

SATURDAY 31 MAY 2008

SAT 19:00 The Book Quiz (b009s76h)
Series 2

Episode 3

Kirsty Wark presents the penultimate first round match of the literary panel game. Tim Yeo MP and journalist Anne McElvoy slug it out against Baroness Margaret Jay and writer David Nicholls for a place in the semi-finals.

SAT 19:30 The Book Quiz (b009wyng)
Series 2

Episode 4

Kirsty Wark presents the literary panel game, as novelist India Knight and critic James Delingpole fight it out against writer Kate Mosse and journalist Rod Liddle for a place in the semi-finals.

SAT 20:00 Graham Hill: Driven (b00bv14q)
Emotive documentary portrait of a sporting legend who lived and died during a time when sex was safe and motor racing was dangerous!

Graham Hill was an eccentric, charismatic Englishman from a bygone era of sporting endeavour. With great determination he won the Formula 1 World Championship, the Indy 500 and the Le Mans 24 hours race, thereby achieving the 'triple crown' of motor racing - a unique feat that remains unmatched to this day. Graham also won the glamorous Monaco Grand Prix five times during an era when drivers routinely met violent death. Away from the circuit, he was a raconteur of hilarious proportions, a dashing figure with a keen eye for the ladies. He was an irrepressible free spirit who simply didn't know when to quit.

Ultimately, it was to be his undoing.

Graham's illustrious racing career spanned three decades, which at its height saw him routinely slugging it out with fellow F1 champions Jim Clark and Jackie Stewart. Close friends yet intense rivals on the track, they were the 'Three Musketeers' during a golden era of motor racing. But what was the truth behind Graham's popular public image? 30 years on from his death, his family, close friends and former colleagues paint an intimate, revealing and entertaining portrait of a sporting hero tragically killed in a plane crash in 1975.

SAT 21:00 Oliver Twist (b008kw9j)
30 Minute Versions

Episode 2

Drama adaptation of Charles Dickens's much-loved tale of a young orphan boy. Fagin meets Monks and is promised handsome payment if he brings about Oliver's death. Fagin reasons, however, that someone may pay to have him returned safely.

SAT 21:30 Oliver Twist (b008kxm7)
30 Minute Versions

Episode 3

Drama adaptation of Charles Dickens's much-loved tale of a young orphan boy. Sikes escapes back to London with a badly wounded Oliver, and Nancy nurses him, determined to save his life. Mr Bumble declares his love for Mrs Corney. Rose continues to search for Oliver, but is discovered by Monks, who tells Brownlow of her secret mission.

SAT 22:00 Broken Trail (b00bfjg)
Episode 1

Two-part Western mini-series set in 1898 as the cowboy way of life begins to expire. Print Ritter is an Oregonian herding 500 horses to Wyoming with his nephew, Tom. Along the way, they acquire a hired hand and then rescue five young Chinese girls, sold into slavery by their families and earmarked to become prostitutes in a local mining camp.

SAT 23:30 Montana Cowboys (b0074ssd)
San Francisco writer Tom Jenks accompanies young Montana cowboy couple Kail and Renee Mantle on one of the last great horse drives in America. Over three days, he helps to drive 300 horses across thousands of acres of rugged terrain. He finds out how the Mantles and their friends survive in this environment and asks whether the days of the cowboy are really numbered.

SAT 00:30 Mad Men (b00bfkfw)

Series 1

Nixon vs Kennedy

Drama series set in the world of advertising in 1960s New York. The staff at Sterling Cooper stay up all night to watch the Nixon/Kennedy election returns. Pete Campbell's ambitions cause him to directly challenge Don.

SAT 01:15 Mad Men (b00bv0mq)
Series 1

The Wheel

Drama series set in the world of advertising in 1960s New York. Peggy directs her first radio spot. Don's work gets in the way of his home life as Betty uncovers his secret. Don finds out that his brother Adam is dead. Peggy is taken ill in the office and is shocked by the diagnosis.

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SAT 03:05 Montana Cowboys (b0074ssd)
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SUNDAY 01 JUNE 2008

SUN 19:00 Bombay Railway (b007t30p)
Pressures

Documentary about Bombay's vast suburban rail network, which serves six-and-a-half million commuters every day. As Bombay's population swells by tens of thousands each week, the railway and the people whose lives revolve around it struggle to cope with the pressure and the peaktime 'super-dense crush load'. From the train driver to the illegal hawkker and the homeless shoe-shine boy, each has a story to tell about this remarkable railway system, often described as the lifeline of India.

SUN 20:00 My New Best Friend (b00bv2k8)
Scotland

Three-part documentary series about the importance and nature of friendship among children, told from their point of view. Bryony, Galen, Jessica and Ruairidh must leave their tiny primary schools on remote north-west Scotland islands to start secondary school together on the mainland at Mallaig High School. Each has a different journey into this new world, but they share universal challenges of finding their own identities, making new friends and trying to belong.

SUN 21:00 Painted Babies: Growing Up (b00bv34b)
Follow-up to Jane Treays's acclaimed 1995 documentary about child beauty pageants, Painted Babies, which centred on the rivalry between the parents of 4-year-olds Brooke Breedwell and Asia Mansur. Treays centres on the Darling Dolls of America Pageant in Texas and reveals the impact their intense early exposure to the pageant scene had on Brooke and Asia and what sort of young women they have become now that they are 17. She discovers that their lives couldn't be further apart.

SUN 22:00 Johnny Cash: The Last Great American (b0074s4x)
Documentary profiling the life of legendary country music star Johnny Cash, who died in 2003 shortly after completing the retrospective Unearthed, a five-CD set of the acoustic performances with which he resurrected his career in the last decade of his life, and after losing his wife, June Carter Cash.

This first major retrospective of Cash's life, times and music features contributions from his daughter Rosanne Cash and son John Carter Cash, his longtime manager Lou Robin and fellow musicians including Little Richard, Cowboy Jack Clement, Kris Kristofferson, Merle Haggard and Elvis Costello.

Cash was the son of a poor sharecropper from Kingsland, Arkansas, who sang folk, spiritual and country songs to himself while picking cotton in the fields. In the 50s he signed to Sam Phillips' Sun Records, scored his first hits and was part of the 'Million Dollar Quartet' with Elvis Presley, Jerry Lee Lewis and Carl Perkins.

In the 60s, he created his famous 'Man in Black' persona, and became a huge country star with hits like Folsom Prison Blues, Ring of Fire, I Walk the Line and A Boy Named Sue, while

torn between drug dependency, hellraising and a powerful spirituality. Cash had long since established himself as a man of the people with his prison concerts beginning with an incendiary performance at San Quentin in 1958.

He ended the decade by finally marrying June Carter - a member of hugely influential US country dynasty the Carter Family - launching his own national TV series from Nashville, befriending the Native American movement and opposing the war in Vietnam while playing concerts for the soldiers in the field.

After tough times in the 80s, Cash reignited his career with a new young audience in the 90s when he recorded with rap-rock producer Rick Rubin.

SUN 23:00 The Johnny Cash TV Show (b00bv3z3)
Country Gold

The pick of Johnny Cash's prime-time show for American television.

Cash performs some of his best-known songs and introduces some classic country guests including Tammy Wynette, Merle Haggard, George Jones, Bill Monroe, Loretta Lynn and the Everly Brothers performing with their father, Ike.

SUN 00:00 BBC Four Sessions (b0074swt)
Rosanne Cash

Series of unique concerts featuring musicians from around the world. This edition features American singer and songwriter Rosanne Cash, who reflects on her 25-year musical career. Her acclaimed album Black Cadillac confronts the recent losses of her father Johnny Cash, her mother Vivian Liberto and her stepmother June Carter Cash. The concert features songs from Black Cadillac, 80s country hits and covers of Johnny Cash's Tennessee Flat Top Box and Big River.

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MONDAY 02 JUNE 2008

MON 19:00 World News Today (b00byf3l)
The latest news from around the world.

MON 19:30 The Sky at Night (b00c09vc)
Battle of the Giants

As NASA, along with the European Space Agency, plan a return mission to either Jupiter or Saturn, two prominent astronomers discuss which planet we should return to.

The gas giants Jupiter and Saturn are magnificent and mysterious worlds, surrounded by moons which still perplex the astronomers with their strange appearance and incredible diversity. Europa, Jupiter's moon, offers the best chance yet of finding life elsewhere in our solar system, while Saturn's moon Titan, with its complex organic chemical lakes and a shore line uncannily like Cornwall, is now believed to be like the primeval Earth.

MON 20:00 The Life of Mammals (b00bydx5)
Chisellers

Rodents like rats, mice and squirrels are the most numerous mammals on the planet. This programme reveals how, with their constantly growing, chisel-sharp front teeth, they are specialists in breaking into seeds. It also shows how they have adapted this talent to help them make their homes and even live underground, as well as revealing their ability to store food - and their ability to breed prolifically.

In Panama, David Attenborough fails to smash open a tropical nut with a large rock. Yet the terrier-sized agouti can easily gnaw through the concrete-hard casing to get at the nutritious kernel inside.

Like several rodents, the desert kangaroo rat stuffs seeds into its cheek pouches to take back to its burrow for safer eating, while the strange-looking naked mole-rat lives its entire life underground, using its massive incisors for digging tunnels and ripping apart buried tubers for food. Beavers can even cut down

trees with their front teeth, using the logs for building their dams and lodges. A tiny infrared camera inserted into a beaver's lodge shows how they stay active during winter, feeding on the leaves and branches they stored under the ice in autumn. But unknown visitors also reveal themselves on camera - a family of muskrats sharing the lodge, tolerated perhaps in exchange for a regular supply of fresh bedding for the beavers.

Rodents are known for being prolific breeders. In Australia, this can cause such plagues that farmlands and homes are literally overrun by carpets of running mice. The largest rodent in the world, the capybara, also occurs in huge numbers, but they live in the vast swampy grasslands of South America so there is plenty of room to graze in great herds.

MON 21:00 Not Cricket (b00byf78)
The Captain and the Bookmaker

Documentary which lifts the lid on the new South Africa through the prism of sport, the international boycott of which had helped bring down the racist regime. It tells the story of Hansie Cronje, the iconic hero of South African cricket who, by taking bribes to fix international matches, betrayed the game supposed to embody the spirit of fair play.

Featuring interviews with Marlon Aronstam, one of the bookmakers who corrupted him, and with Cronje's boss and controversial coach, the late Bob Woolmer, filmed just weeks before his death, amid false rumours he was murdered by match fixers. Plus frank confessions from fellow test team-members, friends and mentors and most of the key opinion formers in South African cricket.

MON 22:00 Not Cricket (b0074qeq)
The Basil D'Oliveira Conspiracy

With explosive new evidence this film tells the full story of the D'Oliveira scandal, explaining the critical political role that cricket played in bringing about the fall of apartheid in South Africa.

In 1968, Basil D'Oliveira, a brilliant 'coloured' cricketer from South Africa who had made his home in the UK, found himself at the centre of a row that rocked the English political and sporting establishment. Excluded from the England team to tour South Africa - apparently because of his race - the 'D'Oliveira Affair' led directly to the sporting isolation of South Africa, which became crucial in bringing about the fall of the apartheid system of white rule in South Africa.

Set against the backdrop of the tumultuous events of 1968, this documentary tells the story of Basil D'Oliveira and his betrayal by the English establishment, as D'Oliveira himself speaks out for the first time.

MON 23:20 Oz and Them (b0074srd)

Documentary examining the love-hate relationship between Australia and the UK since the Second World War, beginning with the Queen's visit to Australia in 1954 and ending with the 2005 Ashes. The programme explores the changes in how Australians see themselves and how they see us. Contributors include Clive James, Germaine Greer, Shane Warne, Kathy Lette, Thomas Keneally and former Prime Minister Paul Keating.

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MON 00:50 Not Cricket (b00byf78)
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MON 01:50 Not Cricket (b0074qeq)
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MON 03:15 Not Cricket (b00byf78)
[Repeat of broadcast at 21:00 today]

TUESDAY 03 JUNE 2008

TUE 19:00 World News Today (b00byh5t)
The latest news from around the world.

TUE 19:30 Sounds of the Seventies (b00c1cx3)
Solos

The Faces

Vintage rock, pop and soul performances from the BBC archives. The Faces perform Stay with Me in 1972.

TUE 19:35 Batman (b00c0fy5)
Series 2

The Cat's Meow

Adventures with the Caped Crusader. Catwoman plots to appropriate the voices of British pop singers Chad and Jeremy with a Voice Eraser when the singing duo stop over at Wayne Manor. She locks the Dynamic Duo inside a huge echo chamber where the sound of a dripping tap is magnified ten million times.

TUE 20:00 Clarissa and the King's Cookbook (b00b6vl6)

We Brits love our cookbooks - every year we buy millions of them and treat our celebrity chefs like royalty. But where did it all begin? Self-confessed medieval foodie Clarissa Dickson Wright tracks down Britain's oldest known cookbook, The Forme of Cury. This 700-year-old scroll was written during the reign of King Richard II from recipes created by the king's master chefs. How this ancient manuscript influenced the way people eat today? On her culinary journey through medieval history she reawakens recipes that have lain dormant for centuries and discovers dishes that are still prepared now.

TUE 20:30 Hannah Glasse: The First Domestic Goddess (b0074sns)

People may think that Mrs Beeton was the mother of English cooking, but Clarissa Dickson Wright insists that it was Hannah Glasse who truly revolutionised the way we eat.

Glasse's celebrated cookery book, The Art of Cookery, was reprinted 33 times within 50 years and was the best-selling cookery book of the 18th century, introducing fine dining to the masses and crowning Hannah Glasse as queen of the aspirational middle-classes.

Glasse invented the dinner party as we know it, and by teaching the housewife how to cook, she gave her the ticket to sophistication and style in the kitchen. Given that dinner parties were the best way to impress, keep up with the Joneses and move up in the world, Glasse helped the middle classes to be upwardly mobile.

In this sumptuous documentary, Clarissa Dickson Wright finds out what it was like to cook in an 18th century kitchen with no running water, gas or electricity. And she puts one of Hannah Glasse's most influential recipes to the test - the first curry recipe published in Britain. Will it live up to the expectations of today's foodies?

Today we have Delia Smith and Nigella Lawson, but Hannah Glasse was the very first domestic goddess and Britain's first celebrity cook.

TUE 21:00 What Happened Next? (b00byh5w)

At the Edge of the Union

Series which finds out what happened to people featured in past BBC documentaries. This edition revisits a 1985 film which followed two opposing Northern Irish politicians - Republican Martin McGuinness, who was alleged to be the IRA's chief of staff, and Unionist Gregory Campbell, who also provoked controversy with his hardline views. Over 20 years later, we find out how much McGuinness and Campbell have changed as they've moved from the edge to the centre of government.

TUE 22:00 Storyville (b00byh5y)

The Biggest Chinese Restaurant in the World

A Good Match

Four-part series looking at China's largest restaurant features the wedding between a wealthy property developer and his beautiful bride and examines attitudes towards marriage in contemporary China. For the new moneyed classes, old traditions have come into fashion and the wedding is a colourful carnival of Western traditions and ancient Chinese rituals.

TUE 22:30 The Secret Life of Mrs Beeton (b0074syp)

Feisty costume drama portraying the reality behind one of Britain's most enduring cultural icons. Dead by the age of 27, Mrs Beeton was far from the crinolined matron of her image.

TUE 23:55 Clarissa and the King's Cookbook (b00b6vl6)
[Repeat of broadcast at 20:00 today]

TUE 00:25 Hannah Glasse: The First Domestic Goddess (b0074sns)
[Repeat of broadcast at 20:30 today]

TUE 00:55 BBC Proms (b007vcty)

2007

Twentieth Century Classics - Prom 24

Suzy Klein introduces four varied and colourful works from the twentieth century. Sibelius' Tapiola, Britten's Piano Concerto, Varese's Ecuatorial and Debussy's La Mer are performed by the BBC Scottish Symphony Orchestra under Ilan Volkov, with soloist Steven Osborne.

TUE 03:00 What Happened Next? (b00byh5w)
[Repeat of broadcast at 21:00 today]

WEDNESDAY 04 JUNE 2008

WED 19:00 World News Today (b00byhrc)
The latest news from around the world.

WED 19:30 Sounds of the Seventies (b00c1d0v)
Solos

The Rolling Stones

Vintage rock, pop and soul performances from the BBC archives. The Rolling Stones perform Brown Sugar in 1971.

WED 19:35 Batman (b00c0g18)
Series 2

The Bat's Kow Tow

Action with the Caped Crusader. Catwoman holds British pop singers Chad and Jeremy's voices to ransom.

WED 20:00 Francesco's Venice (b0078sx5)
Death

Final episode of a documentary series telling the story of Venice, presented by Francesco da Mosto.

Venice may be sinking, it may even be in peril, but da Mosto is in no mood to throw in the towel. The fate of Venice still hangs in the balance, and he puts at least some of the blame at the door of the British. From the moment that Byron put Venice on the tourist map, the city has been caught up in a trail of events that has made life harder and harder for the Venetians.

But this episode is also Francesco's personal story, and he has pledged his belief in the future of Venice by continuing to live and bring up his children there, even though his life has been affected by the dangers the city faces. In the great flood of 1966 that threatened to wash the city away, he was a terrified child of five who watched the waters invade his home and wondered if life could ever continue. Francesco's father, Count da Mosto, reminisces about the 1966 floods with chilling immediacy, and Francesco swims the Grand Canal.

It has not just been the tourists or the rising waters of the lagoon that have threatened the city. Outrageous ideas to bring the city into the modern age have included bridges linking the city with mainland Italy, flattening old churches and even converting the Grand Canal into an eight-lane motorway.

WED 21:00 My New Best Friend (b00byhrf)
London

Three-part documentary series about the importance and nature of friendship among children, told from their point of view. Four London children make the transition from their familiar primary schools to the grown-up world of an inner-city secondary school. The two boys, Demian and Azad, are best friends from the start, while girls Semra and Katriye are twin sisters. Playground politics and rivalries come to affect all of them profoundly.

WED 22:00 Storyville (b0078x40)
Etre et avoir

Nicolas Philibert's documentary portrait of life in a tiny one-class primary school in the remote hills of France's Auvergne. A dedicated and inspirational teacher guides a class of just 13 pupils, aged from four upwards, through the delicate process of learning and growing up.

WED 23:40 What Happened Next? (b00byh5w)
[Repeat of broadcast at 21:00 on Tuesday]

WED 00:40 My New Best Friend (b00byhrf)
[Repeat of broadcast at 21:00 today]

WED 01:40 Not Cricket (b00byf78)

[Repeat of broadcast at 21:00 on Monday]

WED 02:40 Clarissa and the King's Cookbook (b00b6v16)

[Repeat of broadcast at 20:00 on Tuesday]

WED 03:10 My New Best Friend (b00byhrf)

[Repeat of broadcast at 21:00 today]

THURSDAY 05 JUNE 2008

THU 19:00 World News Today (b00byhvc)

The latest news from around the world.

THU 19:30 Terry Jones' Medieval Lives (b0078psv)

The King

Terry Jones takes us on a tour of the Middle Ages. He asks just how much we know about our medieval kings, taking the three king Richards as a sample. He finds that 'Good' king Richard I (Lionheart) was anything but; 'Bad' king Richard II seems to have been actually rather admirable; and 'Ugly' king Richard III was savagely disfigured by William Shakespeare.

THU 20:00 Child of Our Time (b00bs40q)

Series 8

24 Hours

Professor Robert Winston presents a documentary series following the lives of 25 British children until the age of 20. For this edition, all the kids have been filmed continuously for 48 hours, putting their day-to-day lives under the microscope. Every laugh, every tear and every movement has been recorded, counted and analysed to build up a real picture of a day in the life of the average British child.

THU 21:00 A Revolution in Childhood (b00byhz2)

Social experiment which follows 48 hours in the lives of 22 British children to see what they actually get up to. Martha Kearney and a panel of childhood experts examine the candid and intimate footage to determine if childhood in Britain really is in crisis.

THU 22:30 Play For Today (b0074qxq)

Series 9

Blue Remembered Hills

Dennis Potter's play of lost youth and innocence begins with the adult cast playing children's games in a lyrical summer landscape. But soon the games of hide-and-seek and war take on a sinister aspect as the children's behaviour begins to mirror the violence and callousness of the grown-up world.

THU 23:45 BBC Proms (b007x1jj)

2007

Simon Bolivar National Youth Orchestra of Venezuela

Katie Derham introduces another extraordinary Prom from the BBC archive. This week she's joined by the conductor of what has been described as the greatest Prom of all time, Gustavo Dudamel. Together they look back at his debut Prom in 2007 with the Simon Bolivar National Youth Orchestra of Venezuela, who dazzled the music world with their performance of Shostakovich's Tenth Symphony, Bernstein's Symphonic Dances from West Side Story and a feast of musical gems from Latin American composers Márquez, Ginastera and Gutiérrez

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THU 03:15 A Revolution in Childhood (b00byhz2)

[Repeat of broadcast at 21:00 today]

FRIDAY 06 JUNE 2008

FRI 19:00 World News Today (b00byj9)

The latest news from around the world.

FRI 19:30 A Seaside Parish (b0078nzz)

Series 1

Episode 2

Documentary series following Rev Christine Musser as she takes over the Cornish parish of Boscastle. Christine sets up a free supper with singing and open discussion, but the only people who arrive are loyal church goers. The builders' nude calendar begins to take shape, but not everyone agrees with the reverend's involvement. Widow Barbara Hamley, struggles to cope at her husband John's funeral. It brings back memories for Christine, who talks about losing her father at a young age.

FRI 20:00 Early Music (b0074q5k)

Episode 2

Charles Hazlewood introduces performances by some of Britain's leading players of the music of the medieval, renaissance and baroque periods. This edition features Red Priest, Orlando Consort, Simon Jones, Palladian Ensemble, Concordia and Alva.

FRI 21:00 Vivaldi's Women (b0074sbz)

In the early 18th century, Antonio Vivaldi composed music for La Pietà in Venice, a home for children who were abandoned at birth. The institution had its own all-female orchestra and choir who provided entertainment in the church for visiting tourists. This film tells the story of that extraordinary partnership through the eyes of a modern group of female singers and musicians as they travel to Venice to recreate Vivaldi's music in the Pietà as it sounded 300 years ago.

FRI 22:00 Rock Family Trees (b0077lt6)

Series 2

The Mersey Sound

A series charting the musical and human dramas behind some of the best known rock and pop groups of the last 40 years. This programme traces the rapid rise and fall of the Mersey Beat scene in the early and mid-1960s, an era synonymous with the growth of the Beatles and the popularity of groups such as the Searchers, Gerry and the Pacemakers, Billy J Kramer, the Swinging Blue Jeans and the Merseybeats.

FRI 22:50 Rock Family Trees (b00byjjg)

Series 1

The New Merseybeat

A series using family trees compiled by music journalist Pete Frame to explore the dramas that lie behind some of the best-known bands. Fifteen years after the original Mersey beat sound, Liverpool again became the breeding ground for many top bands, and they all started out in a damp basement club called Eric's. The bands include Echo and the Bunnymen, the Teardrop Explodes, OMD, the Lightning Seeds and the KLF.

FRI 23:40 Mark Lawson Talks To... (b0074sy6)

Alexei Sayle

Interview with the writer and comedian.

FRI 00:40 The Avengers (b0074s5f)

Series 5

The Superlative Seven

When a lunatic wants to provide the ultimate test for his trained assassin, Steed finds himself being used as target practice. But Steed doesn't know who the assassin is, and has six people to choose from. Will it be curtains, or will Mrs Peel parachute in to the rescue?

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