailer-war-horse/>

The Raven:

<http://www.deadline.com/2011/10/hot-trailer-the-raven/>

And, finally, The Avengers:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tGNrfEGaZc0>

Subject: Re: Looking Forward To...

Posted by [Beauty/Anna](#) on Tue, 25 Oct 2011 19:38:18 GMT

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Tinker, Tailor, Soldier, Spy 2011 movie trailer:

http://trailers.apple.com/trailers/focus_features/tinkertailorsoldierspy/

It has so many fantastic actors in it and I can't wait.

Subject: Re: Looking Forward To...

Posted by [L.R.K.](#) on Tue, 25 Oct 2011 19:59:38 GMT

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For those watching/interested in the current US tv season, the following series have been

Picked up for a full season:

New Girl
Whitney
Up All Night
2 Broke Girls
Ringer
Secret Circle
Hart of Dixie
Revenge
Suburgatory
Person of Interest
Unforgettable
Once Upon a Time
Last Man Standing
Happy Endings

Cancelled:

Playboy Club
Free Agents
Charlie's Angels

I'm thinking I'll just edit this post with any new info (or if it turns out that I've forgotten something - which isn't exactly inconceivable... :))

ETA

Subject: Re: Looking Forward To...
Posted by [CathyR](#) on Mon, 31 Oct 2011 13:50:43 GMT
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Very much looking forward to the stage production of The Ladykillers, at the Playhouse in Liverpool (before it transfers to the West End).

I haven't seen the film starring Alec Guinness - indeed, hadn't even heard of it until I got these theatre tickets. I'm not going to look for it until after the play, though.

Interesting article [here](#) about the reworking and reinterpretation of the film for the stage.

Subject: Re: Looking Forward To...
Posted by [Beauty/Anna](#) on Sat, 05 Nov 2011 19:32:14 GMT
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The Song of Lunch with Alan Rickman and Emma Thompson:

<http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/masterpiece/songoflunch/index.html>

Aaaaand Page Eight with Bill Nighy, Michael Gambon, Rachel Weisz and Judy Davis:

<http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/masterpiece/pageeight/index.html>

Oooo I really can't wait—or believe it!

Subject: Re: Looking Forward To...
Posted by [L.R.K.](#) on Mon, 07 Nov 2011 02:45:06 GMT
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Brandon Sanderson is now 90% done with "A Memory of Light":

<http://twitter.com/#!/BrandSanderson/status/1322629449091768> 32

<http://twitter.com/#!/BrandSanderson/status/1322633110635151> 37

Downton Abbey-fans rejoice! It has been commissioned for a third season:

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/entertainment-arts-15577305>

And a trailer for Woman in Black:

<http://www.deadline.com/2011/10/hot-trailer-the-woman-in-black-tv-spot/>

Subject: Re: Looking Forward To...
Posted by [L.R.K.](#) on Mon, 14 Nov 2011 22:57:21 GMT
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Catherine Fisher's next book:

<http://www.fantasticfiction.co.uk/f/catherine-fisher/ghost-box.htm>

Has anyone seen any more info on this? Interviews, articles - that sort of thing? If so - please share!

More (possible) TV Westerns:

<http://www.deadline.com/2011/09/fox-buys-wyatt-earp-western-from-alex-kurtzman-roberto-orci-dating-comedy/>

<http://www.deadline.com/2011/11/cbs-to-reboot-western-the-ri-fleman-with-laeta-kalogridis-chris-columbus-and-carol-mendel-sohn/>

(Note: At this rate I'm not quite sure what I have posted links to and not, so if there is a repeat, it's not that I'm so overly keen that I cannot stop myself from mentioning it over and over, just merely that I'm a poor confused person...) At this rate, it would be exceedingly odd if none of these got made - odd, though Perfectly Possible, of course. :)

Some trailers, then:

The Adventures of Tintin:

<http://www.deadline.com/2011/11/hot-tv-trailer-the-adventures-of-tintin/>

Snow White and the Huntsman:

<http://www.deadline.com/2011/11/hot-teaser-trailer-snow-white-and-the-huntsman/>

And then - of course -

The Hunger Games:

<http://www.deadline.com/2011/11/hot-trailer-the-hunger-games/>

Subject: Re: Looking Forward To...

Posted by [Julia](#) on Tue, 15 Nov 2011 12:24:14 GMT

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I saw the Tintin movie a few weeks ago (it was released earlier in France) and it was great! I'll be back in the USA in a month* (home for the holidays, you know), and I'm going to go see it again (in English this time) with my little brother**. It was a lot of fun, and very well done. :)

*Wow, I just realized that. Only a month until I go home. The time is passing so quickly here!

**And I rarely go to the movies... in fact, I don't remember ever seeing something twice in the cinema. Not even Harry Potter. (On DVD yes, but not in the movie theatre!)

Subject: Re: Looking Forward To...

Posted by [L.R.K.](#) on Thu, 17 Nov 2011 22:08:28 GMT

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Julia - I'm glad it's that good - I'm really looking forward to it more now. :)

For anyone interested in more stories set in the world of "Elantris":

<http://twitter.com/#!/BrandSanderson/status/136150291241381888>

And, from Brandon Sanderson's newsletter, about the possibility of a Mistborn-movie:

Quote:Mistborn Movie: The Mistborn film is still coming along, though we're not yet out of the script writing stage. No real news as of now. Hopefully soon.

The last of Poirot?:

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/entertainment-arts-15726320>

And the trailers are coming in fast & furious:

Mirror, Mirror (yes, more Snow White):

<http://www.deadline.com/2011/11/hot-trailer-mirror-mirror/>

Brave:

<http://www.deadline.com/2011/11/hot-trailer-pixars-brave/>

Subject: Re: Looking Forward To...

Posted by [blondviolinist](#) on Tue, 22 Nov 2011 05:01:01 GMT

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I know I don't post in this thread at all usually, but I just wanted to thank you, L.R.K., for keeping

this thread up-to-date. It's fun to pop in and see what's going on in book/movie/TV land.

Subject: Re: Looking Forward To...

Posted by [L.R.K.](#) on Tue, 22 Nov 2011 17:41:55 GMT

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Thank you for those kind and heartwarming words, blondviolinist! :) I must confess that I do wonder sometimes, and try to encourage myself by looking at the views on the thread and thinking that hopefully that means somebody is interested. :) (And also to shut up my "Little Voice" who insists on trying to convince me that nobody could possibly be interested in anything that I have to say - ever. But I've become quite good at ignoring it - practise makes perfect. :)) But I do understand - I mean, if one has nothing more to say - or add - than "oh, that's nice", I probably wouldn't comment either. :)

Subject: Re: Looking Forward To...

Posted by [shalea](#) on Tue, 22 Nov 2011 21:00:11 GMT

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I certainly view the thread whenever there's an update (and look forward to finding those updates!).

Subject: Re: Looking Forward To...

Posted by [L.R.K.](#) on Wed, 23 Nov 2011 00:16:31 GMT

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Oh, I'm so glad! :) Thank you, Shalea! :) You both encourage me to try even harder to find something, and not to slack off. :)

Well, I've found a few things (I like to wait until I've found 2-3 items at least - it's more fun that way, I think.)

Well, first, as I noted elsewhere (and just in case someone may have missed that particular thread), Patricia C Wrede has "turned in the copyedit for The Far West", the third book in the trilogy.

<http://pcwrede.com/blog/reactions/>

Casting news for Spielberg's Lincoln biopic:

<http://www.deadline.com/2011/11/david-oyelowo-joins-steven-s-pielbergs-lincoln/>

(not, again, to be mistaken for the one where he's killing vampires... well, I think it was vampires? Hmm... well, some kind of the undead, anyway...)

Asa Butterfield has been cast as Ender in the Ender's Game-movie:

<http://www.deadline.com/2011/11/hugo-star-asa-butterfield-the-choice-for-enders-game/>

(He can soon be seen in the forthcoming Scorsese movie Hugo)

Christmas at the BBC:

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/mediacentre/mediapacks/christmas/>

And finally, another spooky trailer for The Woman in Black:

<http://www.deadline.com/2011/11/hot-trailer-the-woman-in-black/>

Subject: Re: Looking Forward To...

Posted by [L.R.K.](#) on Tue, 29 Nov 2011 22:21:20 GMT

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Garth Nix

<http://www.garhnix.com/>

has some info on his forthcoming book "A Confusion of Princes" (scroll down to see it), but what really caught my interest was this:

Quote: I'm writing CLARIEL: THE LOST ABHORSEN at the moment. It is set about 300 years before the events of SABRIEL, in an extremely settled era of the Old Kingdom, where is almost no threat from the Dead or Free Magic, and the Abhorsens are considered something between an archaic remnant of worse times and municipal rat-catchers. Clariel will probably be a 2013 release.

I've only read "Sabriel" (so far), but I find the thought of a historical novel set in that world quite intriguing...

In other news, the sequel to the latest Star Trek-movie is on track for May... 2013:

<http://www.deadline.com/2011/11/star-trek-3d-sequel-will-debut-may-17-2013/>

Well, we'll need stuff to do in 2013 too, won't we?

More on BBC's forthcoming Shakespeare movies:

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/mediacentre/latestnews/shakespeare-cast.html>

An article on War Horse:

<http://www.deadline.com/2011/11/hammond-war-horse-screens-and-campaign-begins-can-spielberg-win-another-oscar/>

About Bane, the villain in The Dark Knight Rises:

<http://www.deadline.com/2011/11/tom-hardy-chris-nolan-speak-about-bane/>

(Note: there is a case of strong language - it is asterisk-ed, but it is unmistakable, so thought I ought to mention it.)

And Peter Lord blogs about The Pirates!:

<http://www.empireonline.com/empireblogs/empire-states/post/p1169>

Alas, for this update I have no trailer - it feels as if the post is... incomplete without one, but... what can one do?

Subject: Re: Looking Forward To...
Posted by [L.R.K.](#) on Tue, 29 Nov 2011 22:23:33 GMT
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Ooops! Quite forgot - more Lincoln-casting:

<http://www.empireonline.com/news/story.asp?NID=32560>

Subject: Re: Looking Forward To...

Posted by [cgbookcat1](#) on Wed, 30 Nov 2011 01:58:02 GMT
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L.R.K. wrote on Tue, 29 November 2011 17:21Garth Nix

<http://www.garthnix.com/>

has some info on his forthcoming book "A Confusion of Princes" (scroll down to see it), but what really caught my interest was this:

Quote:I'm writing CLARIEL: THE LOST ABHORSEN at the moment. It is set about 300 years before the events of SABRIEL, in an extremely settled era of the Old Kingdom, where is almost no threat from the Dead or Free Magic, and the Abhorsens are considered something between an archaic remnant of worse times and municipal rat-catchers. Clariel will probably be a 2013 release.

I've only read "Sabriel" (so far), but I find the thought of a historical novel set in that world quite intriguing...

Thanks! This is great news. I'm very fond of his Old Kingdom books.

Subject: Re: Looking Forward To...
Posted by [L.R.K.](#) on Mon, 05 Dec 2011 18:19:58 GMT
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Brandon Sanderson, back from his recent blog tour (for the new Mistborn book "The Alloy of Law"), is busy writing again, and the progress bar for "A Memory of Light" has gone up to 92%:

<http://twitter.com/#!/BrandSanderson/status/1426407014511493> 13

<http://twitter.com/#!/BrandSanderson/status/1426429846792560> 64

About the upcoming Doctor Who Christmas special:

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/mediacentre/mediapacks/doctorwhoxmas/>

And a Downton Abbey Christmas special:

<http://enchantedserenityperiodfilms.blogspot.com/2011/11/dow>

nton-abbey-christmas-special.html

Star Trek casting news:

<http://www.deadline.com/2011/12/original-robocop-peter-weller-adds-to-scifi-resume-with-star-trek-sequel/>

And... we have a trailer! (Phew! what a relief! :)) Courtesy of War Horse and its actors:

<http://www.deadline.com/2011/12/hot-trailer-war-horse-cast-features-steven-spielbergs-wwi-epic/>

Subject: Re: Looking Forward To...

Posted by [L.R.K.](#) on Sat, 10 Dec 2011 20:28:23 GMT

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Lois McMaster Bujold book on the way:

<http://www.myspace.com/loismcmasterbujold/blog/544854450>

The return of Sherlock!:

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/mediacentre/mediapacks/sherlock/>

(No, of course not the movie.) The third is titled: The Reichenbach Falls. So, what say you - cause for concern?

The second series of The Hour:

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/mediacentre/latestnews/the-hour-series-two.html>

Alas, I suddenly find I have to rush - to be continued...

Subject: Re: Looking Forward To...

Posted by [cgbookcat1](#) on Sat, 10 Dec 2011 21:17:06 GMT

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Quote:Lois McMaster Bujold book on the way:

<http://www.myspace.com/loismcmasterbujold/blog/544854450>

I've been waiting for the Ivan book for years (or what seems like years)!

Subject: Re: Looking Forward To...

Posted by [Susan in Melbourne](#) on Sun, 11 Dec 2011 05:03:28 GMT

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L.R.K. wrote on Sun, 11 December 2011 07:28The second series of The Hour:

Great news! Our television channels are currently well into the non-ratings season, where second-rate crap and repeats are the order of the day. For some reason the ABC has chosen to screen the first series of 'The Hour' during this time, and I have to say that it is a high point of the week. Quite compelling, so far. One can only hope that the power-that-be also purchase the second series. Thanks for the tip off.

Subject: Re: Looking Forward To...

Posted by [L.R.K.](#) on Sun, 11 Dec 2011 17:30:10 GMT

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cgbookcat1 - Oh, I can well believe it! I've only read "The Curse of Chalion" by her (so far), but I adored it! :)

Susan - That's great to hear! I have taped the first season, but haven't seen it yet, but by the (extremely few - as I did not want to spoil myself) glances I did cast on it, it looked like "quality" to me - I'm glad to hear it confirmed. :) Also, I hope that Swedish television sees fit to get the second series in a timely fashion. (I find it especially odd, though, sometimes when a channel doesn't bother to get later seasons in a series - like SVT did with Ashes to Ashes... which I haven't had time to watch either yet - I suppose I'll have to look for DVDs for the rest of it when I do get there?)

So, what else have I got? Hm... let's see...

Well, we now know who won't be directing Thor 2:

<http://www.deadline.com/2011/12/director-patty-jenkins-exiting-thor-2-sequel/>

(I don't recall if I mentioned her getting the job in the first place - and I must confess I'm too lazy to go back and check - but I thought that if I did, it now behooved me to mention that it has fallen

through.)

A new Stan Lee super hero coming to film?:

<http://www.deadline.com/2011/12/dan-gilroy-signs-on-to-pen-s-tan-lees-chinese-superhero-pic/>

(I think my state of mind could most accurately be described as "cautiously curious" - I think this could go either way, depending on how it was made...)

And a visit to the Aardman set:

<http://www.empireonline.com/features/aardman-pirates-set-vis-it/>

And finally - it never rains but it pours! - trailerz:

The Pirates!:

<http://www.deadline.com/2011/12/hot-trailer-the-pirates-band-of-misfits/>

The Lorax:

<http://www.deadline.com/2011/12/hot-trailer-dr-seuss-the-lor-ax/>

And finally, Madagascar 3:

<http://www.deadline.com/2011/12/hot-teaser-trailer-madagascar-3-europes-most-wanted/>

(They're up to 3 already? I haven't even watched 2 yet...)

ETA - Edited to remove a news item I had already previously posted. ("If I only had a brain... " :))

Subject: Re: Looking Forward To...

Posted by [L.R.K.](#) on Mon, 19 Dec 2011 20:20:47 GMT

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And C J Cherryh's next book seems also to be on track - after some (technical) difficulties:

<http://www.cherryh.com/WaveWithoutAShore/?p=3339>

<http://www.cherryh.com/WaveWithoutAShore/?p=3345>

<http://www.cherryh.com/WaveWithoutAShore/?p=3349>

<http://www.cherryh.com/WaveWithoutAShore/?p=3355>

And in other news -

Heartbreak in store for Doctor Who fans?:

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/entertainment-arts-16207688>

A new Disney princess coming to TV:

<http://www.deadline.com/2011/12/disney-unveils-new-princess-with-sofia-the-first-tv-movie-series/>

An interview with Gary Oldman, where he mostly talks about Tinker, Tailor, Soldier, Spy, but also a little Dark Knight Rises:

<http://www.movieline.com/2011/12/gary-oldman-on-tinker-tailor-soldier-spy-mellowing-out-and-the-dark-knight-rises.php?page=all>

Did I mention this? (confused) Some Lone Ranger casting news:

<http://www.deadline.com/2011/12/the-lone-ranger-lassoing-original-cast-as-tom-wilkinson-commits-to-villainy/>

(I first noticed Tom Wilkinson in Martin Chuzzlewit - he was absolutely marvellous as Pecksniff! - so I certainly hope this is true.)

A little more on Downton Abbey:

<http://www.deadline.com/2011/12/downton-abbey-christmas-special-screens-in-london-more-to-come/#more-204580>

(Amazingly, they are actually going to show the Christmas special here this year - that's unusually fast for Swedish television!)

So, back a little further in time - some 19th century crime - & similar:

Casting for BBC America's series Copper:

<http://www.deadline.com/2011/12/anastasia-griffith-to-co-star>

r-in-bbc-americas-drama-series-copper/

This sounds really interesting to me:

<http://www.deadline.com/2011/12/usa-developing-drama-about-americas-first-female-detective-kate-warne/>

Quote:a drama series about Kate Warne, U.S.'; first female detective who also worked as a spy for the Union government during the Civil War.

I really hope it goes to series!

And more true life crime - this time for the movies & about a serial killer:

<http://www.deadline.com/2011/12/warner-bros-sets-black-list-top-scribe-graham-moore-for-devil-in-the-white-city-leonardo-dicaprio-to-play-serial-killer/>

And finally - I really didn't realise I "had" this much stuff! - Trailerz!

ParaNorman:

<http://www.deadline.com/2011/12/hot-trailer-focuslaikas-para-norman/>

Jack the Giant Killer:

<http://www.deadline.com/2011/12/jack-the-giant-killer-trailer/>

Subject: Re: Looking Forward To...

Posted by [L.R.K.](#) on Wed, 21 Dec 2011 17:15:26 GMT

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Oh, what a day! I mean, I just... all right, I'm babbling, aren't I? Yes, I'm babbling so... (pulls herself together).

I just saw this - "A Memory of Light" - yes, first draft, I know is...:

<http://twitter.com/#!/BrandSanderson/status/149486690447273984>

<http://twitter.com/#!/BrandSanderson/status/149488493406584833>

More about War Horse:

http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2011/12/20/war-horse-movie-ric-hard-curtis-jeremy-irvine_n_1140789.html

<http://www.movieline.com/2011/12/janusz-kaminski-on-shooting-war-horse-the-end-of-film-and-those-spielberg-close-ups.php>

And now - trailerz!

I was really excited to see this - Dark Knight Rises:

<http://www.deadline.com/2011/12/hot-trailer-the-dark-knight-rises/>

But - oh, be still my heart! - this is... is - The Hobbit!:

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/entertainment-arts-16281896>

A breakdown of the trailer:

<http://www.empireonline.com/features/the-hobbit-teaser-trailer-breakdown>

(Leaves before indulging in unseemly squeeing outburst..)

Subject: Re: Looking Forward To...
Posted by [Beauty/Anna](#) on Thu, 29 Dec 2011 16:47:13 GMT
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There are not many things that I squee over, but The Hobbit is certainly one of them...

Subject: Re: Looking Forward To...
Posted by [L.R.K.](#) on Sun, 01 Jan 2012 18:53:58 GMT
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Anna - indeed. :)

Happy New Year everyone! And lo and behold, here is the first "batch" of this & that of the year for your delectation. (Well, hopefull something of interest will be found...) :)

So, more info on Lindsey Davis' new book:

<http://www.lindseydavis.co.uk/master&god.htm>

No details, as yet, about what the next book will be, except that it won't be a Falco either. (Thanks to my "system", I've got a lot of Falco:s left to read, and am in no danger of running out any time soon...)

More Ender's Game casting:

<http://www.empireonline.com/news/story.asp?NID=32651>

Harrison Ford, Hailee Steinfeld, Abigail Breslin...

Disney is planning a Snow Queen movie:

<http://www.empireonline.com/news/story.asp?NID=32752>

Should anyone have been worried over the director-less state of Thor 2, they can now put their fears to rest:

<http://www.deadline.com/2011/12/thor-2-director-will-be-game-of-thrones-helmer-alan-taylor/>

Anne Hathaway on her role as Catwoman in Dark Knight Rises:

<http://www.empireonline.com/news/story.asp?NID=32769>

And a look at the coming movies of 2012:

<http://www.empireonline.com/features/2012-movie-preview/>

And today's video offering again comes courtesy of The Hobbit, though it's a production blog and not a trailer this time:

<http://www.deadline.com/2011/12/the-hobbit-production-diary-5/>

It's the 5th - and I'm cudgelling my brains trying to recollect if I've really seen four... or - have I missed one?!?

Subject: Re: Looking Forward To...

Posted by [L.R.K.](#) on Wed, 11 Jan 2012 18:26:45 GMT

Sharon Kay Penman on her progress on the sequel to "Lionheart":

<http://sharonkaypenman.com/blog/?p=291>

Quote:Since this blog began with Lionheart, it seems right to end it with A King's Ransom. Some of my readers have asked for reports on its progress; or the lack thereof. Well, I have just finished a chapter in which Richard was shipwrecked twice, so he is not in the best of moods. I am putting up photos of the site of his first shipwreck; the island of Lokrum, one-half mile from Dubrovnik; in Richard's time, they were known as La Croma and Ragusa. In Lionheart, Eleanor crossed the Alps at Mont Genevre, which is today a posh ski resort, and I wondered what she'd make of that. Well, the place where Richard came ashore on Lokrum is now a celebrated nudist beach! The chapter ends with the second shipwreck, where they find themselves in a desolate, barren, deserted marsh, and Richard speaks for them all when he says, "Where in God's Holy Name are we?"

and:

<http://sharonkaypenman.com/blog/?p=295>

Quote:And I also would like to do occasional updates about the progress of A King's Ransom; or the lack thereof. So far Coeur de Lion is being unusually cooperative for an Angevin, but in dealing with the Devil's Brood, I never know how long that will last.

Tom Hiddleston talks a little - but only a little! - about Loki:

<http://www.empireonline.com/news/story.asp?NID=32829>

This sounds interesting - a movie set in the early days of the French Revolution:

<http://www.deadline.com/2012/01/berlin-film-festival-to-open-with-diane-kruger-in-farewell-my-queen/>

Anyone here read the book upon which it is based?

Benedict Cumberbatch in Star Trek 2:

<http://www.deadline.com/2012/01/star-trek-sequel-hires-hot-british-actor/>

More Copper-casting (er... oh, never mind!):

<http://www.deadline.com/2012/01/tom-weston-jones-lands-lead->

in-copper-franka-potente-tessa-thompson-co-star/

More info on the Star Wars series that is coming to a TV near you - no time soon:

<http://www.empireonline.com/news/story.asp?NID=32836>

On the other hand, this is what BBC One has in store for its viewers (and hopefully it will come to the rest of us at some point as well):

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/mediacentre/latestnews/2012/1101drama.html>

Don't forget to read to the end, where they have some extra info - this is what caught my eye for instance:

Quote:Matthew Macfadyen cast in lead role of Ripper Street.

Woohoo! say I. Overall it does seem to be a "something for everybody" kind of thing. Though wasn't the Greg Wise/Keeley Hawes Moonstone rather recent? - I'd have preferred that they adapt something new (Wilkie Collins was quite prolific after all...), but I'm at least pleased that the BBC seem to have let go of the "no costume drama"-nonsense. (Oops! Was that unPollyanna?)

Today's trailer comes to us courtesy of... the Oscars:

<http://www.deadline.com/2012/01/oscars-trailer-premieres/>

Subject: Re: Looking Forward To...

Posted by [L.R.K.](#) on Tue, 17 Jan 2012 21:13:58 GMT

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First off, some forthcoming fantasy/sf books (mostly fantasy, I think?):

<http://thewertzone.blogspot.com/2012/01/shape-of-things-to-come-books-for-2012.html>

Joyous news for Sherlock-fans! There will indeed be a third series:

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/entertainment-arts-16573066>

Two period pilots have been picked up -

the Western The Frontier:

<http://www.deadline.com/2012/01/nbc-picks-up-drama-pilots-midnights-sun-do-not-harm/>

& the 1890s hotel drama Gilded Lillies:

<http://www.deadline.com/2012/01/abc-picks-up-shonda-rhimeskjsteinberg-period-drama-pilot-gilded-lillies/>

- obviously this may all come to nothing, but... so far so good. :)

An adaptation of The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society:

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/entertainment-arts-16549212>

directed by Kenneth Branagh & starring Kate Winslet.

Scriptwriter and director for Catching Fire:

<http://www.empireonline.com/news/story.asp?NID=32893>

Production has begun on Star Trek 2:

<http://www.deadline.com/2012/01/production-begins-on-j-j-abrams-star-trek-sequel/>

A new Hobbit-photo has emerged:

<http://www.empireonline.com/news/story.asp?NID=32890>

New in the voicecast for Madagascar 3:

<http://www.empireonline.com/news/story.asp?NID=32879>

And having already linked to the trailers included in the two above articles, it behoved me to come up with something else - and this is what I have been able to find*:

from the movie short Tangled Ever After:

http://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=player_embedded&v=cjj5mqyszKE#

*That is of any interest to Me - which is obviously my most important criteria. :) (Criterion?)
Anyway, as a note to this - naturally these posts reflect my rather - perhaps - odd tastes, so if someone is looking forward to something that I have NOT mentioned, please do so, as chances

are good that there are other people on the forum who will like it too. :)

Subject: Re: Looking Forward To...
Posted by [Julia](#) on Fri, 20 Jan 2012 08:43:22 GMT
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Sherlock and a movie directed by Kenneth Branagh based on the Guernsey book?! So much to look forward to!!!
Thanks for all the info, LRK! :)

Subject: Re: Looking Forward To...
Posted by [blondviolinist](#) on Fri, 20 Jan 2012 17:06:04 GMT
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I am *so* excited about the third season of Sherlock. I haven't seen the second season yet, but I *love* the first season.

Subject: Re: Looking Forward To...
Posted by [ravenclawgirl](#) on Sat, 21 Jan 2012 04:14:13 GMT
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Also very excited for the third season of Sherlock! I just finished the 2nd season a few days ago. It was well worth the wait, though I hope we don't have to wait quite as long for the next season. A warning: If you cry at all at movies/tv/books, have a LARGE box of tissues for the third episode.

Subject: Re: Looking Forward To...
Posted by [Beauty/Anna](#) on Tue, 24 Jan 2012 16:28:44 GMT
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Sherlock on Masterpiece:

<http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/masterpiece/mystery/index.html>

Also Great Expectations, The Mystery of Edwin Drood, and Birdsong:

<http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/masterpiece/classic/index.html>

Do these links work for you all where you live?

If not I can post this information from another site.

Subject: Re: Looking Forward To...

Posted by [L.R.K.](#) on Thu, 02 Feb 2012 20:36:09 GMT

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Anna - they don't work in my region, alas...

Julia - Yes, one unexpected benefit for me in compiling these posts is that I'm constantly surprised, when I see the whole post, at how much stuff there really is. True, some things may come to naught, and some things may... not turn out to be to my taste (being Pollyanna), but that still leaves more than I had thought there was. It's nice to see it all together, somehow... :)

Since I thought that, typically, I didn't find much for a while, but now, thanks to Discworld Monthly

<http://www.discworldmonthly.co.uk/dwm0178.php>

I've got something worth basing a post around - which means, of course, that I found some other stuff as well.

Info on Terry Pratchett & Stephen Baxter's upcoming book "The Long Earth":

<http://www.pjsmprints.com/news/jan2012.html>

My attention was especially caught by:

Quote:1916: the Western Front, France. Private Percy Blakeney wakes up.
Percy Blakeney, did you say? (pricks up ears)

Alas, the news seems not to be as good re the City Watch series:

<http://twitter.com/#!/terryandrob/status/15931862424522433/photo/1>

Quote:So... Just had a Watch script meeting at Prime Focus. Not going as well as we'd expected.

Hmmmm... the photo... ?

A series that I just heard of, and that I'm quite excited about actually, is one based on P G Wodehouse's Blandings series:

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/mediacentre/latestnews/2012/blandings.html>

The only thing that gives me pause is:

Quote: Storm-battered Clarence, somehow never vanquished, occasionally makes everything right through an inspired or accidental intervention.

Huh? He does? Are we talking about the same person as in the books? Still, I'm not going to panic just yet, as I very well remember the press release about Little Dorrit talking about "the dashing Arthur Clennam", which made me wonder if they'd even read the book? But thankfully that turned out all right...

Some pilot pick-up news - which, obviously, may go nowhere, but...

A fairy tale series, namely Beauty and the Beast:

<http://www.deadline.com/2012/01/abc-picks-up-beauty-and-the-best-to-pilot/>

(Not to be confused by the pilot of the same name ordered by - I think? - the CW; that one is a remake of the '80s series, but since I'm a fairy tale fan, this is the one I'm "going with", so to speak...)

And a series that sounds pleasantly spooky, 666 Park Ave:

<http://www.deadline.com/2012/01/abc-picks-up-supernatural-drama-pilot/>

rather than outright horror (I'm always to be found on the less graphic side of things...). Has anyone read the books?

And some casting news.

An illustrious addition to Downton Abbey:

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/entertainment-arts-16796462>

- namely, Shirley MacLaine.

And some additional cast for Ender's Game:

<http://www.deadline.com/2012/01/ben-kingsley-joins-cast-of-enders-game/>

The voice cast of Saving Santa:

<http://www.deadline.com/2012/01/martin-freeman-lends-voice-to-british-christmas-tale-saving-santa/>

And finally, new trailerz for:

Mirror, Mirror:

<http://www.empireonline.com/news/story.asp?NID=32981>

(I preferred the other one, as this seems to me a tad too... frantic.)

The Hunger Games:

<http://www.deadline.com/2012/02/super-bowl-sneak-peek-the-hunger-games/>

Subject: Re: Looking Forward To...

Posted by [Beauty/Anna](#) on Thu, 09 Feb 2012 16:20:23 GMT

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L.R.K. wrote on Thu, 02 February 2012 15:36

Alas, the news seems not to be as good re the City Watch series:

<http://twitter.com/#!/terryandrob/status/159318624245522433/photo/1>

Quote:So... Just had a Watch script meeting at Prime Focus. Not going as well as we'd expected.

Hmmmm... the photo... ?

Hold a bit, they're making a show about Terry Pratchett's Discworld Watch?!

Subject: Re: Looking Forward To...

Posted by [jaccainr](#) on Thu, 09 Feb 2012 18:08:17 GMT

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It's in development! Which is further than anything's got before.

Subject: Re: Looking Forward To...
Posted by [Beauty/Anna](#) on Thu, 16 Feb 2012 20:11:08 GMT
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Ah! Sorry...

Subject: Re: Looking Forward To...
Posted by [L.R.K.](#) on Mon, 20 Feb 2012 00:01:44 GMT
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I do hope the City Watch-series does get made - I cannot wait to hear who they will cast for Sam Vimes. Since I don't really visualise characters, I don't know who would suit. Any thoughts?

A change in the publishing date of "A Memory of Light", and Brandon Sanderson explains why:

<http://www.brandonsanderson.com/blog/1058/A-MEMORY-OF-LIGHT-Release-Date>

And a look at Sanderson's books for.. well... the foreseeable future, really:

<http://thewertzzone.blogspot.com/2012/02/brandon-sanderson-plans-36-volume.html>

Quite an ambitious plan. :)

In other news - additional casting for The Hobbit:

<http://www.deadline.com/2012/02/billy-connolly-joining-peter-jacksons-the-hobbit/>

Billy Connolly. :)

More Ender's Game-casting:

<http://www.empireonline.com/news/story.asp?NID=33040>

<http://www.deadline.com/2012/02/nonso-anozie-joins-harrison-ford-ben-kingsley-and-viola-davis-in-enders-game/>

More Dirk Gently:

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/mediacentre/latestnews/160212dirkgently.html>

Al Pacino in Despicable Me 2:

<http://www.deadline.com/2012/02/al-pacino-signs-on-for-despicable-me-2/>

- or his voice, rather.

Beauty and the Beast-pilot news:

<http://www.deadline.com/2012/02/beast-master-gary-fleder-to-produce-one-beauty-the-beast-pilot-direct-the-other/>

- both of 'em.

And the movie (not the one Guillermo del Toro might be making, discussed elsewhere on the forum :)):

<http://www.empireonline.com/news/story.asp?NID=33104>

Casting news for the Gilded Lillies pilot:

<http://www.deadline.com/2012/02/blythe-danner-sarah-bolger-madeline-zima-cast-in-abc-pilot-gilded-lillies/>

And this isn't exactly "looking forward to" news, but in case there are House-fans here, they may be interested in knowing that:

<http://www.deadline.com/2012/02/house-to-end-run-on-fox-after-8-seasons/#more-228019>

<http://www.deadline.com/2012/02/david-shore-katie-jacobs-and-hugh-laurie-on-the-end-of-house/#more-228211>

The date for the Wolverine-sequel called... er... The Wolverine (for reasons no doubt best known to the film-makers...):

<http://www.deadline.com/2012/02/fox-dates-the-wolverine-for-july-2013/>

New trailerz for:

The Lorax:

<http://www.deadline.com/2012/02/super-bowl-spot-dr-seuss-the-lorax/>

The Avengers:

<http://www.deadline.com/2012/02/super-bowl-spot-marvels-the-avengers/>

Subject: Re: Looking Forward To...

Posted by [L.R.K.](#) on Sat, 03 Mar 2012 18:39:01 GMT

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It never rains but it pours, and before I get entirely flooded, I had better get these off my chest... or back... or whatever part of my anatomy they're "at". (The risk is that I'll forget something - and while I can of course always add on later - I first need to remember that I've forgotten... if you see what I mean? :))

Well, first off, there's some news on J K Rowling's next book:

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/entertainment-arts-17146455>

Not that there's much - it will be adult, and completely different from HP, and that's it, basically.

Some pilot casting:

Beauty and the Beast:

<http://www.deadline.com/2012/02/abcs-beauty-and-the-beast-casts-beast/>

<http://www.deadline.com/2012/02/jake-lacy-lands-goodwin-lead-caitlin-fitzgerald-cast-in-masters-of-sex-david-eigenberg-f-murray-abraham-join-pilots/#more-237028>

<http://www.deadline.com/2012/03/abcs-beauty-and-the-beast-casts-lead/>

Gilded Lilys:

<http://www.deadline.com/2012/02/brian-obyrne-lands-starring-role-in-abc-period-drama-pilot-gilded-lilys/>

<http://www.deadline.com/2012/02/matt-long-brigid-brannagh-cast-in-gilded-lilys-erinn-hayes-in-mandy-moore-comedy/>

<http://www.deadline.com/2012/03/amy-smart-joins-nbc-pilot-ba>

d-girls-matt-lauria-cast-in-abcs-gilded-lilys-abc-family-series-baby-daddy-recasts-lead/

(Yes, I know, I know - just because I'm concentrating on these two no doubt means that neither will be picked up to series... I just think "following" them is fun. And there are other pilots that look as if they might be fun/interesting - depending on how they're made. But costume drama/fantasy/fairy tale means that I'm already interested.)

I didn't know that more Kenneth Branagh Wallander was being made, but I learnt incidentally from this that there is:

<http://www.deadline.com/2012/02/oscar-kenneth-branagh-my-week-with-marilyn/>

Quote: AwardsLine contributor Tim Adler caught up with the actor in Sweden, where he is filming Wallander for the BBC, based on the bestselling Swedish detective novels.

Some movie news - so it seems that there are adaptations on the way for:

The Night Circus:

<http://www.deadline.com/2012/02/moira-buffini-to-write-the-night-circus-for-summit-entertainment/>

The Book Thief:

<http://www.deadline.com/2012/02/fox-2000-taps-downton-abbey-brian-percival-to-direct-the-book-thief/>

There is, it seems, great anticipation for the Hunger Games-movie:

<http://www.deadline.com/2012/03/hunger-games-comes-on-tracking-huge/>

I'm linking to this article primarily, however, as it includes what Suzanne Collins herself thinks of the movie - which I thought might be of interest to lovers of the book.

Some Lone Ranger replacement casting:

<http://www.deadline.com/2012/02/william-fichtner-to-replace-dwight-yoakam-in-lone-ranger/>

And an interview with Benedict Cumberbatch about his work on The Hobbit

<http://the-hobbit-movie.com/2012/02/29/the-hobbit-is-going-to-be-amazing/>

which, in the interests of full disclosure, I found here:

<http://forum.thehobbit-movie.com/viewtopic.php?t=1087>

(I'm utterly ignorant as to the requirements of netiquette, so I do not wish to make a faux pas...)

Which leads us nicely into... (drumroll)... the newest Hobbit-blog!!!:

<http://www.empireonline.com/news/story.asp?NID=33298>

Yay!!! (Look, I'm being really restrained here - really I am!)

And a clip, rather than trailer, from Brave:

<http://www.movieline.com/2012/02/23/pixar-hits-a-girl-power-bullseye-with-new-brave-trailer/>

And a new trailer for The Avengers:

<http://www.deadline.com/2012/02/hot-trailer-the-avengers-2/>

And ParaNorman:

<http://www.empireonline.com/news/story.asp?NID=33307>

And a trailer for something new - Despicable Me 2:

<http://www.deadline.com/2012/03/hot-trailer-despicable-me-2/>

Phew! (wipes brow)

Subject: Re: Looking Forward To...

Posted by [L.R.K.](#) on Sun, 18 Mar 2012 02:36:28 GMT

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Good news for those who enjoyed Terry Pratchett's "Nation" (I haven't read it myself yet), there will be a new book set in that world:

<http://thewertzone.blogspot.se/2012/03/new-terry-pratchett-novel-given-title.html>

More Beauty and the Beast castings:

<http://www.deadline.com/2012/03/abc-pilots-add-quarter-of-actors/>

<http://www.deadline.com/2012/03/quartet-of-actors-join-broad-cast-pilots/#more-242359>

And more Gilded Lilys:

<http://www.deadline.com/2012/03/torchwood-star-cast-in-abcs-gilded-lilys/>

And William Moseley - of Narnia fame - has been cast in the CW's pilot The Selection:

<http://www.deadline.com/2012/03/william-moseley-aspen-the-selection-cw-pilot/>

based on, I believe, this (forthcoming) book:

<http://www.fantasticfiction.co.uk/c/kiera-cass/selection.htm>

In existing series news, Once Upon a Time, though not yet officially renewed, is looking forward to season two:

<http://www.deadline.com/2012/03/producers-cast-of-abc-99s-once-upon-a-time-look-forward-to-second-season/>

And Revenge is tying up loose ends in case of cancellation, while at the same time setting up events for a potential second season:

<http://www.deadline.com/2012/03/revenge-will-end-season-with-cliffhanger-but-tie-loose-ends-in-case-its-not-renewed/>

Whilst both the above series have yet to be renewed, CBS has renewed several shows:

<http://www.deadline.com/2012/03/blue-bloods-picked-up-for-third-season-as-cbs-nears-renewals-on-other-series/>

And NBC has renewed Grimm:

<http://www.deadline.com/2012/03/grimm-renewed-as-nbc-is-preparing-renewals/>

Apparently the networks have been slow in renewing this year, so "stay tuned" for more news, as hopefully there will be more renewals soon.

In movie news, Elle Fanning has been cast in Maleficent:

<http://www.deadline.com/2012/03/elle-fanning-to-join-angelina-jolie-in-maleficent/>

Apparently there is a Percy Jackson sequel on the way:

<http://www.empireonline.com/news/story.asp?NID=33421>

And - after the success of The Lorax - an animated version of The Cat in the Hat:

<http://www.deadline.com/2012/03/dr-seuss-the-cat-in-the-hat-get-new-life-at-chris-meledandris-illumination/>

A review of The Hunger Games (movie):

<http://www.empireonline.com/reviews/reviewcomplete.asp?FID=136210>

A new installment of Peter Lord's The Pirates!-blog:

<http://www.empireonline.com/empireblogs/empire-states/post/p1207>

And video interviews with John Cusack apropos his forthcoming movie The Raven:

<http://www.empireonline.com/interviews/interview.asp?IID=1475>

Finally, trailerz:

Ice Age 4:

<http://www.empireonline.com/news/story.asp?NID=33327>

Men in Black 3:

<http://www.deadline.com/2012/03/hot-trailer-men-in-black-3-2/>

Subject: Re: Looking Forward To...

Posted by [L.R.K.](#) on Fri, 20 Apr 2012 18:56:35 GMT

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Well, long time no see :) - on this thread, I mean. I've just been swallowed whole by figure skating and my old passion for old Indian film music (you can lose yourself for hours on Youtube, really you can - that place is dangerous!), so while I may have found the time, I did not have the attention to spare for other things. But - now I'm back, though I can't promise that I'll be "better

than ever" - in fact, I believe the risk is that some of my "news" may be a bit old, and some stuff is likely to have fallen by the wayside, so to speak. So, if anyone feels the urge to fill in some of the gaps, such help would be gratefully received.

Talking of which - thanks to Beauty/Anna for the Doctor Who-updates! :) (To be found on the "Links to Amuse"&c-thread.) Which reminded me, of course, of what it was I had forgotten a couple of posts back - namely, that filming had begun on Doctor Who - Ooops! :)

The title of J K Rowling's upcoming book - plus a little of what it is actually about - has been revealed:

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/entertainment-arts-17693206>

Proving that delays can have their advantages too - being busy with other things hindered me from posting the rumour that series 3 of Downton Abbey was to be Dame Maggie Smith's last, as this is now declared to be false by the producers:

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/entertainment-arts-17739522>

I don't generally post things based on hearsay, but I was going to post this, so no doubt this will teach me to be more circumspect in future.

David Suchet on saying farewell to Poirot:

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/entertainment-arts-17675618>

Some news that may be of interest to our David Tennant fans:

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/mediacentre/latestnews/2012/spies-of-warsaw.html>

More Inspector George Gently:

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/mediacentre/latestnews/2012/inspector-george-gently-release.html>

More info on Ripper Street:

<http://www.deadline.com/2012/03/bbc-america-stalks-period-crime-series-ripper-street-with-matthew-macfadyen/>

Meanwhile, the American broadcast network renewals continue to be sluggish - I was expecting to "return" to a slew of news, but alas! not so - however the following shows have been renewed:

Smash

<http://www.deadline.com/2012/03/nbcs-smash-renewed-for-second-season/>

Bones

<http://www.deadline.com/2012/03/fox-renews-bones-for-eighth-season/>

Glee

New Girl

Raising Hope

<http://www.deadline.com/2012/04/fox-renews-gee-new-girl-and-raising-hope/>

And to show that I have thoroughly learnt my lesson vis à vis posting rumours, here are two early overviews of the current pilot situation:

<http://www.deadline.com/2012/04/primetime-pilot-panic-early-buzz-edition-2/>

<http://www.deadline.com/2012/04/primetime-pilot-panic-early-buzz-update/>

which seem to be based almost entirely on speculation. However, I did think that they may give You (dear post reader) an idea of the various pilots in contention, just supposing You are interested in something other than I am - yes, silly notion, I know! ;)

Here is a look at the re-casting that has occurred on the pilots:

<http://www.deadline.com/2012/04/trigger-happy-pilot-season-recastings-on-the-rise-this-year-technology-to-blame/>

Also, the scripts in contention at AMC:

<http://www.deadline.com/2012/04/six-scripts-vye-for-pilot-orders-at-amc/>

of which this sounds intriguing to me:

Quote:Craig Silverstein and Mitchell Akselrad's Turn, about George Washington's spy ring

I mean - just how many 18th century spy series are there, really?

Talking of George Washington, though, there seems also to be a movie featuring him on the way:

<http://www.empireonline.com/news/story.asp?NID=33692>

though the comparison to Unforgiven makes me a bit wary - not because, I hasten to add, I have anything against Unforgiven - especially as, you know, I haven't even seen it :) - no, it's just that it makes it sound as if it's going to be "gritty". Which can be perfectly fine - but only if it serves/suits the story - I do feel that there is nowadays a tendency towards grittiness for grittiness' sake, so to speak. But I digress, and will cease before I digress even further!

Catching Fire has found a director:

<http://www.deadline.com/2012/04/francis-lawrence-is-the-choi-ce-for-catching-fire/>

Some Percy Jackson-sequel casting:

<http://www.deadline.com/2012/04/francis-lawrence-is-the-choi-ce-for-catching-fire/>

And Anthony Stewart Head is to play Pierce Brosnan:

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/entertainment-arts-16549212>

- er, I mean, the role he previously played, of course. :)

A leetle more on Dark Knight Rises:

<http://www.empireonline.com/news/story.asp?NID=33640>

Ender's Game production blog:

<http://www.empireonline.com/news/story.asp?NID=33471>

And to finish off some new Avengers clips:

<http://www.empireonline.com/news/story.asp?NID=33636>

I might return to update this post, as I go through more thoroughly what I have and haven't "reported" on. Meanwhile - enjoy! :)

Subject: Re: Looking Forward To...
Posted by [BriaE](#) on Fri, 27 Apr 2012 01:29:49 GMT
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Oh good! I'm looking forward to Smash coming back as well as Once Upon a Time and Grimm. I can't believe there's a new Percy Jackson movie, I was afraid they weren't going to do another one. Thank you for all the info :)

Subject: Re: Looking Forward To...
Posted by [libby.gorman](#) on Sat, 28 Apr 2012 02:05:03 GMT
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Excited for more George Gently! But will Bacchus ever stop being a jerk?

Subject: Re: Looking Forward To...
Posted by [L.R.K.](#) on Sat, 28 Apr 2012 21:39:17 GMT
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@BriaE - I know how you feel about the Percy Jackson-sequel - me myself am hoping that a sequel to Prince of Persia is still not completely out of the question. (I saw it earlier this year, and was surprised at how much I enjoyed it - and whose scatterbrained idea was it to release the film during the football/soccer World Cup anyway?) Once Upon A Time has yet to be officially renewed, but - afraid of jinxing it, touch wood &c - it looks like there's a really, really good chance that it will be. I think the very fact that they are considering another fairy tale-series - whether the Beauty and the Beast pilot goes forward or no - is in itself a very, very good sign. (I have only "allowed" myself to watch the first episode - I have taped the 11 that were shown in Sweden before they did a season break - but I'm strongly considering buying it when it comes out on DVD - in fact, I'm doing a very good job of persuading myself that it may indeed be My Duty to support the show - and I take My Duty very seriously. ;))

@libby.gorman - Indeed, I'm glad too - I haven't seen any Inspector George Gently myself - yet (or only glimpses of it - what you say would explain why Toggle SpoilerBacchus' wife left him then?), but I think more period mysteries are always welcome - especially well made ones, which I'm sure this one is. I wonder if anyone here has read the books it's based on?

Subject: Re: Looking Forward To...
Posted by [L.R.K.](#) on Sat, 28 Apr 2012 22:31:50 GMT
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Yes, I'm back with more news/possible items of interest for your delectation - I decided not to wait

an entire month this time. :)

(I'm also trying to be more tidy & orderly and noting down stuff - we'll see how that'll work out...)

Well, first off, the third book in Patricia C Wrede's Frontier Magic:

<http://www.fantasticfiction.co.uk/w/patricia-c-wrede/far-west.htm>

Beginning the TV-section with renewals - still not much, and I believe that ABC has actually yet to renew - anything? But ABC Family has renewed:

The Lying Game

<http://www.deadline.com/2012/04/abc-family-renews-the-lying-game-for-second-season/>

And Fox has renewed

Fringe

<http://www.deadline.com/2012/04/fringe-renewed-final-season-fox-13-episode-order/>

for a final season. This is slightly surprising as I believe the ratings have been quite bad - but I'm glad that the fans get a proper ending to the series (I wish this were done more often.)

And we have already got one pilot picked up to series:

Game On

<http://www.deadline.com/2012/04/nbc-picks-up-matthew-perry-comedy-pilot-go-on-to-series/>

And here is more Pilot Panic:

<http://www.deadline.com/2012/04/primetime-pilot-panic-2nd-hour-list-update/>

for those who - like me :) - enjoy following the ups & downs of the pilot season.

More similar stuff - new on SyFy?:

<http://www.deadline.com/2012/04/syfy-thinks-big-with-biggest-ever-development-slate-upfronts/>

And then some news that doesn't really fit under the "Looking Forward To"-heading - unless it were in a "Well, thank goodness that's gone!" way, which would really not be in the Pollyanna spirit (besides never having made sense to me anyway - why would anyone want to be such a dog in the manger? - yet I've seen such an attitude being quite prevalent. But I digress.) Yes, we have a cancellation:

BBC have axed Upstairs Downstairs

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/entertainment-arts-17811617>

It doesn't really make sense for me to "report" on everything else, but not this - so long as it's understood that it's the exception to the "looking forward to"-part.

And a new series from CBBC - some

Wizards Vs Aliens anyone? :) :

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/mediacentre/latestnews/2012/270412-wizards-vs-aliens-filming.html>

And on the movie end - there seems as if there may be a Graveyard Book adaptation on the way:

<http://www.deadline.com/2012/04/disney-scares-up-deal-for-niel-gaimans-the-graveyard-book/>

Charlie Kaufman is to adapt the first book in Patrick Ness's Chaos Walking trilogy:

<http://www.deadline.com/2012/04/charlie-kaufman-to-adapt-chaos-walking-lionsgate-next-franchise-play/>

Anyone here read the books? And/or seen any Kaufman movies? Thoughts?

Some forthcoming animated movies:

<http://www.deadline.com/2012/04/weinstein-company-dates-trio-of-animated-pics-for-2013/>

<http://www.deadline.com/2012/04/disney-pixar-muppets-animation-titles/#more-261496>

Forthcoming - miscellaneous - from Disney:

<http://www.deadline.com/2012/04/disney-lionsgate-strut-their-stuff-to-exhibitors-cinemacon/#more-261682>

Talking of Disney - the music score for The Lone Ranger:

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/newsbeat/17840014>

Note/Correction: I do believe they mean "May 2013".

On the comic book movie front, Guy Pearce is to play a character in Iron Man 3

<http://www.empireonline.com/news/story.asp?NID=33730>

Apparently the very name of the character is a spoiler for the initiated - it meant nothing to an ignoramus such as myself, but I thought I'd just pass along the caution from the article just in case.

And a reb- er rem- well, new Daredevil may be in the works:

<http://www.deadline.com/2012/04/david-james-kelly-rewriting- daredevil-reboot-for-david-slade/>

(I've started to regard the words reb**t and rem*k* as dirty words, and don't wish to use them on a family friendly forum :) - though in this particular case it may actually make sense; not that I thought the old movie was "bad" as much as it "could have been better". At least this bit of news didn't elicit my customary "Why would they even do that?!" response.)

And apparently a sequel to the as yet not even released Snow White and the Huntsman is under consideration:

<http://www.deadline.com/2012/04/david-koepf-eyeing-snow-whit e-and-the-huntsman-sequel/>

And to finish off - the latest

Brave trailer:

<http://www.deadline.com/2012/04/brave-trailer-pixar-disney/>

Subject: Re: Looking Forward To...
Posted by [BriaE](#) on Sat, 28 Apr 2012 22:58:36 GMT
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@L.R.K. I can't imagine them cancelling Once Upon A Time, it has quite a number of fans. I don't remember Prince of Persia too well, my mental log is severely limited, but I do recall a vague impression of enjoyment. Needless to say, if a second one makes a showing I'll undoubtedly see it. I'm a slave to anything magic or myth.

Subject: Re: Looking Forward To...

Posted by [L.R.K.](#) on Sun, 29 Apr 2012 00:27:38 GMT
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BriaE wrote on Sun, 29 April 2012 00:58@L.R.K. I can't imagine them cancelling Once Upon A Time, it has quite a number of fans. I don't remember Prince of Persia too well, my mental log is severely limited, but I do recall a vague impression of enjoyment. Needless to say, if a second one makes a showing I'll undoubtedly see it. I'm a slave to anything magic or myth.

No, I agree, if they did, I'd be extremely shocked! I'm just afraid to take anything for granted, lest I jinx it - I'm terribly superstitious that way. :)

Yes, I love magic & myth too - wish there was more of it. :) But still, I'm glad there seems to be more of it now than there used to be - and that it's (in general) doing quite well.

Subject: Re: Looking Forward To...
Posted by [L.R.K.](#) on Sat, 05 May 2012 22:48:10 GMT
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So, for those (like me) waiting to read the last of the Wheel of Time books, there's an excerpt from the Prologue of "The Memory of Light":

[http://www.tor.com/stories/2012/04/a-memory-of-light-prologue e-excerpt](http://www.tor.com/stories/2012/04/a-memory-of-light-prologue-e-excerpt)

up on Tor's website. They've also released the cover art

[http://thewertzone.blogspot.se/2012/04/tor-release-abandoned -cover-art-for.html](http://thewertzone.blogspot.se/2012/04/tor-release-abandoned-cover-art-for.html)

left unfinished when Darrell K Sweet passed away, and, now recently, the cover art that will be used instead:

<http://thewertzone.blogspot.se/2012/05/tor-unveil-final-cover-art-for-memory.html>

On the TV-side, the renewals keep trickling in - this time we have:

Vampire Diaries
Supernatural
90210

<http://www.deadline.com/2012/05/the-cw-renews-supernatural-the-vampire-diaries-and-90210/>

And some more Pilot Panic:

<http://www.deadline.com/2012/05/primetime-pilot-panic-3rd-hot-list-update/>

It's like watching a race unfolding, I think, wondering who will end up on top, after all...

Some info on the voice cast of Despicable Me 2:

<http://www.empireonline.com/news/story.asp?NID=33827>

And we have some Star Trek info as well - among other things, it has been revealed what character Benedict Cumberbatch is to play:

<http://thewertzone.blogspot.se/2012/05/new-star-trek-movie-villain-revealed.html>

There are no spoilers in the blog post I've linked to, but if you like to treat yourself to more, you can follow the link in the article - quite a bit of more info there.

And so this has not exactly been a news-laden week (for me, anyway), but at least I can end this post with something - I think - really, really good; namely the latest trailer for

The Dark Knight Rises

<http://www.deadline.com/2012/04/the-dark-knight-rises-trailer-no-3/>

And I don't generally gush (well, here anyway :)), but really I love what I saw of Anne Hathaway here - I'm starting to get quite excited for this movie now. (In fact, I think this may very well warrant a cinema visit - especially as - thank the Heavens! - and of course Christopher Nolan - it's not in 3D...)

Subject: Re: Looking Forward To...

Posted by [BriaE](#) on Fri, 11 May 2012 06:43:05 GMT

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Once Upon A Time is officially on for season 2! *does a little jig*

Subject: Re: Looking Forward To...

Posted by [shalea](#) on Sat, 12 May 2012 01:42:40 GMT

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BriaE wrote on Fri, 11 May 2012 02:43: Once Upon A Time is officially on for season 2! *does a little jig*

I just saw this! I'm honestly a little surprised, not because it doesn't deserve it but because I'm watching it! I have had a lot of bad experiences with getting into a good new show and having it cancelled. :)

Subject: Re: Looking Forward To...
Posted by [L.R.K.](#) on Sun, 13 May 2012 05:48:27 GMT
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Yes, that is great news indeed. :)

Actually, it has been a busy, busy week for US TV networks this week, with pilots picked up to series, renewals, and yes, also some cancellations - so I'm going to make this a TV Special - and even so, I'm probably going to spread it over more than one post; for my own convenience, of course, but I think - well, at least, I hope :) - that it will make it more accessible for people to read as well. And I'll save what other "stuff" I have for some later occasion.

To begin with, a Pilot Panic from the beginning of the week:

<http://www.deadline.com/2012/05/primetime-pilot-panic-pre-up-front-week-update/>

This is mostly passé by now, of course, but I'm including it for anyone who'd like to see how the predictions turned out.

I'll be taking this network by network, so beginning with

NBC

Pick-ups:

Save Me

New Normal

Revolution

1600 Penn

Animal Practice

<http://www.deadline.com/2012/05/save-me-picked-up-to-series-as-nbc-starts-new-series-pickup/>

Chicago Fire

<http://www.deadline.com/2012/05/nbc-renews-law-order-svu-inks-new-deal-with-dick-wolf-picks-up-chicago-fire/>

Guys With Kids

<http://www.deadline.com/2012/05/nbc-picks-up-comedy-guys-with-kids/>

Do No Harm

Infamous

<http://www.deadline.com/2012/05/nbc-picks-up-drama-do-no-harm-to-series/>

Next Caller

<http://www.deadline.com/2012/05/nbc-picks-up-comedy-pilot-next-caller-to-series/>

Renewals:

Law & Order SVU

(see Chicago Fire article above)

Parenthood

30 Rock

<http://www.deadline.com/2012/05/nbc-renews-parenthood-30-rock/>

Community

<http://www.deadline.com/2012/05/nbcs-community-renewed-with-13-episode-order/>

Parks & Recreation

Up All Night

Whitney

<http://www.deadline.com/2012/05/nbc-renews-parks-recreation-up-all-night/>

Cancelled:

Are You There, Chelsea

BFF

Bent

Awake

<http://www.deadline.com/2012/05/nbc-cancels-four-series-passes-on-remaining-pilots/>

Harry's Law

<http://www.deadline.com/2012/05/nbc-cancels-harrys-law-after-two-seasons/>

And the renewal for The Office is expected shortly:

<http://www.deadline.com/2012/05/the-office-renewal-update-cast-deals-finally-closing-as-nbc-upfront-looms/>

Also, NBC might pick up a series about pirates:

<http://www.deadline.com/2012/05/nbc-near-series-order-to-pirate-drama-to-be-financed-by-reliance-written-by-neil-cross-and-produced-by-parkesmacdonald/>

If they do pick it up, it will go straight to series. Which will mean that there will actually be some "proper" costume drama among the new series - huzzah! The article also covers other pirate series in development at other networks at the moment - there's a possibility that we may be positively inundated with pirates. I'd be glad of the NBC one, though, as that would hopefully not be too much in the blood & gore department - which I'm not excessively fond of.

Subject: Re: Looking Forward To...
Posted by [L.R.K.](#) on Sun, 13 May 2012 18:28:29 GMT
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Well, my next post - this one, I mean, that I will be re-doing - got eaten - by blog maintenance, maybe? So, in the meanwhile, we've now got the NBC "fall" schedule to add:

<http://www.deadline.com/2012/05/nbcs-2012-13-fall-schedule-four-nights-of-comedy-the-voice-no-loser-or-smash/>

Fox

Pick-ups:

The Following
The Mob Doctor
It's Messy
Ben & Kate
The Goodwin Games

<http://www.deadline.com/2012/05/fox-picks-up-comedy-ned-fox-is-my-manny-to-series/>

Renewals:

Touch
<http://www.deadline.com/2012/05/foxs-touch-renewed-for-second-season/>
Family Guy
American Dad
<http://www.deadline.com/2012/05/fox-renews-family-guy-american-dad-postpones-decision-on-the-cleveland-show/>

CW

Pick-ups:

The Carrie Diaries

The Arrow

Beauty and the Beast

Cult

First Cut

<http://www.deadline.com/2012/05/cw-picks-up-carrie-diaries-arrow-cult-beauty-and-the-beast-first-cut-to-series/>

Renewals

Gossip Girl

Nikita

Hart of Dixie

<http://www.deadline.com/2012/05/cws-nikita-hart-of-dixie-renewed/>

Cancelled:

Ringer

Secret Circle

(See renewal-article above)

Subject: Re: Looking Forward To...

Posted by [L.R.K.](#) on Sun, 13 May 2012 19:16:32 GMT

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ABC

First, for the curious - Pilot Panic, the ABC edition:

<http://www.deadline.com/2012/05/primetime-pilot-panic-which-pilots-look-good-at-abc/>

And the actual

Pick-ups:

666 Park Ave

How To Live With Your Parents For The Rest Of Your Life

Last Resort

Nashville

The Neighbors

Family Tools

Red Widow

Zero Hour

<http://www.deadline.com/2012/05/abc-starts-new-series-pickup-s-with-penoza-red-man-van/>

Malibu Country

<http://www.deadline.com/2012/05/abc-picks-up-reba-mcentire-comedy-pilot-malibu-country-to-series/>

And before the "regular" renewals, one series will make a channel flitting - Cougar Town will be moving to TBS:

<http://www.deadline.com/2012/05/its-official-cougar-town-is-moving-to-tbs/>

Renewals:

Once Upon A Time

Suburgatory

Revenge

Modern Family

The Middle

Grey's Anatomy

Castle

<http://www.deadline.com/2012/05/abc-renews-seven-scripted-series/>

Happy Endings

<http://www.deadline.com/2012/05/abcs-happy-endings-renewed-for-full-season/>

Scandal

<http://www.deadline.com/2012/05/abcs-scandal-renewed-for-second-season/>

Don't Trust The B- In Apt. 23

Private Practice

Last Man Standing

<http://www.deadline.com/2012/05/abcs-dont-trust-the-b-renewed-last-man-pravite-practice-close-to-pickup/>

Body Of Proof

<http://www.deadline.com/2012/05/abcs-body-of-proof-renewed-for-third-season/>

Cancelled:

GCB

The River

Missing

Pan Am

(See Scandal article above)

Note: Sorry about the Once Upon A Time &c link - I can't seem to be able to make it "live".

Subject: Re: Looking Forward To...

Posted by [L.R.K.](#) on Mon, 14 May 2012 02:15:15 GMT

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Well, starting off at the wrong end - that is, as I generally end with videos, but as I don't want to get things mixed up, I'll begin with these clips and one trailer - for Revolution - from the forthcoming new NBC shows:

<http://www.deadline.com/2012/05/nbc-first-look-2012-13-new-s-how-teasers/>

And so on to

CBS

And first up, again, a somewhat outdated Pilot Panic, CBS edition:

<http://www.deadline.com/2012/05/primetime-pilot-panic-cbs-edition/>

Pick-ups:

Partners

Friend Me

Elementary

Vegas

Made in Jersey

Golden Boy

Renewals:

Two And A Half Men

<http://www.deadline.com/2012/05/two-a-half-men-renewed-for-season-10/>

CSI: NY

<http://www.deadline.com/2012/05/cbs-renews-csi-ny-cancels-rob/>

Cancelled:

Unforgettable

A Gifted Man

NYC 22

<http://www.deadline.com/2012/05/cbs-cancels-freshmen-unforgettable-and-a-gifted-man/>

CSI Miami

[http://www.deadline.com/2012/05/its-official-cbs-cancels-csi -miami/](http://www.deadline.com/2012/05/its-official-cbs-cancels-csi-miami/)

Rob

(See CSI: NY article above)

And finally - here's when you can expect to get a look at the autumn schedules (NBC's having already been released - see previous post):

<http://www.deadline.com/2012/05/upfront-cheat-sheet-what-time-are-networks-2012-13-schedules-announced/>

Phew! (wipes brow, draws breath of relief) That was some project - I'm glad it's done. And here's to hoping everyone finds something to enjoy - and that your favourite show goes on. (Yay! for Once Upon A Time!) :)

Subject: Re: Looking Forward To...

Posted by [L.R.K.](#) on Thu, 31 May 2012 17:53:52 GMT

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Well, I've been putting it off long enough, methinks - time to do the cleaning up after the TV-party-posts, there being still some odds & ends that need sweeping up... And my analogy, I believe, sufficiently illustrates why I have not yet thrown myself over the task with a yell of cheerful enthusiasm. But... it has to be done...

The autumn schedules for:

ABC

<http://www.deadline.com/2012/05/2012-12-abc-schedule-comedy-block-on-friday-revenge-gets-housewives-slot/#more-272518>

CBS

<http://www.deadline.com/2012/05/cbs-2012-13-schedule-two-half-men-moves-to-thursday-the-mentalist-to-sunday/>

Fox

<http://www.deadline.com/2012/05/foxs-fall-schedule-all-comedy-tuesday-gee-moves-to-thursday-touch-to-friday/>

CW

<http://www.deadline.com/2012/05/the-cws-2012-13-schedule-supernatural-to-wednesday-top-model-to-friday-fall-launch-pushed-to-october/>

These also include synopsis for the upcoming new shows.

Here's a schedule that includes all the 5 broadcast networks:

<http://www.deadline.com/2012/05/2012-13-fall-broadcast-prime-time-grid/>

Really handy when it comes to seeing which shows air against each other - also, if our American members want to plan their autumn viewing well in advance. :) I must say that, even though it doesn't affect me personally at all, I still found it fun to look at - and thought that others might too.

And then some really good news - for me, anyway - the Pirate series I spoke of earlier, has indeed been picked up by NBC:

<http://www.deadline.com/2012/05/its-official-nbc-announces-pirate-series-from-neil-cross-parkesmacdonald-and-reliance/>

There is still hope for the CW pilot The Selection:

<http://www.deadline.com/2012/05/the-cw-eyes-the-selection-two-comedies-for-midseason/>

Other pilots that are still "alive":

<http://www.deadline.com/2012/05/upfront-2012-what-pilots-are-still-alive/>

And we have a late renewal for CBS's Rules of Engagement:

<http://www.deadline.com/2012/05/cbs-rules-of-engagement-renewed-for-seventh-season-with-13-episode-order/>

Various cast-changes:

<http://www.deadline.com/2012/05/several-more-new-series-undergo-recasting-while-returning-series-add-cut-regulars/#more-277070>

Trailers/clips for the new shows:

ABC

<http://www.deadline.com/2012/05/abc-first-look-teasers-2012-13-new-shows/>

CBS

<http://www.deadline.com/2012/05/cbs-first-look-teasers-2012-13-new-shows/>

<http://www.deadline.com/2012/05/elementary-made-in-jersey-pa-rtners-vegascbs-trailers/>

Fox

<http://www.deadline.com/2012/05/fox-first-look-teasers-2012-13-new-shows/>

CW

<http://www.deadline.com/2012/05/cw-first-look-teasers-2012-13-new-shows/>

(Note for my fellow non-Americans: Some of these were not viewable in my country/region, so might not be in yours either. Most notably - Fox! Yes, I'm miffed, and even toyed with the notion of not linking to them at all - but then the thought of our American members who might want to watch them, prevailed. I've not had time to "check them all out" yet, so cannot exactly say which others may not be viewable. But, just so that you're prepared...)

Then, since we are on the subject of American TV, some other bits & pieces:

The development slate for:

TNT/TBS

<http://www.deadline.com/2012/05/tnt-tbs-announce-development-slates-2/>

USA

<http://www.deadline.com/2012/05/usa-nears-deals-for-2-comedy-pilots-picks-up-reality-pilot-unveils-development-slate/>

Andie McDowell has been cast in Hallmark Channel's series Cedar Grove:

<http://www.deadline.com/2012/05/andie-macdowell-to-star-in-hallmark-channels-two-hour-pilot-cedar-cove/>

A cancellation - SyFy channel's Sanctuary:

<http://www.deadline.com/2012/05/syfy-s-sanctuary-and-aes-dog-the-bounty-hunter-cancelled/>

And a trailer for USA's Political Animals:

<http://www.deadline.com/2012/05/political-animals-usa-network-first-look-video/>

Well, that's that, I think. No doubt there will be more news trickling in - for instance, some of the cancelled series/pilots are being "shopped around", and may be picked up elsewhere; I'll try to remember to keep you all informed if/when something actually is decided, but I cannot promise that I will be as thorough as I have at least tried to be hitherto. Of course, if there is any cancelled

show/pilot that You (dear blog post reader) are especially passionate about, so that you wish to know every rumour about possible continuation, just say so, and I'll try to post anything on it that I see. (And others who have more information might chip in too, perhaps.)

I have other assorted miscellaneous stuff, but, will save that for later, and when I've recovered somewhat after having done this post. So - au revoir!

ETA: Edited to add stuff because, when I had a large part of this done, it occurred to me, that if I were to lose it all - my internet has a charming habit of suddenly shutting itself down when it feels fatigued - I would be so cross that I would not be a nice person to be around, and since, at this moment, the person that I'm around is... well... me, I decided that that was aggravation and suffering that I could really do without. And if that made no sense then... never mind. :)

Subject: Re: Looking Forward To...
Posted by [L.R.K.](#) on Thu, 07 Jun 2012 21:42:06 GMT
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I didn't really have the energy for a "proper" post, even before I was hit in the head by a flying stereo (yes, 'tis true) - but I still wanted to bring to you - the 7th Hobbit video blog!:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Gsz0qKX8uWE>

Enjoy. :)

Subject: Re: Looking Forward To...
Posted by [Angelia](#) on Fri, 08 Jun 2012 13:36:30 GMT
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I was hit in the head by a flying stereo

Wingardium Leviosa! :)

Subject: Re: Looking Forward To...
Posted by [jaccairn](#) on Fri, 08 Jun 2012 17:28:53 GMT
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It's still looking really great. Loved the bit at the end!

Subject: Re: Looking Forward To...
Posted by [L.R.K.](#) on Sat, 23 Jun 2012 03:03:33 GMT
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So, what with one thing and another - including, but not limited to, flying stereos, and the Euros - the following crop of items has been collected over a fairly long time; so that much of it is scarcely any longer "hot off the presses" - I can only hope it isn't "outdated". :)

The UK cover for "A Memory of Light" - also with short synopsis:

<http://thewertzone.blogspot.se/2012/05/uk-cover-art-and-and-blurb-for-memory.html>

And while this strictly isn't the right place for it - but since we're on the subject - here's a refresher course on The Wheel of Time for those waiting for the last volume to come out:

<http://thewertzone.blogspot.se/2012/01/wheel-of-time-so-far-part-1-age-of.html>

<http://thewertzone.blogspot.co.uk/2012/03/wheel-of-time-so-far-part-2-breaking.html>

<http://thewertzone.blogspot.se/2012/06/wheel-of-time-so-far-part-3-peace-and.html>

Will there - or won't there - be more Lewis? Reading this article:

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/entertainment-arts-17994406>

all I can say is that your guess is as good as mine...

Some Once Upon A Time-news:

<http://www.deadline.com/2012/06/meghan-ory-upped-to-series-regular-on-abcs-once-upon-a-time/>

<http://www.deadline.com/2012/06/emilie-de-ravin-promoted-to-regular-on-once-upon-a-time/>

So, fans of the show, what do you think? Do you approve - do these changes bode well for the upcoming season?

A series about Gallipoli:

<http://www.deadline.com/2012/06/sam-worthington-behind-aussie-gallipoli-miniseries/>

And quite a few (potentially) interesting historical movies/period pieces seem to be in the works:

<http://www.deadline.com/2012/05/roman-polanski-to-helm-d-bas ed-on-the-dreyfus-affair-political-scandal/>

<http://www.deadline.com/2012/05/saoirse-ronan-attached-to-te stament-of-youth-simon-curtis-prepping-golden-lady/>

<http://www.deadline.com/2012/05/ralph-fiennes-firmed-for-the -two-women-cannes/>

<http://www.deadline.com/2012/06/william-moseley-joins-the-si lent-mountain/>

<http://www.deadline.com/2012/05/cannes-roundup-the-physician s-quest-celebrating-007-mexicos-cineteca-nacional/>

Also about the new version of Romeo and Juliet:

<http://www.deadline.com/2012/05/cannes-roundup-romeo-and-jul iet-150m-indie-equity-fund-crooked-arrows-strategy/>

The voice cast for the animated Epic:

<http://www.deadline.com/2012/05/beyonce-colin-farrell-josh-h utcherson-amanda-seyfried-steven-tyler-lead-voice-cast-for-f ox-animated-film-epic/>

Clarification: that's the actual name of the movie: Epic

An animated Frog and Toad-movie:

<http://www.deadline.com/2012/06/jim-henson-company-frog-and- toad-animated-feature-film/>

Also Stephen Fry and Hugh Laurie reunite - or well, their voices do - for an animated *Canterville Ghost*:

<http://www.deadline.com/2012/05/cannes-roundup-bone-in-the-t hroat-francis-coppolas-twixt-canterville-ghost/>

And some MG/YA book adaptations:

<http://www.deadline.com/2012/05/shawn-levy-to-direct-the-39- clues-for-dreamworks/>

<http://www.deadline.com/2012/05/disney-sets-jesse-wigutow-to -script-peter-and-the-starcatchers/>

<http://www.deadline.com/2012/06/ampco-purchases-rights-to-the-alchemyst/>

<http://www.deadline.com/2012/06/lionsgate-summit%E2%80%99s-development-slate-tops-nyt-bestseller-lists/>

And here ends Part the First, to be continued in Part the Second...

Subject: Re: Looking Forward To...
Posted by [L.R.K.](#) on Sat, 23 Jun 2012 03:42:18 GMT
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And the eagerly anticipated, long-awaited - not to say inventively-titled (really, my imagination knows no bounds... ;))-(drumroll) -

Part the Second!

Casting for Maleficent:

<http://www.deadline.com/2012/06/jim-henson-company-frog-and-toad-animated-feature-film/>

(Imelda Staunton & Miranda Richardson - yay!)

<http://www.deadline.com/2012/05/disney-crowns-young-prince-in-maleficent/>

And while I don't do this that often - but since we're on the subject and this is quite "fresh" - a picture of Angelina Jolie as Maleficent:

<http://www.deadline.com/2012/06/get-an-eyeful-of-angelina-jolie-as-maleficent/>

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<http://www.deadline.com/2012/05/fox-sets-3d-independence-day-for-2014-along-with-robopocalypse-x-men-and-planet-of-the-apes-sequels/>

And that is all it says, really. Does anyone here know anything about this - anything at all? Any information greatly appreciated. :)

So, onto our video section, which will aptly continue with super heroes - firstly some info on upcoming Marvel movies:

<http://www.deadline.com/2012/05/marvels-kevin-feige-on-avengers-and-next-5-films-video/>

And now - trailerz!

Starting off with The Dark Knight Rises:

<http://www.deadline.com/2012/05/hot-first-tv-spot-the-dark-knight-rises/>

<http://www.deadline.com/2012/05/hot-2-tv-ad-the-dark-knight-rises/>

<http://www.deadline.com/2012/05/the-dark-knight-rises-tv-trailer-3/>

Les Miserables:

<http://www.deadline.com/2012/05/les-miserables-trailer-universal-anne-hathaway-i-dreamed-a-dream/>

And assorted animated movies:

Ice Age 4

<http://www.deadline.com/2012/06/ice-age-continental-drift-trailer/>

Hotel Transylvania

<http://www.deadline.com/2012/06/hotel-transylvania-trailer-new-theatrical/>

Monsters University

<http://www.deadline.com/2012/06/hot-teaser-trailer-monsters-university/>

Subject: Re: Looking Forward To...

Posted by [ReginaB](#) on Sun, 24 Jun 2012 20:51:23 GMT

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Well, it seems that:

Quote:Joe and Anthony Russo are in negotiations to helm the sequel to Marvel's Captain America: The First Avenger. The next film to follow the 2011 hit is scheduled to be released April 4, 2014.

<http://www.deadline.com/2012/06/usso-brothers-in-talks-for-m>

arvel%e2%80%99s-captain-america-sequel/

But on the other hand...

Quote:The studio also said it is moving Thor 2 up a week to November 8, 2013.

<http://www.deadline.com/2012/05/disney-shifts-lone-ranger-and-thor-2-release-dates-on-heels-of-alan-horn-hiring/>

And:

Quote:Iron Man 3 is set to come out on May 3, 2013.

<http://www.deadline.com/2012/06/marvel-releases-first-iron-man-3-photo/>

So, to recap, it looks like:

Iron Man 3 - May 3, 2013

Thor 2 - November 8, 2013

Captain America 2 - April 4, 2014

So, what they meant by "the next film to follow" certainly beats me... unless something really strange has been going on, OR they simply meant the next Captain America movie, but that doesn't make sense either, so.... Ah, well...

Anyway, I can understand that you're excited. I have yet to see any Iron Man movie or Captain America (or, of course, The Avengers), but since I just recently saw Thor, I was quite excited to see that the sequel is due in 2013 - "Ooo, it is?" was my reaction. I mean, I'm sure I've seen that before, it just hadn't really registered. :)

Oh, if anyone has some info on the release dates, &c - then, of course, it would be gratefully received. :)

Subject: Re: Looking Forward To...

Posted by [L.R.K.](#) on Fri, 13 Jul 2012 20:32:15 GMT

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Those who are waiting for the third of Patricia C Wrede's Frontier Magic books, can read this excerpt:

<http://pcwrede.com/AcrossBarrierSample.html>

to whet their appetite.

And for those anticipating the fifth series of Merlin, there's quite a bit of info here:

http://merlin.wikia.com/wiki/Series_5

on what/who will - or won't - appear on the show. As I have not seen the first series yet - and fully intend to do so - I have cast only a cursory glance over it, as I'm trying to avoid spoiling myself too much; but of what I saw of it, it looked quite thorough.

In other speculative fiction TV news, some additional casting for Once Upon A Time:

<http://tvline.com/2012/07/05/once-upon-a-time-casts-sarah-bo-lger-aurora/>

Falling Skies has been renewed for a third season:

<http://www.deadline.com/2012/07/falling-skies-renewed-season-3-tnt/>

And some follow-up TV news - the cancelled pilot Devious Maids has been picked up by Lifetime:

<http://www.deadline.com/2012/06/lifetime-picks-up-marc-cherrys-devious-maids-to-series-for-2013-launch/>

And CBS has rethought their cancellation of Unforgettable and picked it up for a second season for summer 2013:

<http://www.deadline.com/2012/06/unforgettable-returning-cbs-summer-2013-13-episodes/>

And an interview with Benedict Cumberbatch:

<http://www.deadline.com/2012/06/emmys-benedict-cumberbatch-on-sherlock/>

in which he does touch on forthcoming projects, but which I'm linking to mostly because... well, I think it's really good, quite frankly. :)

And those wondering what JMS is up to these days - well, it seems he's a busy, busy man:

<http://www.deadline.com/2012/07/comic-con-j-michael-straczynski-hatches-multi-platform-studio-jms/>

He's also promised his fans that he has a big announcement for this Saturday - "not necessarily B5 related" (sigh - yes, it was what I thought of first - what can I say? - hope takes a long time to die...) - if this was "it" or if it's something else remains to be seen...

Casting news for Catching Fire:

<http://www.deadline.com/2012/07/philip-seymour-hoffman-cast-in-hunger-games-sequel-catching-fire/>

And casting for the Wolverine sequel:

<http://www.deadline.com/2012/07/x-men-wolverine-sets-will-yu-n-lee-to-star-with-hugh-jackman/>

<http://www.deadline.com/2012/07/hiroyuki-sanada-wolverine-casting-shingen-20th-century-fox/>

An adaptation of Agatha Christie's Crooked House is in the works:

<http://www.deadline.com/2012/07/sony-pictures-worldwide-acquisitions-buys-into-agatha-christies-crooked-house/>

And those counting down the days to the release of The Dark Knight Rises can find something here:

<http://www.empireonline.com/features/darkknighttrilogy/>

to keep them amused while they're waiting.

And also - to commence our video section - these Dark Knight Rises interviews:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kTouW6Lhf6M>

And lastly, of course, some Trailerz:

Oz The Great And Powerful

<http://www.deadline.com/2012/07/oz-the-great-and-powerful-trailer-disney/>

And

Frankenweenie

<http://www.deadline.com/2012/06/tim-burtons-frankenweenie-new-trailer/>

ETA - Oops! quite forgot:

Epic

<http://www.deadline.com/2012/06/epic-trailer-movie-fox-blue-sky-studios-beyonce/>

Subject: Re: Looking Forward To...
Posted by [L.R.K.](#) on Sun, 15 Jul 2012 15:39:48 GMT
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Before it disappears - a video of the Hobbit Q&A from ComicCon:

<http://www.theonering.net/torwp/2012/07/15/59122-the-hobbit-hall-h-qa-panel-in-full/>

Does not include movie footage &

Warning! - Profanity at the very end of the video - at around 22.50.

Subject: Re: Looking Forward To...
Posted by [L.R.K.](#) on Fri, 03 Aug 2012 23:09:56 GMT
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Well, I had - for whatever reason - taken it into my head that things would calm down during the summer, but if my cluttered - not to say a tad confusing - notes are any indication, I couldn't have been more wrong... So, for my convenience - and possibly sanity (though who are we kidding here? - it may be too late for that... - still, I suppose a little damage control cannot come amiss... and where was I? - oh, yes) - I intend to divide this news batch into two parts.

Starting off with some book-ish items.

Those patiently - or impatiently (depending on disposition) - waiting for Lois McMaster Bujold's forthcoming "Captain Vorpatril's Alliance" can amuse - or tease (again, as the case may be) - themselves by reading six - yes, SIX! - sample chapters:

<http://www.myspace.com/loismcmasterbujold/blog/545923301>

And for those of us awaiting the last Wheel of Time book, Brandon Sanderson has finished the last draft:

<http://www.brandonsanderson.com/blog/1101/Today-I-got-up-and>

-I-did-not-have-a-Wheel-of-Time-book-to-work-on.

and he talks about that, and his feelings about this whole experience and the journey he's been on - and I think it's lovely, to be honest, so recommend it to all WoT fans.

And here's a little video, where Brandon Sanderson and Christopher Paolini interview each other - bonus, guest appearance by Robin Hobb :) :

<http://twitter.com/BrandSanderson/status/224968611981303808>

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LX-_3AEtH_c&feature=youtu.be

they do talk - a little - about future projects, which makes it not wholly irrelevant to put it in this topic, so... well, I have. :)

Some period/costume drama on its way to TV:

NBC is making a Dracula series:

<http://www.deadline.com/2012/07/nbc-orders-10-episode-dracula-series-starring-jonathan-rhys-meyers/>

Now, I'm not overly fond of vampires - to speak Pollyanna - but I do like the "is set in the 1890s"-part.

And from the BBC we have a gangster-drama set in 1919 Birmingham:

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/mediacentre/latestnews/2012/peakyblinderefs.html>

starring Cillian Murphy:

<http://www.deadline.com/2012/07/cillian-murphy-to-lead-bbc-tv-gangster-family-saga-%e2%80%98peaky-blinders%e2%80%99/>

And from BBC and BBC America, The Musketeers:

<http://www.deadline.com/2012/08/bbc-the-musketeers-tca/>

which I haven't hitherto mentioned as I took "contemporary take" to mean, you know, set in contemporary times, but apparently not: "The series shares Dumas's original 17th century setting" - aaand, now I'm interested. :)

And from TCA, more on BBC America's first series, Copper:

<http://www.deadline.com/2012/08/bbc-america-copper-barry-levinson-tca/>

A second series of Death in Paradise:

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/mediacentre/latestnews/2012/jameliaparadise.html>

Fans of Joss Whedon's Dr Horrible may be interested to learn, that it will be shown on the CW:

<http://www.deadline.com/2012/07/cw-sets-air-date-for-joss-whedon%E2%80%99s-dr-horrible%E2%80%99s-sing-along-blog-live-next-shows/>

From Comic-Con, Once Upon A Time, season two:

<http://www.deadline.com/2012/07/comic-con-once-upon-a-time-season-2-preview/>

(I read around one sentence before deciding that, since there was a good chance I'd be spoiling myself on the first season, it was best not to read any more.)

Casting for season two - Captain Hook:

<http://www.deadline.com/2012/08/colin-odonoghue-gets-key-securing-role-on-once-upon-a-time-signs-with-uta/>

Also from Comic-Con, Fringe:

<http://www.deadline.com/2012/07/comic-con-fringe-film-possible-cast-says/>

And Doctor Who:

<http://www.deadline.com/2012/07/comic-con-doctor-who-preview-s-western-dinosaur-episodes-to-adoring-hall-h/>

And to end this part, we have a - Trailer! :) :

Doctor Who

<http://www.deadline.com/2012/08/hot-tv-trailer-doctor-who/>

Subject: Re: Looking Forward To...
Posted by [L.R.K.](#) on Mon, 06 Aug 2012 02:11:34 GMT
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And now - Part the Second!

Oh, dear... where to start? Maybe with something a little different - anyone going to the Cat Video Film Festival?:

<http://www.bbc.com/news/technology-18795123>

A Finding Nemo sequel:

<http://www.deadline.com/2012/07/john-carter-helmer-andrew-st-anton-dives-back-into-animation-with-finding-nemo-sequel/>

A Despicable Me spinoff starring The Minions:

<http://www.deadline.com/2012/07/despicable-me-spinoff-minions-illumination-entertainment-universal/>

Guillermo Del Tero is making an animated Pinocchio:

<http://www.deadline.com/2012/07/shadowmachine-to-animate-and-produce-guillermo-del-toros-pinocchio/>

The movies, it seems, have not done with Abraham Lincoln - here's a third one in the works:

<http://www.deadline.com/2012/08/diane-kruger-to-star-in-late-st-abe-lincoln-movie-this-one-produced-by-terrence-malick/>

and, I understand, not a vampire in sight.. phew!

Some Catching Fire-casting:

<http://www.deadline.com/2012/07/catching-fire-amanda-plummer-casting-hunger-games-lionsgate-movie/>

<http://www.deadline.com/2012/07/jena-malone-catching-fire-casting-johanna-mason/>

<http://www.deadline.com/2012/08/lynn-cohen-cast-as-mags-for-hunger-games-catching-fire-sam-claflin-looking-likely-for-finnick/>

Also, it has been confirmed that Mockingjay will be two movies:

<http://www.empireonline.com/news/story.asp?NID=34524>

Oh, and a question to my Dear Dedicated & Loyal (or not ;)) Post Readers - I'm running across quite a bit of Mortal Instruments-casting news - now, paranormal is not really "my thing", but are any of You interested in this movie? If so, I might as well "report" on whatever I happen across anyway - Just Let Me Know!

An adaptation of a forthcoming Brandon Sanderson book on the way?:

<http://www.deadline.com/2012/07/filmengine-options-brandon-s-anderson-novel-steelheart/>

From Comic-Con, video of JMS's spotlight about Studio JMS including forthcoming projects:

<http://www.jmsnews.com/>

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=leqhQD5F2_c

(And may I refer any possible fellow B5 fanatic to around the 28.10 mark of the video?)

And a written report of the event:

<http://www.comicbookresources.com/?page=article&id=40025>

And to the marvellous world of Marvel - yes, what can I say? - I'm a bit tired...

News/dates of forthcoming Marvel movies:

<http://www.deadline.com/2012/07/comic-con-marvel-sets-dates-for-guardians-of-the-galaxy-captain-america-and-thor-sequels/>

And some casting for Iron Man 3:

<http://www.deadline.com/2012/07/stephanie-szostak-joins-cast-of-iron-man-3-comic-con/>

And the villain in Thor 2 will be - Christopher Eccleston:

<http://www.deadline.com/2012/08/we-have-a-thor-2-villain-christopher-eccleston-to-play-malekith-the-accursed/>

and also info on what the movie will be about. (I haven't read any Thor comics - but I'm excited

anyway! Yay! :))

Also, we have some actual info on what the X-Men First Class (Second Class? - sorry...) will be about:

<http://www.empireonline.com/news/story.asp?NID=34770>

(Now this one I've actually read - though I realise they're obviously not going to stick very close to it, I still find this very intriguing - this could be good.)

The video interview with Bryan Singer:

<http://www.ign.com/videos/2012/08/01/x-men-first-class-seque-l-bryan-singer-confirms-days-of-future-past>

(The video is included in the article above - but the previous time I looked, there was only a blank space where the video should have been - and while it's present & correct now, I thought I'd include the link just in case...)

And - unexpectedly, this will turn into three parts, since The One Ring Net is giving my computer a hard time - or vice versa - but it keeps trying to shut my Internet down, and actually succeeded - but since I'm nothing if not stubborn - I'll use a separate post to wrestle with it - Wish me luck!

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Posted by [L.R.K.](#) on Mon, 06 Aug 2012 02:31:27 GMT
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And here is Part Three - The Hobbit edition - which, come to think of it, is very appropriate, as

The Hobbit is now - a trilogy:

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/newsbeat/19055342>

Previously, from Comic-Con:

A description of the footage that people there got to see:

<http://www.theonering.net/torwp/2012/07/14/59080-the-hobbitc-on-hall-h-presentation-torn-round-up-part-one/>

An interview with Peter Jackson:

<http://www.deadline.com/2012/07/comic-con-qa-peter-jackson-on-his-return-to-middle-earth-with-%e2%80%98the-hobbit%e2%80%99-and-how-48-frames-can-save-moviegoing/>

Various video interviews with PJ, Philippa Boyens & cast:

<http://www.theonering.net/torwp/2012/07/14/59077-hobbitcon-video-interview-complete-round-up/>

And Richard Armitage interview:

<http://www.theonering.net/torwp/2012/07/28/60027-shakespeare-inspires-armitages-thorin-oakenshield/>

& a video interview:

<http://www.theonering.net/torwp/2012/07/16/59216-richard-armitage-on-being-thorin-oakenshield/>

And last - but by no means least! - a new Hobbit video blog!:

<http://www.empireonline.com/news/story.asp?NID=34670>

(Ha! Did it...)

Subject: Re: Looking Forward To...

Posted by [L.R.K.](#) on Fri, 24 Aug 2012 19:52:42 GMT

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As usual, this will be a post full of Odds & Ends, but this scarcely needs saying at this point, so without further ado...

A new book by Patricia A McKillip?:

<http://www.fantasticfiction.co.uk/m/patricia-a-mckillip/wonders-of-invisible-world.htm>

A Doctor Who 50th anniversary TV movie special:

<http://www.deadline.com/2012/08/doctor-who-movie-special-bbc-50th/>

Casting for the Doctor Who Christmas special:

<http://www.deadline.com/2012/08/richard-grant-joins-doctor-w-ho-tom-ward/>

Falling Skies casting:

<http://www.deadline.com/2012/08/robert-sean-leonard-gloria-reuben-join-tnts-falling-skies-in-recurring-roles/>

And more historical drama - possibly - in the works for TV - a Cleopatra series:

<http://www.deadline.com/2012/08/cleopatra-drama-from-producer-lorenzo-di-bonaventura-and-writer-michael-seitzman-lands-a-t-nbc-with-put-pilot-commitment/>

And one featuring Tom Sawyer and Huckleberry Finn - well, sort of:

<http://www.deadline.com/2012/08/temple-hill-fields-tom-sawyer-and-huckleberry-finn-drama-project-at-abc/>

Hmmm... steampunk... could be interesting - but is there any reason why the characters need to be Tom Sawyer & Huck Finn? So far I don't see any, but maybe more details will emerge later.

Also, a reb-.. a re-... a re-thingy of Have Gun - Will Travel:

<http://www.deadline.com/2012/08/david-mamet-to-reboot-have-gun-will-travel-for-cbs/>

Note: unlike the pirate and the Dracula series mentioned in earlier posts, which were picked up straight to series, these were not, so may come to naught after all.

Also unlike a new family comedy starring Michael J Fox:

<http://www.deadline.com/2012/08/nbc-lands-michael-j-foxs-family-comedy-produced-by-will-gluck-with-series-order/>

which has been picked up for a 22 episode order - which is extremely rare - Yay, for him! :)

A raft - or wealth, take your pick - of new commissions on BBC Two:

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/mediacentre/latestnews/2012/bbctwo-commissions.html>

And series 3 of Sherlock in 3 words:

<http://www.deadline.com/2012/08/sherlock-creators-steven-mof-fat-mark-gatiss-reveal-three-key-words-season-3/>

And - The Suspense Ends!!! - those of you who have been biting your nails, lain awake o'nights or shown similar signs of worry & stress, can now put your minds at ease - yes, Joss Whedon will write & direct Avengers 2

<http://www.deadline.com/2012/08/joss-whedon-to-direct-avengers-2/>

which movie now also has a release date:

<http://www.empireonline.com/news/story.asp?NID=34912>

if you want to keep your calendars clear - let it not be said that I didn't let people know in time! ;)

And in more Superhero News, Kat Dennings will return for Thor 2, and her role will probably be expanded:

<http://www.deadline.com/2012/08/kat-dennings-thor-2-marvel-studios-2-broke-girls-cbs-movie-casting-thor-the-dark-world/>

More Thor 2 casting:

<http://www.empireonline.com/news/story.asp?NID=34963>

Some Wolverine sequel details:

<http://www.empireonline.com/news/story.asp?NID=34922>

And in book adaptation movie news - directors have been set for The Maze Runner:

<http://www.deadline.com/2012/08/fox-sets-wes-ball-to-helm-maze-runner/>

& Peter and the Starcatchers:

<http://www.deadline.com/2012/08/gary-ross-sets-peter-pan-fantasy-as-post-hunger-games-followup/>

And the obligatory Catching Fire casting news:

<http://www.deadline.com/2012/08/hunger-games-catching-fire-sets-meta-golding-as-enobaria/>

<http://www.deadline.com/2012/08/hunger-games-catching-fire-movie-casting-jennifer-lawrence-katniss-cashmere-lionsgate/>

<http://www.deadline.com/2012/08/hunger-games-catching-fire-moving-casting-jennifer-laurence-chaff/>

<http://www.deadline.com/2012/08/the-hunger-games-catching-fire-re-casts-bruno-gunn-to-play-brutus/>

and - Confirmed:

<http://www.deadline.com/2012/08/sam-claflin-finally-set-for-finnick-in-the-hunger-games-catching-fire/>

And Billy Crystal says a few words about Monsters University:

<http://www.empireonline.com/news/story.asp?NID=34972>

And finally, the trailer for series 5 of Merlin:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hBeXGcu6oQY>

And I hope everyone will find something to enjoy. :) Also - what are You looking forward to?

Subject: Re: Looking Forward To...
Posted by [blondviolinist](#) on Mon, 27 Aug 2012 00:19:01 GMT
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Oh, yay! A new McKillip! My fall is *made*!!!

Subject: Re: Looking Forward To...
Posted by [shalea](#) on Mon, 27 Aug 2012 01:12:36 GMT
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blondviolinist wrote on Sun, 26 August 2012 20:19Oh, yay! A new McKillip! My fall is *made*!!!

Yes!!!

Subject: Re: Looking Forward To...

Posted by [L.R.K.](#) on Fri, 07 Sep 2012 22:08:47 GMT

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So 'tis time for another regularly irregular - or irregularly regular? - update, which we begin with an interview with Brandon Sanderson re his forthcoming YA novel "Steelheart":

<http://presentinglenore.blogspot.se/2012/08/author-interview-brandon-sanderson.html>

And some info has now emerged about the Marvel TV series, masterminded by Mr Joss Whedon (I've gotten the impression he has one or two fans around here?):

<http://www.deadline.com/2012/08/abc-greenlights-s-h-i-e-l-d-marvel-pilot-joss-whedon-to-co-write-possibly-direct/>

Of course this is only a pilot at this stage - but since The Avengers was - um - moderately successful, one can, I believe, have reasonable hope for it going through; of course, passionate fans could always cross fingers & toes for safe measure, never mind resulting awkwardness.

WWI drama - The Accidental Soldier:

<http://www.deadline.com/2012/08/bryan-brown-readies-for-battle-in-an-accidental-soldier/>

This article includes a few words from Shirley MacLaine on Downton Abbey and her own role in the forthcoming third series:

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/entertainment-arts-19395987>

A host - or raft, as you will - of new commissions from BBC One:

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/mediacentre/latestnews/2012/danny-cohen-mgeitf.html>

Does anyone know anything about this Sinbad series?:

<http://www.deadline.com/2012/09/syfy-acquires-british-action-series-sinbad/>

And the third Hobbit movie has a date:

<http://www.deadline.com/2012/08/the-hobbit-3-scheduled-for-july-18-2014/>

- at least we won't have to wait a whole year between movies 2 & 3, so that's good.

And in (other) MG/YA book adaptation news:

Matched:

<http://www.deadline.com/2012/09/matched-movie-david-slade-dinesen-ally-condie/>

The Planet Thieves:

<http://www.deadline.com/2012/09/warner-bros-gets-in-thick-with-the-planet-thieves/>

A Tale Dark & Grimm:

<http://www.deadline.com/2012/09/toronto-filmnation-in-deal-for-a-tale-dark-grimm/>

And in our obligatory Catching Fire casting news:

<http://www.deadline.com/2012/09/jeffrey-wright-catching-fire-casting-beetee/>

- though I cannot but think that we're nearing the tail end now? (Those who've read the book: Are there many more roles to cast, do you think?)

And this sounds like a really interesting historical drama - Belle:

<http://www.deadline.com/2012/09/after-sam-claflin-exits-for-hunger-games-belle-tolls-for-sam-reid/>

- I mean, just look at that cast!

And finally - our Trailer! This time courtesy of

Downton Abbey S3:

<http://www.deadline.com/2012/09/downton-abbey-third-season-trailer/>

May everyone find something to enjoy! - Also, what are You looking forward to?

Subject: Re: Looking Forward To...
Posted by [shalea](#) on Sat, 08 Sep 2012 12:17:35 GMT
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Well, after reading your update, I am apparently looking forward to Belle... :)

I am also looking forward (not without a fair amount of doubt and trepidation) to the new fall series Revolution, but if we get too much in the way of heavy-handed layers of Deep Dark Conspiracy, I will lose patience with it quickly.

Subject: Re: Looking Forward To...
Posted by [L.R.K.](#) on Sun, 09 Sep 2012 00:32:59 GMT
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Revolution. Yes, me too - I think it could go any which way, but it does have potential, I believe. I think I can tolerate some amount of plot-silliness, if the characters are likeable - I've come to realise that plot is very low down on my list of priorities - but if the plot affects the characters adversely that might be another matter. (I mean, sometimes it seems that series-makers don't really care if characters behave consistently - they'll make them do or say anything that seems "cool" at the moment - heedless that we then get just a hodge-podge of characteristics, instead of characters with depth. But I digress. :))

Subject: Re: Looking Forward To...
Posted by [L.R.K.](#) on Thu, 13 Sep 2012 19:23:32 GMT
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And on a perfectly personal figure-skating note - I'm dying to see Plushenko's new programs for the season - also Brian Joubert's new free to Inception - but I have reasonable expectation of being able to see Plushy's this weekend, as the Russian Open Test Skate is going on, and hopefully somebody will be making videos! Meanwhile - here are exhibition versions of Plushy's SP, should anyone be interested:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6NoZuWsorZ8>

<http://www.facebook.com/photo.php?v=10150992539491333>

Anyway - I'm really looking forward to the upcoming figure skating season - as I think it has potential to be Epic! :)

Subject: Re: Looking Forward To...
Posted by [L.R.K.](#) on Tue, 18 Sep 2012 23:22:12 GMT
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Ahum (clears throat) - Ladies & (possibly) gentlemen - I have An Announcement to make:

According to this - where you can read the entire press release - The Hobbit trailer is to debut the 19th of September:

<http://www.theonering.net/torwp/2012/09/18/61932-official-hobbit-trailer-on-broadcast-online-in-theaters/>

I'm sure TheOneRing.net will have any fresh info as soon as it hits, so worth keeping an eye - or both of them - on the site:

<http://www.theonering.net/>

ETA Edited because I don't think "release" needed an "i" in it - "releise" - if these were Tudor times though, I suppose I could just have left it in? There's something to be said for - er - inventive as-you-feel-like-it spelling...

Subject: Re: Looking Forward To...
Posted by [L.R.K.](#) on Wed, 19 Sep 2012 18:39:18 GMT
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Annnnd... here it is:

<http://www.theonering.net/torwp/2012/09/19/62013-hobbit-trailer-comes-with-four-endings-many-formats/>

Subject: Re: Looking Forward To...
Posted by [L.R.K.](#) on Tue, 30 Oct 2012 20:03:20 GMT
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Oops... so I see it's been a little more than "a while" since my last update. The more one puts something off, the harder it is to do, so without going into excuses - which even have the added merit of Being True! - I shall just plunge straight in. If I wait any longer, my notes may get so cluttered they may be impossible to make out - in fact, it may already be Too Late. Ah, but we will discover that, will we not? Additionally, as per usual, I don't really know how much "material" I've got - but I'm thinking of making this a two-parter - at least.

So, onwards and upwards! Excelsior! or something...

In TV-news, some info on the second series of The Hour:

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/mediacentre/mediapacks/thehour/>

Peaky Blinders has begun shooting:

http://www.bbc.co.uk/mediacentre/latestnews/2012/peaky-blind_ers.html

The networks have been buying up quite a few projects lately - these are some that, for whatever reason, caught my eye:

A new fantasy on ABC?:

<http://www.deadline.com/2012/09/abc-buys-fantasy-series-from-justin-marks-and-di-bonaventura-television/>

And Gaslight:

<http://www.deadline.com/2012/09/ghost-whisperer-producers-ian-sander-kim-moses-sell-dramas-to-abc-and-cbs/>

More steampunk - but present day? How...? (Note: I cannot help but think this is just a mean attempt to scrimp on costumes, to be honest... - sorry Pollyanna!)

Aliens on the CW?:

<http://www.deadline.com/2012/09/cw-buys-alien-drama-from-and-re-nemec-josh-appelbaum-scott-rosenberg-and-ole/>

A Knight's Tale - the series?:

<http://www.deadline.com/2012/09/a-knights-tale-battlestar-galactica-ron-moore-adapting-movie-as-series-for-abc/>

A series featuring Edison as a detective?:

<http://www.deadline.com/2012/09/drama-about-young-thomas-edison-from-producer-mark-johnson-set-up-at-nbc/>

Hopefully this fares better than Poe... (Yes, I'm still bitter - it was costume drama AND mystery AND it was described as "quirky" - I love "quirky"! Why couldn't we at least get to see the pilot when they'd gone to the trouble of making it? I just ask!)

And some book adaptations - Midnighters:

<http://www.deadline.com/2012/10/chuck-creators-chris-fedak-and-josh-schwartz-sell-midnighters-drama-to-fox/>

Also, Sixth Gun:

<http://www.deadline.com/2012/10/carlton-cuse-to-produce-series-adaptation-of-oni-press-sixth-gun-comic-for-nbc/>

And an Alice in Wonderland sequel series:

<http://www.deadline.com/2012/10/alice-in-wonderland-sequel-nbc-drama-anthony-zuiker-csi/>

Hmmm.... Evil Alice?

Msry, Queen of Scots - the teenage years?:

<http://www.deadline.com/2012/10/the-cw-developing-teenage-mary-queen-of-scots-drama/>

As for what other projects there are - well, you'll all find out about them when they are picked up for series - and these aren't.

Yes, I'm known for my sunny disposition and optimistic outlook on life - why do you ask? ;)

And on that positive note, that, I think, will be all for now... Hopefully there is enough here to ponder - and... To Be Continued...

(Trying to make sense of my notes is making my eyes - and brain! - hurt...)

Subject: Re: Looking Forward To...
Posted by [jaccairn](#) on Tue, 30 Oct 2012 21:26:53 GMT
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The ABC fantasy one sounds somewhat like the frontier magic series by Patricia Wrede.

Subject: Re: Looking Forward To...

Posted by [L.R.K.](#) on Thu, 22 Nov 2012 00:13:05 GMT

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@jaccain - Good point. I went back and read the description of the show again (I also made the mistake of skimming the comments - they mostly seemed busy lamenting the demise of Legend of the Seeker), and certainly there seem to be similarities, though I haven't read the Frontier Magic series (yet). Well, if it makes it to series, we'll see if it's the bare outline, or how the tone/plot &c compare. But it might not fare better than the Beauty and the Beast one from last year (not to be confused with the Kristen Kreuk one currently on the CW, note.) And I'm still cross that we'll never even get to see the pilot they made!

But... moving on.

Well, this didn't go as planned - but when does it ever? - I hadn't exactly expected that there would be so much of a gap between installments. Meanwhile, my notes have become even more messy and unappealing. So, best to roll up my sleeves (figuratively speaking, as literally they were already rolled up) and get to some of them. I cannot promise, however, that the result will be pretty! In fact, chances are quite the opposite... So, venture on, on your peril, Dear Post Reader!

Well, starting off with some TV-casting.

Brian Blessed - or his voice - has been cast in the children's series Wizards Vs Aliens:

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/mediacentre/latestnews/2012/blessed-wizards-aliens.html>

Why am I suddenly more interested in this now? :)

And we also have some casting for Joss Whedon's S.H.I.E.L.D.-series:

<http://www.deadline.com/2012/10/clark-gregg-returns-as-agent-coulson-for-marvels-shield-pilot-for-abc/>

<http://www.deadline.com/2012/10/ming-na-marvels-shield-casting-joss-whedon-abc-pilot/>

<http://www.empireonline.com/news/story.asp?NID=35764>

There may be plans afoot for turning the Shannara books into a TV-series:

<http://thewertzzone.blogspot.se/2012/09/terry-brookss-shannara-optioned-as-tv.html>

- though it seems to be firmly in "don't hold your breath"-territory at the moment.

And now - sigh - to the possibly messiest part of my notes - and that is saying something! - in fact just looking at it makes my heart sink... This is the renewals/backorder/cancelled section, and... just disentangling anything out of the clutter will be a chore, but we will have to make the best of it - alas, I have to warn you all that "the best" is unlikely to be "good". But, let's get on with it, shall we?

Also, while I will be "reporting" on more series than I generally would, this won't be completely comprehensive - it depends partly on my mood/whim at the moment of seeing the news - for instance lazy vs completist - if I decided to include it in my notes or no.

USA has renewed:

Royal Pains

White Collar

Covert Affairs

<http://www.deadline.com/2012/09/usas-royal-pains-white-collar-covert-affairs-renewed/>

Suits

<http://www.deadline.com/2012/10/usas-suits-renewed-for-third-season/>

Burn Notice

<http://www.deadline.com/2012/11/done-deal-usas-burn-notice-renewed-for-seventh-season-with-13-episode-order/>

ABC Family has renewed:

Pretty Little Liars

<http://www.deadline.com/2012/10/abc-family-pretty-little-liars-renewed-for-fourth-season/>

TNT has renewed:

Franklin & Bash

<http://www.deadline.com/2012/09/tnts-franklin-bash-renewed-for-third-season/>

BBC America has renewed:

Copper

<http://www.deadline.com/2012/10/bbc-americas-breakout-copper-renewed-for-second-season/>

Syfy has renewed:

Haven

<http://www.deadline.com/2012/11/syfy-haven-renewed-for-fourth-season/>

Well, who says procrastination is completely an evil? Deadline kindly made a summary of the status of the freshman series:

<http://www.deadline.com/2012/10/freshman-series-report-who-got-back-orders-who-got-scripts-who-got-the-ax/>

- so far. Then. Alas, there has been more news since, and I have not seen a fresh summary, so... here we go.

ABC's The Neighbors and Scandal have been given full season orders:

<http://www.deadline.com/2012/10/abc-comedy-the-neighbors-get-full-season-order/>

As has Nashville:

<http://www.deadline.com/2012/11/abc-drama-nashville-gets-full-season-order/>

This season of Private Practice will be its last:

<http://www.deadline.com/2012/10/private-practice-cancelled-current-season-last-abc/>

CW has given a full season order to The Beauty and the Beast:

<http://www.deadline.com/2012/11/beauty-and-the-beast-full-season-order-cw/>

NBC has decided not to go forward with the The Office spinoff The Farm:

<http://www.deadline.com/2012/10/nbc-not-going-forward-with-potential-office-spinoff-the-farm/>

When Up All Night returns, it will do so with significant changes:

<http://www.deadline.com/2012/10/nbcs-up-all-night-to-switch-to-multi-cam-format-2nd-season-order-upped-to-16-eps/>

Chicago Fire has been given a full season order:

<http://www.deadline.com/2012/11/nbcs-chicago-fire-gets-back-nine-order/>

However, Next Caller has been cancelled:

<http://www.deadline.com/2012/10/next-caller-cancelled-nbc-series/>

What the creator of the series feels about this:

<http://www.deadline.com/2012/11/next-caller-creator-sounds-off-on-series-demise/>

Some iffy language perhaps, but I thought interesting reading.

Also, NBC decided to not go forward with their Mockingbird Lane series, but decided to air the pilot as a movie instead:

<http://www.deadline.com/2012/10/nbcs-mockingbird-lane-pilot-to-air-on-october-26-as-halloween-special/>

The ratings, while decent, will probably not make them rethink their decision:

<http://www.deadline.com/2012/10/ratings-rat-race-kitchen-night-returns-low-mockingbird-lane-decent/>

However, I hope that they were good enough, that other cancelled pilots may be shown in this manner. Really, I cannot understand why, having put in the money & work, casting, acting &c, the pilots are then never allowed to see the light of day? I feel strongly about this, so I'm liable to go into rant-mode if not careful, and will therefore content myself with saying that, I think it is an utter waste, and that I hope networks rethink their normal mode of proceeding!

Oh, also, for those maybe curious: the Mockingbird Lane trailer:

<http://www.deadline.com/2012/10/mockingbird-lane-tv-trailer-nbc-munsters-reboot-halloween-special/>

And while on the subject of trailers, we have more TV trailers:

Syfy's Defiance:

<http://www.deadline.com/2012/10/tv-teaser-syfys-defiance/>

The second series of BBC's The Hour:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iP2mlaLsqc&feature=plcp>

And the Doctor Who Christmas special:

<http://www.deadline.com/2012/11/video-doctor-who-christmas-special-tv-trailer/>

And more info on said special:

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/mediacentre/latestnews/2012/doctor-who-christmas.html>

And... I'm knackered. Hopefully there's some good news here for everybody.

And I will return - whenever that may be! - with some shocking and stunning news. Well, it would have been shocking and stunning - except you've probably all heard it by now. However wherever/whenever you have/do/will read about it - I'm sure you found it stunning - not to mention shocking! (Unless you are the sort of person, of course, whom nothing will surprise - but what's the fun of that? I'm sure even Jeeves raised an eyebrow - if only a fraction! :))

Subject: Re: Looking Forward To...

Posted by [L.R.K.](#) on Sun, 16 Dec 2012 00:40:11 GMT

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Well, this will be a little Star Wars Special - because, yes, the news that everyone has probably heard by now - barring people who have found an especially out-of-the-way rock or cosy hobbit-hole to live under/in - is that George Lucas has sold Star Wars to Disney:

<http://www.deadline.com/2012/10/disney-acquires-lucasfilm-star-wars-creator/>

Or more correctly, Disney has bought Lucasfilm, but it's fair to say that most people are interested in the Star Wars part of things.

Video with Bob Iger/George Lucas:

<http://www.deadline.com/2012/10/bob-iger-george-lucas-disney-lucasfilm-acquisition-video/>

Videos with George Lucas and Kathleen Kennedy:

<http://www.empireonline.com/news/story.asp?NID=35816>

And we were immediately promised a new trilogy:

<http://www.deadline.com/2012/10/star-wars-disney-episode-7-three-more-movies-planned/>

Interview with Mark Hamill:

<http://insidemovies.ew.com/2012/10/31/mark-hamill-star-wars-episode-vii-disney/>

And the scriptwriter for Episode VII has been announced:

<http://www.deadline.com/2012/11/next-star-wars-films-get-treatment-by-hunger-games-sequel-scribe-michael-arndt/>

Director-rumours:

<http://www.empireonline.com/features/star-wars-director-rumour-control>

Who won't, might, and wildcards.

So, what do you think? People's reactions, no doubt, range from handwringing-and-woe-ing to thinking that this is the best news ever - and everything in between.

Me? I'm cautiously optimistic. I think this might actually be a good thing - and I don't even hate the prequel-trilogy. But I hope maybe some fresh blood might be a good idea - and I think that Lucas is right when he says that Disney is closest to matching the sensibility of the movies. I think they are quite good at entertaining family/adventure movies.

My preference would be for the movies to be set 20-30 years after the OT, which would thus necessitate no recasting of the original characters - if you read the Mark Hamill interview, you'll see that whilst he has no info on this head, he and Carrie Fisher were invited to a dinner with George Lucas who wanted to talk to them about the future of Star Wars - and apparently in another interview, Harrison Ford has indicated a willingness to return. I think the best way to go would be a "next generation"-type movie, with the older characters played by the same actors as in the OT.

So...

Thoughts?

I will be back... anon, with more up-to or out-of date movie news. I don't think anyone needs to be told at this point not to hold their breath, however. ;)

Subject: Re: Looking Forward To...

Posted by [blondviolinist](#) on Thu, 20 Dec 2012 18:20:57 GMT

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I'm with you on the "cautiously optimistic." They can't be worse than the prequels, right? (Please

don't answer that.)

Subject: Re: Looking Forward To...
Posted by [L.R.K.](#) on Fri, 21 Dec 2012 10:57:53 GMT
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blondviolinist wrote on Thu, 20 December 2012 19:20I'm with you on the "cautiously optimistic."
They can't be worse than the prequels, right? (Please don't answer that.)

Er... ;) Well, I think that it would be a vast improvement in and of itself if they just use less CGI -
they can't very well use more... um... can they?

Subject: Re: Looking Forward To...
Posted by [L.R.K.](#) on Wed, 02 Jan 2013 20:51:15 GMT
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I do hope to do an update shortly - in the coming days - but meanwhile, here is something you can
amuse yourselves with - a Movie Guide for 2013:

<http://www.empireonline.com/features/2013preview/>

Especially appropriate, as our upcoming episode... er... section?... will in fact focus on movies.

Subject: Re: Looking Forward To...
Posted by [L.R.K.](#) on Thu, 31 Jan 2013 21:53:52 GMT
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So, finally, I'm getting round to putting together a Movie Miscellaneous post. Some of the "news"
will obviously of necessity not be so "new", but we start off with something that is:

Namely, we have a director for Star Wars VII - which, in spite of protestations to the contrary
earlier, is none other than J J Abrams:

<http://www.deadline.com/2013/01/j-j-abrams-to-direct-new-star-wars-movie-for-disney/>

Does your movie title include the word "star" - then you know who to call! :)

But on to other things - the schedule for Dreamworks for - well, the foreseeable future, really:

<http://www.deadline.com/2012/09/dreamworks-animations-release-schedule/>

The voice cast for The Nut Job:

<http://www.deadline.com/2012/11/katherine-heigl-will-arnett-brendan-fraser-lend-voices-to-animated-the-nut-job/>

The directors for the animated Frozen:

<http://www.deadline.com/2012/11/jennifer-lee-to-co-direct-disney-animated-film-frozen/>

And in YA book adaptation news:

Divergent

<http://www.deadline.com/2012/09/divergent-scheduled-for-march-21-2014/>

Shadow and Bone

<http://www.deadline.com/2012/09/dreamworks-acquires-fantasy-novel-shadow-and-bone/>

Unwind

<http://www.deadline.com/2012/12/constantin-film-picks-up-rights-to-unwind-sci-fi-novel/>

And a sequel to Mariah Mundi And The Midas Box has already been decided on, even though the first movie has yet to be released:

<http://www.deadline.com/2012/10/afm-mariah-mundi-sequel-greenlit/>

The director for Mockingjay

<http://www.deadline.com/2012/11/francis-lawrence-hunger-games-director-mockingjay-part-2-catching-fire/>

And an Emily Dickinson biopic on the way:

<http://www.empireonline.com/news/story.asp?NID=35148>

And a movie about Lady Hester Stanhope in the works:

<http://www.deadline.com/2013/01/cascade-pictures-boards-the-lady-who-went-too-far-from-kings-speech-duo/>

And that will be all for now, as my eyes have begun giving me grief... More... anon.

Subject: Re: Looking Forward To...

Posted by [L.R.K.](#) on Thu, 14 Feb 2013 18:58:07 GMT

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Well, I'm back and 'tis time for some more Movie Items - with a definite Superhero Slant - so, are you ready? But, first, before getting into the Superhero Stuff:

An Australian WWI movie on the way:

<http://www.deadline.com/2012/11/emilie-de-ravin-war-drama-34-th-battalion-casting/>

<http://www.deadline.com/2012/11/luke-hemsworth-charles-mesure-set-for-australian-ww1-drama-the-34th-battalion/>

<http://www.deadline.com/2013/01/stephen-lang-vinnie-jones-join-the-34th-battalion/>

And going somewhat further into the past - a Pompeii movie:

<http://www.empireonline.com/news/story.asp?NID=35771>

And some more Ancient action with Arminius:

<http://www.deadline.com/2012/12/fox-eyes-roman-era-german-hero-arminius/>

Talking of action - though of the more modern sort - while he and John Krasinski were being interviewed about their forthcoming movie Promised Land

<http://www.deadline.com/2012/12/fleming-q%e2%80%99-a-bat-stamp-on-%e2%80%98bourne-4%e2%80%99-ending-%e2%80%98the-office%e2%80%99-cheating-on-affleck/>

Matt Damon was asked about the possibility of more Bourne, and this is what he had to say:

Quote:DEADLINE: Matt, you've said recently that the Bourne Legacy spinoff didn't make it any easier for Jason Bourne to return. What has to happen for us to see your signature character back onscreen?

DAMON: Just a couple things, really. Paul Greengrass has to want to do it, and secondly and equally important, it comes down to Paul and I knowing what the hell we want to do. We just

don't have a story, and we haven't had one. I quietly went to Jonah Nolan, because he and his brother Chris did such a brilliant job on Batman and that whole mythology. I just said, can you put your brain on this? I can't figure it out. And he took a run at it and he couldn't crack it either. Paul and I have been talking about it for years. And we can't quite see what the movie would be. If we could get line of sight on that

DEADLINE: We are force-fed so many unnecessary sequels, and here is a smart thriller that we actually want to see more of

DAMON: Neither of us is against it. I would love to do another one. I love that character. To me, the reason to make that movie is because people want to see it. Paul and I have said that to each other. We don't take for granted the fact that we've built an audience for Bourne, that's a real privilege. But our part of that bargain is that the movie is good and belongs with the other

Hans Zimmer will be doing the score for The Lone Ranger:

<http://www.deadline.com/2012/12/hans-zimmer-lone-ranger-score-jack-white-scheduling-conflict-disney/>

Armie Hammer on the movie:

<http://www.empireonline.com/news/story.asp?NID=36318>

And some Disney Dates - including a new Pirates! - this is the first I heard of a new one being on the way:

<http://www.deadline.com/2013/01/pirates-of-the-caribbean-5-guardians-of-the-galaxy-3d-disney-release-date-schedule/>

This includes some Superhero info so it leads us neatly into that Section.

More Marvel Movie Dates:

<http://www.deadline.com/2012/10/iron-man-3-thor-2-3d-ant-man-marvel-disney-release-date/>

As you all may already have heard, Bryan Singer is back on X-Men, and the new movie will be Days of Future Past. I actually read that back in the '80s, and am really looking forward to this! - time travel! - I think this has potential to be good - especially in light of the casting:

Sirs Patrick Stewart and Ian McKellen! Yay!

<http://www.deadline.com/2012/11/ian-mckellan-patrick-stewart-coming-back-for-x-men-days-of-future-past/>

Hugh Jackman:

<http://www.deadline.com/2012/12/bryan-singer-tweets-hes-got-jean-valjean-returning-for-x-men-days-of-future-past/>

Also Anna Paquin, Ellen Page and Shawn Ashmore:

<http://www.deadline.com/2013/01/anna-paquin-ellen-page-shawn-ashmore-returning-for-x-men-days-of-future-past/>

Here is what Bryan Singer has to say about the movie:

<http://www.empireonline.com/news/story.asp?NID=34770>

And here is more info on the Wolverine sequel:

<http://www.empireonline.com/news/story.asp?NID=34922>

Kevin Feige talks about Marvel's Phase Three:

<http://www.empireonline.com/news/story.asp?NID=36311>

and he has this to say about Iron Man 3:

<http://www.empireonline.com/news/story.asp?NID=35873>

And additional casting:

<http://www.deadline.com/2012/12/iron-man-3-casts-chinese-actor-wang-xueqi-as-new-dr-wu-character-filming-in-beijing-starts-monday/>

And also Captain America:

<http://www.empireonline.com/news/story.asp?NID=35573>

And Thor:

<http://www.deadline.com/2012/09/thor-2-adds-game-of-thrones-batman-begins-actors-marvel/>

Jaimie Alexander talks about the movie and her role in it:

<http://www.empireonline.com/news/story.asp?NID=36121>

Well, that is all for now - next up will be - Trailerz!

ETA - I quite forgot! This Guardians of the Galaxy casting:

<http://www.deadline.com/2013/02/chris-pratt-getting-guardian-s-of-the-galaxy-lead/>

Subject: Re: Looking Forward To...

Posted by [Angelia](#) on Fri, 15 Feb 2013 01:30:24 GMT

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I really enjoy these updates. Thanks for taking the time to do them (and I know it must take quite a bit of time for the research and writing).

Subject: Re: Looking Forward To...

Posted by [L.R.K.](#) on Fri, 15 Feb 2013 16:19:50 GMT

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Thanks Angelia! It's so kind of you to say so. :) They do take time - in fact, I'm constantly surprised at just how much! - but I really enjoy doing them (else I wouldn't, of course :)). I like sharing what I find, and I do hope there will be something fun for others as well.

Subject: Re: Looking Forward To...

Posted by [L.R.K.](#) on Tue, 12 Mar 2013 19:55:18 GMT

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And now, at last, that long-awaited moment has come - yes, indeed, grab some popcorn & beverage of choice - here is,

For Your Viewing Pleasure - Time for Trailerz!
(In no particular order)

Star Trek Into Darkness

<http://www.deadline.com/2012/12/star-trek-into-darkness-hot-trailer/>

&:

<http://www.deadline.com/2013/03/video-star-trek-into-darkness-new-teaser-trailer-chris-pine-zachary-quinto/>

Featurette:

<http://www.empireonline.com/news/story.asp?NID=36357>

The Lone Ranger

<http://www.deadline.com/2012/12/hot-trailer-the-lone-ranger-2/>

Iron Man 3

<http://www.deadline.com/2012/10/iron-man-3-first-full-movie-trailer/>

&:

<http://www.deadline.com/2013/03/iron-man-3-robert-downey-jr-marvel-trailer/>

Despicable Me 2

<http://www.deadline.com/2012/11/have-a-despicable-thanksgiving-teaser/>

Oz the Great and Powerful

<http://www.deadline.com/2012/11/hot-trailer-oz-the-great-and-powerful/>

Interviews:

<http://www.empireonline.com/interviews/interview.asp?IID=1651>

Turbo

<http://www.deadline.com/2012/12/video-turbo-new-trailer-dreamworks-animation/>

Jack the Giant Slayer

<http://www.deadline.com/2012/11/video-jack-the-giant-slayer-trailer-new-bryan-singer-2/>

&:

<http://www.deadline.com/2013/02/jack-giant-slayer-nicholas-hoult-ewan-mcgregor-trailer/>

Epic

<http://www.deadline.com/2012/11/epic-movie-trailer-3d-amanda-seyfried-josh-hutcherson-fox/>

Monsters University

<http://www.deadline.com/2013/02/monsters-university-trailer-international-disney-pixar/>

After Earth

<http://www.deadline.com/2013/03/after-earth-2nd-trailer-will-smith-jaden-smith-m-night-shyamalan/>

And that is all for the nonce - in our next Update Edition, we will again return to the small screen; pilot season is in full swing in the US, and to keep you amused & whet your appetite for things to come, here is some

Pilot Panic for your Perusal:

<http://www.deadline.com/2013/02/pilot-season-2013-analysis-networks-increase-volume-after-lack-of-new-series/>

So, hopefully you'll all find something to enjoy - and what are You looking forward to?

Subject: Re: Looking Forward To...
Posted by [Angelia](#) on Wed, 13 Mar 2013 02:12:26 GMT
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I'm a bit afraid to watch the new Oz film--I teach The Wonderful Wizard every semester and (as with Alice) I'm a bit territorial. :) Speaking of which, I have the Hobbit film coming by mail next week-- I'm hoping that I like it!

Subject: Re: Looking Forward To...
Posted by [L.R.K.](#) on Wed, 13 Mar 2013 02:37:36 GMT
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I can understand that! I've read many of the Oz books, but it's been years. However, if it turns out to be rubbish... (looks around to see if Pollyanna heard that)... er... I mean, not my cup of tea (she amended hastily), I'll just dismiss it out of mind. I forget, but is there a book focussing on the wizard and what happened to him before the arrival of Dorothy?

The Hobbit - I'm really hoping I'll like it too! I'll get it via Lovefilm - for my own collection, I'm holding out for the Extended Edition. (Yes, there will be one - apparently featuring, among other things, bored dwarfs at Rivendell teasing elves... And, yes, I want to see that. :))

Subject: Re: Looking Forward To...

Posted by [L.R.K.](#) on Thu, 28 Mar 2013 19:36:23 GMT

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So - as I said in my previous Update, pilot season is at full force - and for the last weeks we've had a fast & furious flow (I love alliteration - okay?) of casting news, but that flood seems now to have become a trickle, which means it might be a good time to tackle some of it. I thought it would be a good idea to present some of the pilots being made via the casting. If anyone wonders why I've chosen these pilots in particular, well, it's because... I felt like it. I can think of no better reason - can You? Why, no, of course not - so... Onward!

SHIELD

<http://www.empireonline.com/news/story.asp?NID=35869>

Delirium

Emma Roberts

<http://www.deadline.com/2013/02/emma-roberts-to-star-in-fox-drama-pilot-delirium/>

<http://www.deadline.com/2013/02/billy-campbell-to-co-star-in-fox-pilot-delirium/>

<http://www.deadline.com/2013/02/corey-reynolds-cast-in-fox-pilot-delirium/>

<http://www.deadline.com/2013/02/gregg-sulkin-nestor-serrano-raza-jaffrey-book-broadcast-pilots/>

<http://www.deadline.com/2013/02/daren-kagasoff-gets-male-lead-in-foxs-delirium-nbcs-sixth-gun-casts-duo/>

<http://www.deadline.com/2013/03/jeanine-mason-fox-pilot-delirium-so-you-think-you-can-dance/>

<http://www.deadline.com/2013/03/isaiah-washington-to-co-star>

-in-cw-100-michael-michele-in-foxs-delirium/

<http://www.deadline.com/2013/03/al-madrigal-boards-about-a-boy-delirium-adds-a-friend-reign-casts-nastradamus/>

Super Clyde

Rupert Grint

<http://www.deadline.com/2013/02/rupe-rint-set-as-the-lead-of-greg-garcias-super-clyde-cbs-pilot/>

Turn

<http://www.deadline.com/2013/02/duo-cast-in-amc-drama-pilot-turn/>

Burn Gorman

<http://www.deadline.com/2013/02/abc-pilot-reckless-amcs-turn-cast-duo/>

Jamie Bell

<http://www.deadline.com/2013/02/jamie-bell-to-topline-amc-pilot-turn/>

<http://www.deadline.com/2013/03/stella-maeve-to-star-in-cw-pilot-company-town-heather-lind-is-female-lead-in-turn/>

Kevin McNally

<http://www.deadline.com/2013/03/kevin-mcnally-angus-macfadyen-join-amc-pilot-turn/>

J J Feild

<http://www.deadline.com/2013/03/jj-feild-cast-in-amc-pilot-turn-rory-scovel-in-tbs-ground-floor/>

The Selection

<http://www.deadline.com/2013/02/cw-pilot-the-selection-casts-its-lead/>

<http://www.deadline.com/2013/02/sophia-bush-to-star-in-nbc-pilot-hatfields-mccoys/>

<http://www.deadline.com/2013/03/cw-pilot-the-selection-casts-aspen-reign-finds-its-queen/>

<http://www.deadline.com/2013/03/paige-turco-joins-the-100-the-selection-the-list-rake-also-add-to-casts/>

<http://www.deadline.com/2013/03/pilots-boomerang-the-selection-company-town-add-actors/>

Louise Lombard

<http://www.deadline.com/2013/03/louise-lombard-tapped-for-queen-role-in-cw-pilot-the-selection/>

Reign

<http://www.deadline.com/2013/02/the-cw-casts-its-mary-queen-of-scots/>

<http://www.deadline.com/2013/02/cws-reign-finds-its-male-lead-company-town-adds-co-star/>

<http://www.deadline.com/2013/03/cws-tomorrow-people-reign-cast-duo/>

<http://www.deadline.com/2013/03/beau-bridges-joins-cbs-greg-garcia-pilot-cw-tomorrow-people-reign-add-actors/>

Megan Follows

<http://www.deadline.com/2013/03/cw-pilot-the-selection-casts-aspen-reign-finds-its-queen/>

<http://www.deadline.com/2013/03/rza-to-co-star-in-fox-drama-pilot-gang-related-cws-reign-adds-actress/>

Anna Popplewell

<http://www.deadline.com/2013/03/anna-popplewell-to-co-star-on-cws-reign-cliff-curtis-on-foxs-gang-related/>

(Though, Lola? Really?)

<http://www.deadline.com/2013/03/torrance-coombs-to-co-star-in-cw-pilot-reign-thomas-mcdonnell-joins-the-100-lane-garrison-cast-in-bonnie-clyde-mini/>

<http://www.deadline.com/2013/03/al-madrigo-boards-about-a-boy-delirium-adds-a-friend-reign-casts-nastradamus/>

Big Thunder

<http://www.deadline.com/2013/02/jay-hernandez-joins-foxs-gang-related-ana-de-la-reguera-in-abcs-big-thunder/>

<http://www.deadline.com/2013/03/scott-bakula-joins-tnts-bounty-hunter-pilot-abcs-big-thunder-casts-a-lead/>

<http://www.deadline.com/2013/03/abc-pilots-2013-castings-mat>

t-oberg-andrea-savage-zahn-mcclarnon/

<http://www.deadline.com/2013/03/abc-pilot-big-thunder-finds-lead-cws-oxygen-abcs-influence-add-to-casts/>

The Sixth Gun

<http://www.deadline.com/2013/02/laura-ramsey-lands-the-lead-in-nbc-pilot-the-sixth-gun/>

<http://www.deadline.com/2013/02/daren-kagasoff-gets-male-lead-in-foxs-delirium-nbcs-sixth-gun-casts-duo/>

<http://www.deadline.com/2013/03/pedro-pascal-james-legros-choose-to-join-nbc-pilot-the-sixth-gun/>

<http://www.deadline.com/2013/03/michiel-huisman-to-star-in-nbc-pilot-the-sixth-gun/>

<http://www.deadline.com/2013/03/elena-satine-to-star-in-nbcs-the-sixth-gun/>

Well, I had meant to do more news, but, quite frankly, my eyes can't take any more - so it will have to wait.

As for other pilot news, or if you wish to browse, or find out what other pilots are in the works, this is the place to look:

<http://www.deadline.com/primetime-pilot-panic/>

Subject: Re: Looking Forward To...

Posted by [shalea](#) on Thu, 28 Mar 2013 20:02:27 GMT

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L.R.K. wrote on Tue, 12 March 2013 22:37 I can understand that! I've read many of the Oz books, but it's been years. However, if it turns out to be rubbish... (looks around to see if Pollyanna heard that)... er... I mean, not my cup of tea (she amended hastily), I'll just dismiss it out of mind. I forget, but is there a book focussing on the wizard and what happened to him before the arrival of Dorothy?...

Um, no, I don't believe so. I believe the movie is a "prequel." Even though I am a huge fan of the books, nothing I have seen about the movie leads me to believe that it might be my cup of tea.

Subject: Re: Looking Forward To...
Posted by [L.R.K.](#) on Thu, 09 May 2013 14:59:43 GMT
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All right, so I've meant to put together a new Update for quite some time - but just haven't had the time to do so. I still don't. So, this will be quite short, and not a "proper" (though perfectly family friendly for all that, I assure you! :)) Update at all.

Still, I've some things to share, as Pilot Season is nearing the moment of truth.

First off, some frabjous news for all Once Upon A Time fans (among which - after 10 episodes of S1 - I most definitely count myself) - a spinoff pilot has been in the works:

<http://www.deadline.com/2013/04/emma-rigby-joins-abcs-once-upon-a-time-spinoff/>

<http://www.deadline.com/2013/03/abcs-once-upon-a-time-spinoff-casts-alice-gets-title/>

<http://www.deadline.com/2013/03/michael-socha-cast-in-once-upon-a-time-spinoff/>

It has been interesting following along the pilot season and the contenders as they seemed to become strong or fall back - or vice versa. News has begun trickling in, and an overview of the situation for now:

<http://www.deadline.com/2013/05/primetime-pilot-panic-rumor-mill/>

Here are some previous general articles:

The advent of the limited series:

<http://www.deadline.com/2013/05/pilot-season-the-rise-of-limited-series/>

What the comedy pilots in contention might mean for existing shows:

<http://www.deadline.com/2013/05/primetime-pilot-panic-broadcast-networks-are-very-happy-with-their-comedy-pilots-how-much-should-bubble-shows-worry/>

Soon, no doubt, all will be made clear:

<http://www.deadline.com/2013/05/2013-tv-upfronts-schedule-party-list/>

Well, I've enjoyed the pilot panic - I just wish I'd had the time for more updates! - especially perhaps since I haven't really set my heart on any particular pilot (well, except the Once Upon A Time spinoff, natch!), though I've chosen a few contenders to cheer for, for the fun of it, if they

don't go through I shan't be terribly disappointed (except the one in previous parenthesis, again - but that seems to be... touch wood!)

Lastly, again, for a more comprehensive look:

<http://www.deadline.com/primetime-pilot-panic/>

Subject: Re: Looking Forward To...

Posted by [L.R.K.](#) on Sat, 11 May 2013 07:25:54 GMT

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And short Update - of the previous short Update...

Yes! :) :

<http://www.deadline.com/2013/05/abc-picks-up-marveljoss-whedons-s-h-i-e-l-d-to-series/>

Once Upon A Time In Wonderland has been picked up! Also, of course, pleasing news for Joss Whedon and/or Marvel fans, the S.H.I.E.L.D. pilot. Perhaps both were almost certainties - but there's many a slip between cup and lip, so I'm still glad to have confirmation. :) (All in all, ABC picked up 12 pilots - see above link for details.)

Note: The above article also states that Once Upon A Time has been renewed as well.

And finally, this is the latest Pilot Panic article - which pilots are still alive:

<http://www.deadline.com/2013/05/primetime-panic-what-pilots-are-still-alive/>

This is of course a very incomplete Update - but I thought I'd like to share some delightful news with kindred spirits, and spread the joy around! Hopefully I'll get a "proper" post done... well... anon. :)

Subject: Re: Looking Forward To...

Posted by [L.R.K.](#) on Thu, 16 May 2013 21:43:57 GMT

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Even before the recent avalanche of news (which, by the bye, is still ongoing), I had managed to accumulate quite a few items; while some of those may no longer be "new", they may still be "news" to at least somebody. So, to get some semblance of order to this, I'll take only smaller

bites at a time.

So, since we needs must start somewhere, let's begin with:

NBC

The casting for the series:

Dracula

<http://www.deadline.com/2012/07/nbc-orders-10-episode-dracula-series-starring-jonathan-rhys-meyers/>

<http://www.deadline.com/2013/01/jessica-de-gouw-lands-female-lead-on-nbc-drama-series-dracula/>

<http://www.deadline.com/2013/01/katie-mcgrath-nonso-anozie-join-nbcs-dracula-series/>

<http://www.deadline.com/2013/02/nbcs-drama-series-dracula-abc-cullen-brothers-comedy-pilot-add-to-casts/>

<http://www.deadline.com/2013/02/thomas-kretschmann-oliver-jackson-cohen-join-nbcs-dracula-series/>

Crossbones

<http://www.deadline.com/2013/03/john-malkovich-to-star-in-nbc-series-crossbones/>

New Series:

Blacklist

Night Shift

Welcome To The Family

<http://www.deadline.com/2013/05/nbc-sony-make-deal-blacklist-night-shift-welcome-to-the-family-all-picked-up-community-renewed/>

Chicago PD

Ironside

Undateable

<http://www.deadline.com/2013/05/nbc-resumes-new-series-picks-undateable-ordered/>

Sean Saves The World
About A Boy
The Family Guide
Crisis
Believe

<http://www.deadline.com/2013/05/nbc-starts-ordering-new-series-crisis-about-a-boy-picked-up/>

Renewals:

Community

<http://www.deadline.com/2013/05/nbc-sony-make-deal-blacklist-night-shift-welcome-to-the-family-all-picked-up-community-renewed/>

Revolution
Chicago Fire
Parenthood
Grimm
Law & Order SVU

<http://www.deadline.com/2013/04/nbc-renews-revolution-chicago-fire-parenthood-grimm-and-law-order-svu/>

Parks and Recreation

<http://www.deadline.com/2013/05/nbcs-parks-recreation-renewed/>

Cancelled:

Smash

<http://www.deadline.com/2013/05/nbc-cancels-smash-after-two-seasons/>

The New Normal

<http://www.deadline.com/2013/05/nbcs-the-new-normal-cancelled/>

Go On

<http://www.deadline.com/2013/05/go-on-cancelled-by-nbc/>

Guys With Kids
Up All Night
Whitney
1600 Penn

<http://www.deadline.com/2013/05/nbcs-parks-recreation-renewe d/>

Deception

<http://www.deadline.com/2013/05/nbcs-deception-cancelled/>

Trailers:

The Blacklist
Ironsides
Michael J Fox
Sean Saves The World
Welcome To The Family

<http://www.deadline.com/2013/05/video-nbc-trailers-new-series-2013/>

Dracula

<http://www.deadline.com/2013/05/nbcs-new-show-trailers-dracula-ironsides-michael-j-fox-sean-saves-the-world-welcome-to-the-family/>

NBC's Schedule 2013-14:

<http://www.deadline.com/2013/05/nbcs-2013-14-schedule-revolution-moves-to-wednesday-parenthood-to-thursday-chicago-fire-to-tuesday-blacklist-gets-post-voice-slot/>

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Posted by [Angelia](#) on Fri, 17 May 2013 02:29:54 GMT
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Ironsides, hmmm. I loved Raymond Burr--have to think a bit about someone else doing it. Thanks for the updates!
