

AMAZING STORIES[®] GUIDE

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The following pages contain the title, air date and time, edited length, cast and crew credits. The crew credits only contain the major personnel.

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Credits

Supervising Producers: (1-21, 24)

Joshua Brand
John Falsey

Production Executives:

Kathleen Kennedy
Frank Marshall

Developed by: (1-24)

Steven Speilberg
Joshua Brand
&
John Falsey

Producer:

David E. Vogel

Executive Producer:

Steven Speilberg

Story Editor:

Mick Garris (1-21, 24)
Peter Z Orton (22-23, 25-45)

Producer:

David E. Vogel

Theme:

John Williams

Associate Producers:

Steve Starkey (1-17, 19-39, 41-45)
Skip Lusk (1-3, 6-10, 15, 18-20)
Stephen Semel (3, 4, 10, 11, 13, 14, 16-18, 21-39 41-45)
Cleve Reinhard (40)
Cheryl Bloch (42, 44)

Fireside Story-teller:

Ray Walston

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Cast and Story

1. Ghost Train

A grandfather has grave misgivings about the new country home his son has built for the family: it's on the site of a train accident that occurred 75 years before.

Starring

Robert Blossoms	Old Pa
Scott Paulin	Fenton
Gail Edwards	Joleen
Luke Haas	Brian Globe

Co-starring

Renny Roker	Dr. Steele
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With

Hugh Gillin	Conductor
Sandy Ward	Engineer

Teleplay by

Frank Deese

Story by

Steven Spielberg

Directed by

Steven Spielberg

2. The Main Attraction

A self-worshipping high school all-star sports jock thinks he has election as king of the prom with his pick of the queen in the bag. However a meteor shower throws a monkey wrench in his plans.

Starring

John Scott Glough
Lisa Jane Persky

Co-starring

Richard Bull	Mr. Hiller
Barbara Sharma	Mrs. Bender
Tom Napier	Wylie
Bill Allen	Cliff Ratte
Nicholas Mele	Scientist #1
Joan Foley	Scientist #2
Brad Bird	Scientist #3
Dominick Brascia	Billy Johnson (Fat Kid)

With

Isabelle Walker	Francine
Eric Briskotter	Stan
Michael Joshua Cramer	Kid
Megan Wyss	Girl #1 Blonde
Piper Cochrane	Darcy Cook Girl #2
Larry Spinak	Geek

Teleplay by

Brad Bird
&
Mick Garris

Story by

Steven Spielberg

Directed by

Matthew Robbins

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3. Alamo Jobe

Alamo Jobe fighting alongside Colonel Travis, Jim Bowie, and Davy Crockett for the glory of Texas — and the entertainment of tourists.

Starring

Kelly Reno Alamo Jobe

Co-starring

William Boyett Colonel Travis

Lurene Tuttle

Richard Young Davy Crockett

With

Robert V. Barron Curator

Michael Cavanaugh Storekeeper

Benjie Gregory Sam

Dick Yarmy VCR/Man #2

Pattie Pierce Tour Guide

Chip Lucia Dad

Jon Van Ness Jim Bowie

Teleplay by

Joshua Brand

John Falsey

Story by

Steven Spielberg

Directed by

Michael Moore

4. Mummy Daddy

An actor who's playing a mummy in a horror film comes unraveled after learning that his wife has gone into labor, and he rushes to be with her — without removing his costume.

Starring

Tom Harrison Harold

Bronson Pinchot Director

Brion James Willie Joe

Tracey Walter Ezra

Larry Hankin Jubal

Co-starring

Lucy Lee Flippen Librarian

William Frankfather Mayor

Arnold Johnson Town Sage

Michael Zand Ra Amin Ka

With

Len Lesser Old Grave Robber

Billy Beck Old Blind Man

Brian Bradley Actor

Joann Willette Ruta Mae

Pamela Seamon Assistant Director

Eldon Ratliff Freckle-faced Boy

Dalton Cathey Doctor

Oliver Dear Young Grave Robber

Susan Dear Harold's Wife

Bill Martin Guard

Teleplay by

Earl Pomerantz

Story by

Steven Spielberg

Directed by

William Dear

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5. The Mission

Luck may be running out for the crew of a World War II bomber with crippled landing gear and its tail gunner trapped in his compartment.

Starring

Kevin Costner	Captain
Casey Siemaszko	Jonathan
Kiefer Sutherland	Static

Co-starring

Jeffrey Jay Cohen	Jake
John Philbin	Bullseye
Gary Mauro	Sam
Glen Mauro	Save

With

Terry Beaver	Officer
David Grant Hayward	Mechanic #1
Peter Jason	Commander
Karen Kopins	Liz
Anthony La Paglia	Mechanic #2
Gary Riley	Tail Gunner
Ken Stovitz	Lamar
Nelson Welch	Father McKay

Teleplay by

Menno Meyjes

Story by

Steven Spielberg

Directed by

Steven Spielberg

6. The Amazing Falsworth

A magician has mind-reading powers that conjure up visions of murder.

Special guest star

Gregory Hines	Falsworth
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Guest star

Richard Masur	Trent Tinker
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Co-starring

Don Calfa	Messenger
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With

Suzanne Bateman	Gail
Robert Lesser	Young Man
Joseph G. Medalis	Jimmy
Sally Stark	Older Woman
Nori Morgan	Showgirl

Teleplay by

Mick Garris

Story by

Steven Spielberg

Directed by

Peter Hyams

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7. Fine Tuning

Extraterrestrial video transmissions picked up on a science-project receiver have a familiar air about them: the aliens — some of whom are headed for Earth — are imitating characters from the golden age of television.

Starring

Matthew Labordeaux	Andy
Gary Riley	Jimmy
Jimmy Gatherum	George

Special guest appearance

Milton Berle	Himself
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With

Debbie Carrington	Alien
Daniel Frishman	Alien
Patty Maloney	Alien
Kevin Thompson	Alien (Ricky)
Vance Colvig	Vaudevillian #1
Moasie Gardner	Vaudevillian #2
Don Davis	Vaudevillian #3
Happy Hall	Vaudevillian #4
Jack Spoons	Vaudevillian #5
Whitey Roberts	Vaudevillian #6
Angelo Rossito	Vaudevillian #7
Tom Amundsen	Tour Guide
Charlie Cirillo	Tourist
Bryan Gordon	Father
Starr Hester	Waitress
Peter Kwong	Weatherman
Titus Napoleon	Used Car Salesman

Teleplay by

Earl Pomerantz

Story by

Steven Spielberg

Directed by

Bob Balaban

8. Mr. Magic

A fading illusionist who gets to linger in the spotlight, thanks to a deck of old cards, just when it seems time for him to pack it in.

Starring

Sid Caesar	
Leo Rossi	Murray

Co-starring

Larry Gelman	Harry
Julius Harris	Joe
Tim Herbert	Jack
Eda Reiss Merin	Dora

With

Larry Cedar	Danny
Nick Lewin	Young Magician
Hugh Warden	Johnny

Writer

Joshua Brand
John Falsey

Directed by

Donald Peterie

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9. Guilt Trip

Suffering from overwork, Guilt takes a vacation cruise and falls in love with Love.

Starring

Dom DeLuise	Guilt
Loni Anderson	Cupid
Charles Durning	

Also starring

Carol Arthur	Mother
Gordon Jump	Father
Abbe Lane	Enchantress
Charles Nelson Reilly	Father McClintley

Co-starring

Rick Ducommun	Larry
Fritz Feld	Maitre D
John Fiedler	Man On Boat
Nancy Nelson	Female Newscaster
Beverly Sanders	Susan

With

John DiAquino	Large Man
Ben Kronen	Bald Man
Jeanne Jensen	Sweet Woman
C. J. Hunt	Robert The Waiter
Louis Silvers	Waiter #2
Michael R. DeLuise	Boyfriend
Kristi Blackburn	Daughter

Writer

Gail Parent
Kevin Parent

Directed by

Burt Reynolds

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10. Remote Control Man

Henpecked Walter Poindexter finds solace in a unique TV that features especially lifelike images.

Starring

Sydney Lassick
Nancy Parsons

Walter Poindexter
Grendel

Co-starring

Philip Bruns
Jeff B. Cohen
David Stone
Shaun Weatherly

Special cameo appearances (alphabetical)

Kristian Alfonso
Lyle Alzado
Dirk Benedict
Barbara Billingsley
Gary Coleman
Leann Hanley
Jim Lange
Ed McMahon
Lawanda Page
Richard Simmons
Jake Steinfeld

With

Charlie Dell
Sid Haig
Steve Liebman
Jocko Marcellino
Rod McCary
Eve Smith
Bill Wiley

Salesman
Thug
Underling #1
Thug #1
M.C.
Old Woman
Underling #2

Teleplay by

Douglas Lloyd McIntosh

Story by

Steven Spielberg

Directed by

Bob Clark

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11. Santa '85

A little boy comes to the aid of Santa who's in the slammer for breaking and entering, and helps restore the Christmas spirit in a skeptical sheriff.

Starring

Douglas Seale	Santa
Pat Hingle	Sheriff Horace Smyvie
Gabriel Damon	Boy
Marvin J. McIntyre	
Francis Bay	Mrs. Santa Claus

Co-starring

Stephen Lee	Dad
Joan Welles	Mom

With

Dick Balduzzi	Drunk Santa #1
Gerry Gibson	Drunk Santa #2
William McDonald	Drunk Santa #3

Teleplay by

Joshua Brand
John Falsey

Story by

Steven Spielberg

Directed by

Phil Joanou

This story was re-run on 12/22/86 as "Santa '85/'86". Because of network difficulties, it was 1:20 shorter than the original airing.

12. Vanessa In The Garden

An artist on the brink of major success is devastated by the death of his wife, his artistic inspiration — until he finds a way for her to live on in his work.

Starring

Harvey Keitel	Artist
Sondra Locke	Artist's Wife
Beau Bridges	Teddy

Co-starring

Margaret Howell	Eve
Thomas Randall Oglesby	Dr. Northrup
Jamie Rose	Mrs. Northrup

With

Milton Murrill	Waiter
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Writer

Steven Spielberg

Directed by

Clint Eastwood

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13. The Sitter

Two overactive boys get the best of every baby sitter in town — until they meet Jennifer Mowbray who employs voodoo to restore domestic tranquility.

Starring

Mabel King	Jennifer Mowbray
Seth Green	Lance
Joshua Rudoy	Dennis
Wendy Phillips	

Co-starring

Fran Ryan	Mrs. Abbott
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With

Suzanne Snyder	Patti
Michael Horse	Indian

Teleplay by

Mick Garris

Story by

Joshua Brand
John Falsey

Directed by

Joan Darling

14. No Day At The Beach

Unsuccessful in his attempts to be one of the guys, GI Arnold Skamp tries to be a hero during an amphibious assault in World War II Italy.

Starring

Charlie Sheen	Casey
Larry Spinak	Arnold Skamp
Ralph Seymour	Ira
Philip McKeon	Stick
Leo Geter	Evergreen
Tom Hodges	Tiny

Co-starring

Ray "Boom Boom" Mancini	Irish
Luca Josef Bercovici	Granville

With

Jed Mills	Sergeant
Keth Joe Dick	Sergeant

Teleplay by

Mick Garris

Story by

Steven Spielberg

Directed by

Leslie Linka Glatter

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15. One For The Road

A band of Depression-era bar regulars trick fellow patron Mike Malloy into signing an insurance policy, in hopes that he'll soon drink himself to death and they'll collect the money.

Starring

James Cromwell	Francis
Geoffrey Lewis	Dan
Joe Pantoliano	Joe
Al Ruscio	Tony Maroni
Douglas Seale	Mike Malloy

Special appearance by

Royal Dano	Salvation Army Officer
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With

Mark Tymchyshyn	O'Farrow
Mike Finneran	Customer
Matt Amott	News Kid

Writer

James D. Bissell

Directed by

Thomas Carter

16. Gather Ye Acorns

An 18-year-old dreamer who collects rare comic books and autographed pictures takes the advice of a tree troll to follow his heart to wealth and happiness.

Starring

Mark Hamill	Jonathan
David Rappaport	Troll
Louis de Banzie	Alma
Mary Jo Deschanel	

Special appearance by

Royal Dano	Elmer
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Co-starring

David Friedman	Jonathan Age 12
Joanna Merlin	Mariel/Wealthy Lady
Frank Schuller	Treadwell
William Dear	David

With

Forest Whitaker	Jerry
John Carlyle	Auctioneer
Conrad Dunn	Gas Station Attendant
Kelly Henson	Sister
Brian Parker Smith	Brother

Teleplay by

Stu Krieger

Story by

Steven Spielberg

Directed by

Norman Reynolds

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17. Boo!

Death couldn't evict a couple from the house they built: they've been ghosts in the attic for 30 years, and now they're dying to get rid of the porno star and her husband who've moved in.

Starring

Eddie Bracken	Ghost/Husband
Evelyn Keyes	Ghost/Wife
Bruce Davison	Richard
Andrea Marcovicci	Barbara
Robert Picardo	Porno Movie Maker
Wendy Schaal	Porno's Wife

With

Taliesin Jaffe	Scott
Heidi Zeigler	Deena

Written by

Lowell Ganz
Babaloo Mandell

Directed by

Joe Dante

18. Dorothy And Ben

Two coma patients — a 7-year-old girl and an old man — form a bizarre but touching friendship.

The hospital doctors attending Ben Dumfy naturally suspect faulty equipment when brain-wave monitors suddenly show normal patterns. After all, Ben has been in a coma for decades. But the instruments aren't lying, and Ben awakens to learn he's missed a radio episode of "Fibber McGee and Molly" — by 40 years.

Even odder is a disembodied voice Ben hears, a voice that leads him into the private room of young Dorothy, who has been unconscious for two weeks following a bicycle accident. Ben's intrusion alarms Dorothy's watchful parents — until they realize that Ben can apparently communicate with Dorothy.

Starring

Joe Seneca	Ben Dumfy
Lane Smith	Dr. Caruso
Louis Giambalvo	Dr. Templeton
Kathleen Lloyd	Samantha
Joe Regalbuto	Merle
Natalie Gregory	Dorothy

With

Rick Andosca	Dr. Haller
Alice H. Sachs	Dr. Fredricks
Judith Durand	Dr. #1
Lynn Kuratomi	Nurse #2
Kay Bess	Nurse #1

Teleplay by

Michael de Guzman

Story by

Steven Spielberg

Directed by

Thomas Carter

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19. Mirror, Mirror

A best-selling horror novelist is terrorized by a hooded figure in his bathroom mirror after he tells a TV audience that his literary creations don't bother him in the least.

Starring

Sam Waterston	Novelist
Helen Shaver	Karen

Special guest appearance

Dick Cavett	Himself
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Co-starring

Tim Robbins	Jordanis Phantom
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With

Dana Gladstone	Producer
Valorie Grear	Jail Attendant
Michael C. Gwynne	Jail Attendant
Peter Lacangelo	Limo Driver
Jonathan Luria	Cameraman
Harry E. Northup	Security Guard
Glenn Scarpelli	Jeffrey Gelb
Jack Thibeu	Tough Guy

Teleplay by

Joseph Minion

Story by

Steven Spielberg

Directed by

Martin Scorsese

20. Secret Cinema

A young woman who comes to suspect that her life is secretly being filmed — as a slapstick serial.

Starring

Eve Arden	Jane's Mother
Paul Bartel	Dr. Shreck
Griffin Dunne	Dick
Penny Peyser	Jane
Mary Woronov	Nurse

Co-starring

Richard Paul	Mr. Krupp
Barry Dennen	News Dealer

With

Justin Darby	Boy
Alix Elias	Lady Customer
Gary Goodrow	Doorman

Written by

Paul Bartell

Directed by

Paul Bartell

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21. Hell Toupee

A new hairpiece hides a previously peaceful man's baldness, but uncovers an urge to murder the first lawyer he sees.

Starring

Tony Kienitz	Harry
Cindy Morgan	Beth
Stanley Brock	Mitchell

Co-starring

Gary Allen	Mr. Simon
James Avery	Chief Hanson
Mitch Kreindel	Floyd King
Ken Olfson	Clifford Monroe

With

E. Hampton Beagle	Murray Bernstein
Fredric Cook	Officer Schmidt
Cal Gibson	Guard
Jonathan Luria	Officer Montgomery
Thomas F. Maguire	Guard
John McCook	M.C.
Robert Tessier	Woodsman
Jack Wells	Mr. Zahl

Written by

Gail Parent
&
Kevin Parent

Directed by

Irvin Kershner

22. The Doll

A lonely bachelor finds the handmade doll he bought for his niece holds a mysterious fascination for him.

Starring

John Lithgow	John Walters
Annie Helm	Mary Dickenson
Sharon Spelman	
John Christopher Jones	
Rainbow Phoenix	Doris

And

Albert Hague	as Mr. Liebmacher
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Written by

Richard Matheson

Directed by

Phil Joanou

Emmy Award

John Lithgow: 1985/86 Guest performance in a dramatic series

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23. One For The Books

The case of an elderly custodian who begins to pick up more than refuse in the classrooms he cleans — he becomes fluent in French, and knowledgeable about many scholarly subjects.

Starring

Leo Penn
Joyce Von Patten

Fred
Eva

And

Nicolas Pryor as Dr. Fetlock

With

John Alvin
Gary Berghev
Rodney Kageyama
Ben Kronen
Pamela Seamon
Jack Slater

Professor Rand
Professor Gilbert
Dr. Barth
Professor Smith
Ms. Harris
Mr. Wilson

Teleplay by

Richard Matheson

Directed by

Lesli Linka Glatter

24. Grandpa's Ghost

A man tries to reconcile his grandmother to the death of his grandpa — except the old man keeps appearing when the grandson isn't around.

Starring

Andrew McCarthy
Herta Ware
Ian Wolfe

Edwin
Helen
Charlie

Teleplay by

Michael de Guzman

Based On A Short Story by

Timothy Hutton

Directed by

Timothy Hutton

25. The Wedding Ring

The wedding ring taken by a wax-museum dresser from a statue transforms his overworked wife into a femme fatale, not unlike the ring's previous owner — who killed her three husbands.

Starring

Rhea Perlman
Danny DeVito
Louis Giambalvo
Bernadette Birkett
David Byrd
Tracey Walter

Haggerty
Tine
as Blaze

With

Jacqueline Cassel
Fred Scialla

Woman
Loner

Teleplay by

Stu Krieger

Story by

Steven Spielberg

Directed by

Danny DeVito

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26. Miscalculation

A young man who's never enjoyed success with girls discovers a way to bring magazine pinups to life.

Starring

Jon Cryer
Joann Willette
Jeffrey Jay Cohen

Co-starring

Lana Clarkson	Ms. Allure
Galyn Gorg	Ms. Eyeful
Catherine Gilmour	Ms. Awesome
Elisabeth de Turenne	Ms. Laura
Rebecca Schaeffer	Miss Crowningshield
Wynonna Smith	Cashier
Penelope Sudrow	Mousy Girl

With

Harry Woolf	Dr. Blitz
Al Lampkin	Cop #1
Alden Millikan	Cop #2

Teleplay by

Michael McDowell

Directed by

Tom Holland

27. Magic Saturday

An Ancient Chinese spell enables a 10-year-old to give a magic Saturday to his ailing grandfather, a teller of fantastic tales and fancier of Saturday baseball games with his grandson.

Starring

M. Emmet Walsh	Grandpa
Taliesin Jaffe	Mark
David Crowley	
Caren Kaye	Dorothy

Co-starring

Jeff B. Cohen	Eddie
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With

David Arnott	Umpire
David Donnelly	Boy #2
Jeff Kinder	Boy #1

Written by

Richard Christian Matheson

Directed by

Robert Markowitz

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28. Welcome To My Nightmare

A teen-age horror-film buff's fantasies about the girl next door land him in a terrifying scene from the movie "Psycho".

Starring

David Hollander	Harry
Steve Antin	Bud
Sharon Spelman	Mom
Robyn Lively	Kate
Christina Applegate	Holly
Parker Jacobs	

With

Robert L. Gibson	Dad
Sharon Powers	Attendant
Cheryl McWilliams	Kate's Mom

Written by

Todd Holland

Directed by

Todd Holland

29. You Gotta Believe Me

A man with a desperate message after waking from a nightmare about a jetliner crashing into his house rushes to the airport to avert disaster.

Starring

Charles Durning	Earl
Mary Betten	Nancy
Ebbe Roe Smith	
Wil Shriner	
John Roselius	

Co-starring

Jennie Sadler	Female Airline Rep #1
Lance Nichols	Guard #2
Richard Burns	Controller #1
Gregory Wagrowski	Man #1 (Salesman)

With

Joel Lawrence	Pilot
Eve Smith	Old Woman
Tim Russ	Security Guard #1
Wade Mayer	Male Airline Rep #2
Rosemarie Castellano	Fashionable Woman
Erinn Canavan	Child
Cassandra Gava	Red Bag Lady

Teleplay by

Stu Krieger

Story by

Steven Spielberg

Directed by

Kevin Reynolds

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30. The Greibble

A fastidiously clean housewife encounters a nightmare — except she rarely dreams and then not in color — in the form of a large, garishly colored furry creature with a taste for inanimate objects.

Starring

Hayley Mills

Co-starring

Dick Miller

Fred

Justin Mooney

Bobby

With

Don McLeod

Greibble

Frank Welker

Greibble Voice

Jim Jansen

Man in Commercial

Teleplay by

Mick Garris

Story by

Steven Spielberg

Directed by

Joe Dante

The Greibble Designed and Created by

Rob Bottin

31. Life On Death Row

An inmate attempting to escape from death row is stuck by lightning, which gives him miraculous healing powers and sparks an eleventh-hour effort to save him from the electric chair.

Starring

Patrick Swayze

Eric David Peterson

James T. Callahan

Kevin Hagen

and

Hector Elizondo

Meadows

Co-starring

Nicholas Love

Bradshaw

Hawthorne James

Fowler

Arnold Johnson

Johnny

Paul Eiding

Doctor

With

Jed Mills

Marshall

George Jenesky

Warden's Guard

John Hamelin

Priest

Alan Fine

Inmate

Roberto Contreras

Trustee

T.J. Worzalla

Casey

Teleplay by

Rockne S. O'Bannon

Story by

Mick Garris

Directed by

Mick Garris

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32. Go To The Head Of The Class

An overbearing teacher's bizarre discipline draws two students to seek revenge by means of a spell gleaned from a rock-and-roll record played backward.

Starring

Christopher Lloyd	Professor B.O. Beanes
Scott Coffey	Peter Brand
Mary Stuart Masterson	Cynthia Simpson

Co-starring

Tom Breznahan	Cusimano
Billy Beck	Caretaker

Teleplay by

Mick Garris & Tom McLoughlin
and
Bob Gale

Story by

Mick Garris

Directed by

Robert Zemeckis

Headless Special Effects Created by

Stan Winston

Headless Special Effects

John Rosengrant
Tom Woodruff
Richard Landon
David Nelson
Steve James
Shane Mahan

Recorded in DOLBY Surround Sound (A Network TV First)

33. Thanksgiving

When their dry well yields a gold coin and a note written in hieroglyphics, a man and his teen-age stepdaughter have contrasting reactions: he rushes off to cash in on the wealth, and she reciprocates the beneficence of the "hole people".

Starring

David Carradine	Calvin
Kyra Sedgwick	Dora Johnson

Teleplay by

Pierre R. Debs
&
Robert C. Fox

Directed by

Todd Holland

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34. The Pumpkin Competition

Determined not to lose the pumpkin competition for the 23rd straight year, a miserly woman haggles with a botanist for his secret, which produces more than just a colossal pumpkin.

Starring

Polly Holliday
June Lockart
J.A. Preston

Elma
Mildrid
Prof. Bertram Carver

Co-starring

Ritch Brinkley
Britt Leach
Ann Walker
Joshua Rudoy

Mayor Chestor A. Barnsworth
Ernie
Ma
Billy

Written by

Peter Z Orton

Directed by

Norman Reynolds

35. What If...?

A young boy wonders what if his parents didn't return from one of the many social gatherings they attend.

Starring

Jake Hart
Clare Kirkconnell
Tom McConnell
Ric Cane
Susan Swift
Sherry Landrum
Dennis Haskins

Jonah Kelly
Pamela Kelly
Raymond Kelly
Crosswalk Man
Marsha
Woman in Station Wagon
Man in Station Wagon

Co-starring

Ann Bell

Pregnant Woman

With

Michael Horse
Diane Lewis
Laurel Green

Male Friend
Female Friend
Woman

Written by

Anne Speilberg

Directed by

Joan Darling

Program playing on TV (audio only)
Amazing Stories "The Sitter"

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36. The Eternal Mind

A dying scientist discovers a way to merge a human being with a computer and offers to be the first human test subject.

Starring

Jeffrey Jones

John Baldwin

Katherine Borowitz

Katherine Baldwin

Co-starring

Gregory Wagrowski

Ben Oltman

Robert Axelrod

Frank

With

Paul Tauger

Technician #1

Aaron Seville

Technician #2

Written by

Julie R. Moskowitz

&

Gary Stevens

Directed by

Michael Riva

37. Lane Change

Traveling a deserted highway, a woman facing a divorce sees her past through the windshield after she picks up a woman who's run out of gas.

Starring

Kathy Baker

Charlene "Charlie" Benton

Priscilla Pointer

Older Charlie

With

Cletus Young

Father

Misty Forrest

Little Girl

Written by

Ali Marie Matheson

Directed by

Ken Kwapis

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38. Blue Man Down

A cop who blames himself for his partner's death gets a boost of confidence from a mysterious new partner.

Starring

Max Gail	Duncan Moore
Kate McNeil	Patty O'Neil
Chris Nash	DeSoto

Co-starring

Sal Viscuso	Captain Redmond
Eddie Zammit	Maurici
Michael Villella	Dr. Levin
Frank Doubleday	Beckloff

With

Tad Horino	Market Owner
Jay Ingram	Lieutenant
Mark Erickson	Atwood
Charlie Hawke	Herrington
Lynn Kuratomi	TV Reporter #1
Richard Epcar	TV Reporter #2
Robert Benedick	TV Reporter #3
Robert Louis Cameron	Cop #1
Debby Lynn Ross	Hostage

Teleplay by

Jacob Epstein
&
Daniel Lindley

Story by

Steven Spielberg

Directed by

Paul Michael Glaser

39. The 21-Inch Sun

An aspiring sitcom writer facing an impossible deadline has good reason to love Lucy, his spider plant: it absorbs TV rays and types a script that makes his career blossom.

Starring

Robert Townsend	Billy Burliss
Michael Lerner	
Craig Richard Nelson	Dick Castel
Robert Starr	

Co-starring

Bridget Sienna	Woman Actor
Alan Solomon	Actor
Richard Chudnow	Castel's Assistant
Jeremy Iacone	Italian Man
Alec Murdock	2nd Man
Caroline Parton	Woman

With

Charlene Nelson	Production Assistant
Jim Nelson	2nd Assistant
Jean Pflieger	Personal Secretary
Lisa London	Secretary #1

Written by

Bruce Kirschbaum

Directed by

Nick Castle

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40. Family Dog

An animated episode from the point of view of the family dog offers a canine perspective of life in suburbia.

With the Voices of

Stan Freberg	Skip Binford
Annie Potts	Mrs. Binford
Mercedes McCambridge	
Scott Menville	
Brooke Ashley	
Brad Bird	
Marshall Efron	
Stanley Ralph Ross	
Jack Angel	

Written by

Brad Bird

Directed by

Brad Bird

Animation Produced by

Brad Bird

and

Alexander V. King

Animation Designed by

Tim Burton

41. Gershwin's Trunk

Following a split with his partner, a Broadway lyricist seeks inspiration for his new musical in Gershwin's trunk after contacting the spirit of the composer through a psychic.

Starring

Bob Balaban	Jo-Jo Gillespie
Lainie Kazan	Sister Teresa
John McCook	Jerry Lane
Dana Gladstone	George Gershwin
Hurd Hatfield	Logan Webb
Paul Bartel	Detective Watts

Co-starring

Irene Olga Lopez	Carmen
Danny Ponce	Pepi
Pamela Galloway	Trish Charlton

With

Barbara Turvett	Girl #1
Alan Bardsley	Boy #1
Pattie Brooks	Girl #2
Christopher Blande	Boy #2

No credit

Carrie Fisher	Laurie McNamara
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Written by

John Meyer

&

Paul Bartel

Directed by

Paul Bartel

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42. Such Interesting Neighbors

The Lewises think the Hellenbecks are interesting neighbors — and that they may be causing some puzzling "repeats in time".

Starring

Frederick Coffin	Al Lewise
Marcia Strassman	Nel Lewise
Ian Fried	Randy Lewise
Victoria Catlin	Ann Hellenbeck
&	
Adam Ant	as Ted Hellenbeck

With

Ryan McWhorter	Brad Hellenbeck
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Teleplay by

Mick Garris
and
Tom McLoughlin

Based Upon The Story by

Jack Finney

Directed by

Graham Baker

43. Without Diana

40 years after Diana died tragically at age 8, a man is visited by his departed daughter, whose reappearance provides comforts the impending death of his beloved wife.

Starring

Billy Green Bush	George Willoughby
Dianne Hull	Kathryn Willoughby
Gennie James	as Diana Willoughby

With

Fredric Cook	Dr. Wittenberg
Rick Andosca	Policeman

Written by

Mick Garris

Directed by

Leslie Linka Glatter

44. Moving Day

A teen-ager is distressed after he learns that his family is bound for a new home — on a planet 85 billion miles away.

Starring

Stephen Geoffreys	Alexander Webster
Dennis Lipscomb	Mr. Webster
Mary Ellen Trainor	Mrs. Webster
Kristen Vigard	Karen

With

Bill Wesley	Big Boy
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Written by

Frank Kerr

Directed by

Robert Stevens

What Mrs. Webster says backwards

"I love you Alexander."

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45. Miss Stardust

An extraterrestrial threatens to destroy the earth unless the beauty-pageant promoter allows entrants from other planets.

Starring

Dick Shawn
Laraine Newman
Rick Overton
Jack Carter
James Karen
Jim Seidow
Angel Tompkins

Joe Willoughby
Joe's Secretary

And

"Weird Al" Yankovic as The Cabbage Man

With

Gabe Cohen
Anthony James
Robert Kim
Wade Mayer
Wendy Sherwood
Victoria Ellen Powells
Lisabeth Aubrey
Norman Friedman

Mendelheim
Businessman #1
Businessman #2
Stage Manager
Ms. Colorado
Beauty #2
Beauty #1
Man

Teleplay by

Thomas Szollosi
&
Richard Christian Matheson

Based On The Published Short Story by

Richard Matheson

Directed by

Tobe Hooper

Aliens Designed and Created at Stan Winston Studio by

Tom Woodruff Jr.
John Rosengrant
Shane Mahan
Alec Gillis

and

Richard Landon
Steven James
David Kindlon
David Nelson
Shannon Shea
Lindsay MacGowan
Matt Rose
Matt Winston

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Episode Availability

This is how the episodes are available in the U.S. and Europe at the time this revision of the guide was done. The movie, video, or laserdisc number is indicated. The movies sometimes air on local stations or cable stations like USA.

	U.S. Sci-Fi channel	U.S. movie	U.S. video/ Laserdisc	Europe video/ Laserdisc
39 - 21-Inch Sun, The	x			7
3 - Alamo Jobe	x			
6 - Amazing Falsworth, The		4	3	2
38 - Blue Man Down	x		4	6
17 - Boo!	x			
22 - Doll, The	x	2		5
18 - Dorothy And Ben	x	5		4
36 - Eternal Mind, The	x			
40 - Family Dog		3	2	4
7 - Fine Tuning	x		5	8
16 - Gather Ye Acorns	x	6		
41 - Gershwin's Trunk	x	5		
1 - Ghost Train	x	2		2
32 - Go To The Head Of The Class		1	2	1
24 - Grandpa's Ghost	x	5		
30 - Greibble, The	x			3
9 - Guilt Trip		3		
21 - Hell Toupee	x			
37 - Lane Change	x	6		
31 - Life On Death Row		4	3	5
27 - Magic Saturday	x			7
2 - Main Attraction, The	x	6		4
19 - Mirror, Mirror		4	4	6
26 - Miscalculation	x			3
45 - Miss Stardust	x			
5 - Mission, The		1	1	1
44 - Moving Day	x			3
8 - Mr. Magic	x		4	6
4 - Mummy Daddy		3		1
14 - No Day At The Beach	x		3	
23 - One For The Books	x			
15 - One For The Road	x			
34 - Pumpkin Competition, The	x		5	8
10 - Remote Control Man		3		
11 - Santa '85	x	2		7
20 - Secret Cinema	x			
13 - Sitter, The	x	5		
42 - Such Interesting Neighbors	x			
33 - Thanksgiving	x			5
12 - Vanessa In The Garden		4		
25 - Wedding Ring, The	x	2	1	2
28 - Welcome To My Nightmare	x			
35 - What If...?	x			
43 - Without Diana	x		5	8
29 - You Gotta Believe Me	x	6		7

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Notes

1. The date given is the first airing date on NBC. During the first season, the stories aired on Sundays, except for one special on a Tuesday night. During the second season, the stories were first aired on Monday nights, with one special on a Friday. The Monday time-slot started on 6/30/87, during reruns. But, starting with story 41, the stories were moved to Friday nights.
2. The air time shown is based on the Central Time zone.
3. The time given is edited length, from beginning of the opening to the final note of the Universal ending, without commercials.
4. The opening theme music was changed the first time, starting 11/03/85. The opening theme music was again changed on 6/8/86 (possibly 6/1/86). This time the music doesn't exactly sync, or time, with the visual opening. On 6/15/86, the theme music reverted to what it was the second time.
5. During the second season, NBC started airing previews of the show before the show started. But, the preview for story 37 was actually the preview for story 38.
6. Story 32 was to have aired the week of Halloween (11/27/86, 7:00). But the postponed, by rain, last game of the World Series preempted it.
7. The title sequence was changed on 1/19/87. The co-starring list was shown during the opening credits. This format change only lasted for the one story.
8. The *TV Guide* that can be seen in the story "Blue Man Down" is the Aug 30-Sep 5, 1986, issue. The cover story is: *Help For Dallas EXPLORING THE MYSTERY OF BOBBY'S RETURN*. In the story "Such Interesting Neighbors", the *TV Guide* looked like an issue with a cover picture of Jerry Lewis. The cover date is unknown, but it was before March 16, 1985.
9. The second season was to have 22 stories, making a total of 46. But Amblin Entertainment shut down production. One story is still due NBC. Two possible titles for this story are "Dream Girl" and "Trapped".
10. All stories are in stereo and were aired in stereo.
11. Synopses were adapted from *TV Guide* listings.
12. Info on videos in Europe was supplied by Torsten Kracke. Each of the 8 videos available in the U.K. and the rest of Europe has a RRP (regular retail price) of 9.99 british pound. The videos released in Germany were dubbed and the first one of the german videos came out on laserdisc.