

LIFE, THE WHONIVERSE and EVERYTHING

A Guide to the Doctor Who Collection at the Peabody Public Library

The Beginning

On November 23, 1963, the BBC 1 television network broadcast the first episode of a new science fiction series aimed mostly at younger viewers. The central character was an elderly space and time traveler with a teenaged granddaughter who liked mod fashions and swinging '60s music. In 2012, a twenty seven year old actor with a penchant for bow ties and fish sticks dipped in custard is still carrying on the tradition. Quite a legacy for a television show that was born in the wake of the Kennedy assassination and was plagued from the start with low budgets and unimaginative bureaucrats intent on ruining it.

Thankfully, nothing could stop this world-wide juggernaut as it gained mainstream and cult status around the English-speaking world (as well as the United States). The series may have lacked the production values to lift it above cardboard rocks and aliens in BVDs, but the writing was and continues to be superb. Like many series that appeal to a wide audience, the stories worked for all age levels and backgrounds. Over the years, we learned to laugh at Yeti monsters in shag carpeting and control panels made of spare radio parts. In fact, some of us miss these things in this day of high budgets and computer graphics.

The one constant has been the main character, The Doctor. Despite being portrayed by eleven widely differing actors, you can always count on him for several unvarying traits. He has a deep integrity and amoral code; he has a sense of humor, at times bordering on the bizarre; he indulges a fashion sense the rest of us would never dream of; he enjoys living life to its fullest, even after 900 years; and, he is a champion of earth and the human race.

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What You Need to Know

The Doctor

The Doctor (no other name is available; in the first few episodes, when he identified himself as “The Doctor”, the usual response from people was, “Doctor Who?” over the years, his backstory evolved:

He is an alien from the planet Gallifrey, whose people are known as Timelords.

He is anywhere from 300 to 900 years old – being a time traveler probably makes it difficult to judge,

He is a renegade, having stolen the ship he uses to seek adventure (Timelords are an especially boring race).

In the first series, we learn that he has a granddaughter, but very little is said about these family ties after she leaves the show.

He has two hearts.

While not immortal, he has the ability to regenerate his body when it is no longer able to function. The only problem is that he cannot control what his new incarnation will look like.

His quirks include odd tastes clothing (“Fezzes are cool.” Declares the 11th Doctor), little fetishes such as celery stalks, bow ties and jelly baby candies and an unusual, almost manic sense of humor.

He has a tool called a sonic screwdriver, which seems to be multi-functional and gets him out of a lot of trouble.

He has a deep affection for planet earth and its inhabitants.

He is a lonely person, and is rarely without travel companions.

He not only travels in space but, as a true Timelord, he travels in time, often to historical eras and events (which was one of the educational features of the early show and is still a part of the series.

Companions

The Doctor almost always travels with other beings, usually earth people, but sometimes aliens, other Timelords, and once in a while, mechanical creatures. Not only do they alleviate his loneliness, they are also a sounding board whom The Doctor explains to the audience what is going on, since it is as much in the dark as the poor companion.

Here is a list of the most important companions, by Doctor Number:

1st Doctor

Susan Foreman (his granddaughter)

Ian Chesterton & Barbara Wright (teachers)

Vicki – survivor of a crashed spaceship

Steven Taylor – space pilot

Dodo Chaplet – a groovy ‘60s teen

Polly – a secretary in London (also with the 2nd Doctor)

Ben Jackson – a sailor (also with the 2nd Doctor)

2nd Doctor

Jaimie McCrimmon – a Scots warrior picked up at the historical Battle of Culloden in 1746

Victoria Waterfield – a Victorian era lady

Zoe Herriot – an astrophysicist from the future

3rd Doctor

Liz Shaw – a scientist from U.N.I.T.

Jo Grant – a liaison from U.N.I.T.

Sarah Jane Smith – a reporter (also with the 4th Doctor)

4th Doctor

Leela – a savage alien warrior

K-9 – a robotic dog

Romana – a female Timelord assigned to help the Doctor recover the “Key to Time”

Adric – a mathematically brilliant alien (also with the 5th Doctor)

Nyssa – Aristocrat from the planet Traken (also with the 5th Doctor)

Tegan Jovanka – an airline stewardess (also with the 5th Doctor)

5th Doctor

Vislor Turlough – a student

Kamelion – a shape-changing android

Peri Brown – an American (also with the 6th Doctor)

6th Doctor

Melanie Bush – a computer programmer

7th Doctor

Ace – a teenage high school dropout

8th Doctor

Grace Holloway – a surgeon from San Francisco

9th Doctor

Rose Tyler – a young woman from the council houses of London (also with the 10th Doctor)

Jack Harkness – a time traveling soldier of fortune (also with the 10th Doctor)

10th Doctor

Mickey Smith – Rose Tyler's boyfriend

Martha Jones – a doctor from London

Donna Noble – a dreamer

11th Doctor

Amy Pond – a traffic cop

Rory Williams – a nurse and Amy Pond's husband

River Song – an enigma and frequent escapee from a 51st Century prison

The Tardis



The Tardis is the Doctor's ship in which he travels through both space and time. It is an acronym for *Time and Relative Dimension in Space*. The Doctor's Tardis resembles a police call box

which was a common sight on English streets before the 1970s. The Tardis was designed to blend into its background, but the Doctor's machine got stuck and has been a police box since landing in London in the 1960s.

The Tardis does not always take the Doctor where he wants to go; it needs constant adjusting and repair, and the control panel often is seen sporting earth-style junk to make it run (there is a half-full plastic transmission fluid container there at present).

It has been hinted at since at least the 3rd Doctor, and lately made clearer, that the Tardis is a being with an individual soul.

And, of course, it's bigger on the inside than it is on the outside.

Enemies

Daleks

The oldest and greatest of enemies, the Daleks were introduced in the second serial, after the Doctor and his companions escape from the prehistoric world. Landing on Skaro, a dying, radioactive planet, they find the remaining culture divided between forest dwelling humanoids and mutated beings encased in metal shells.



Daleks are merciless, caring only for their own race and out to conquer all others. They are surprisingly frightening for what are essentially garbage cans with a toilet plunger for an arm. They have remained essentially unchanged, except for adopting bright Crayola coloring in the past few series.

Cybermen

Introduced in the last story of the 1st Doctor's reign, the Cybermen are ruthless cyborgs intent on turning everyone else into clanking suits of metal. Unlike the Daleks, they chose to become mechanoids. They have been a standard feature of all the Doctors (save the 8th), especially when an invasion of earth is called for.

Also unlike the Daleks, Cybermen have undergone constant revision and upgrade over the years. The first incarnations were little more than guys in silver long johns. Contrast that with the picture at the right.



Sontarans

First described by a companion as “talking baked potatoes,” Sontarans are a militaristic race that reproduces via cloning. They have been at war with one enemy for 50,000 years, thus their culture is one of fighting, death and honor. A disgraced Sontaran appeared with the 11th Doctor as a battlefield nurse, considered the ultimate punishment for a warrior race. Coming from a planet with high gravity accounts for their stature as well as their relatively short lifespan (battle death aside).



They are not really evil; they just have nothing else to do with their time.

Weeping Angels

Introduced during the time of the 10th doctor, these new enemies are among the most frightening. That fright is based on the idea that what is familiar should not be likely to kill you. Not so this race of beings who resemble the statues of angels often seen in cemeteries. They are an ancient race who can move stealthily and quickly as long as no other sentient creature is looking at them. When observed, they “freeze” and resemble stone statuary. If two angels were to look at each other, they would be frozen forever; thus, they cover their eyes when forced into such a situation, giving rise to the appellation “weeping.”



Unlike the Sontarans, they are evil and have very large fangs.

Autons

If angel statues are sort of a warm fuzzy gone bad in the hands of the Doctor Who writers, then look what did with store mannequins. The Autons are dummies animated by a nefarious disembodied race that periodically shows up



on earth with visions of conquest. They first appeared in the 3rd Doctor's debut serial, Spearhead from Space. They have appeared as recently as the 11th Doctor. Autons conceal weaponry in their hands (and, in the case of the Father Christmas Autons, in their brass instruments). Like most good mannequins, they have managed to keep up with current fashion over the decades.

Ood

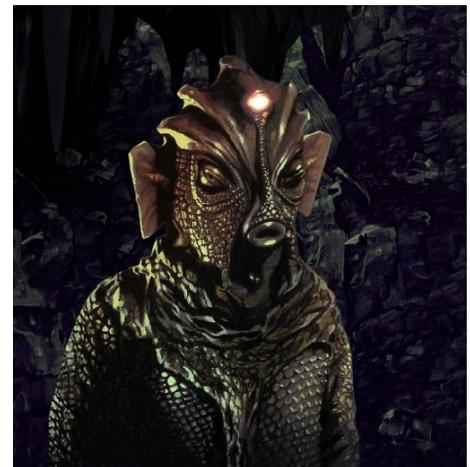
The Ood are odd: they started out trying to kill the Doctor and are now some sort of transcendental gurus advising the Doctor on his next move. This has occurred within the span of the last several series. First seen in *The Impossible Planet* in 2006, they were virtual slaves to a far-future human colony. The Ood walk around carrying what looks like a bong, but is actually a translator unit, since they have no vocal cords but rather are telepathic. The jury is still out on the relative malignity of this species.



Silurians

The quintessential sapient reptile, the Silurians first appeared alongside Jon Pertwee in 1970's Doctor Who and the Silurians. They are not exactly aliens, but rather inhabited the earth before the rise of humans and were forced underground and into hibernation. They get aroused occasionally by the follies of man. A related species are the Sea Devils, an aquatic form first seen in 1972. The latest Silurians are much more lizard-like than the one depicted at right.

While rather aggressive, they are not particularly evil; they just don't like monkeys.



The Silence

Men in Black meets the Anal Probe Aliens is probably the best way to describe these unforgettable monsters whose most frightening trait is their forgetability. Seems they have been ruling earth for decades, but no



one can remember seeing or interacting with them once they turn away.

They also seem to enjoy hanging upside down from ceilings.

Slitheen

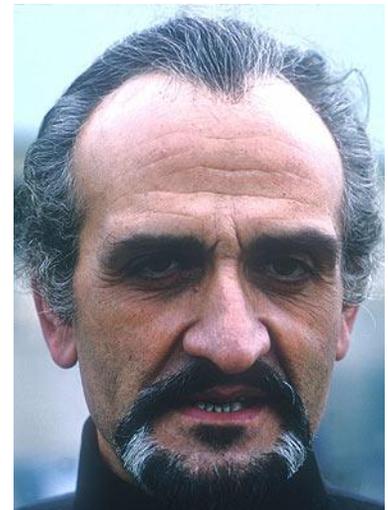
E.T. goes off his diet is perhaps the best description of these characters, first seen by the 9th Doctor in *Aliens of London*. They hail from the planet Raxacoricofallapatorius (Pronounced just like it's spelled), having been expelled from their home world for criminal behavior. They are actually a family of criminals, sort of a Monster Mafia. They hide among us by killing really big people and wearing their skins.



Their one endearing quality is an ability to excuse themselves when passing gas, which is most of the time.

The Master

The self-proclaimed “Master” is a renegade Timelord who actually grew up with The Doctor. He made his first appearance against the 3rd Doctor in *Terror of the Autons*, in which he attempted to control the earth with those mannequins. He has made no less than two dozen appearances over the years. Being a Timelord means he has the ability to regenerate, which he has done on occasion. There have been six actors who have portrayed him, including Eric Roberts and Derek Jacobi.



Pictured at the right is Roger Delgado, the 1st Master.

The Doctors



1st – William Hartnell 1963-1966

Stage actor Hartnell was chosen as the 1st Doctor in an attempt to create a grandfatherly figure to whom the children could relate. This initially backfired, as he was pompous, ill-tempered and rather underhanded in the first episode (*An Unearthly Child*). He quickly fell into the role, however, as the series took off after the second serial, *The Daleks*.

His character is more omniscient, even though he can't seem to control the TARDIS, and he does not handle criticism – especially valid criticism – well.

Episodes in the Collection

Doctor Who The time meddler
DVD 2248 SCIFI & HORROR

Doctor Who. An unearthly child
DVD 2269 SCIFI & HORROR

Doctor Who. The Daleks ; The edge of destruction
DVD 2268 SCIFI & HORROR

Doctor Who. The war machines
DVD 2490 SCIFI & HORROR

Doctor Who. The rescue. The Romans
DVD 2710 SCIFI & HORROR

Doctor Who. The gunfighters
DVD 3667 SCIFI & HORROR

Doctor Who. Ark
DVD 3618 SCIFI & HORROR



Doctor Who. Planet of the Giants
DVD 4376 SCIFI & HORROR

Dr. Who. Lost in time
DVD 2633 SCIFI & HORROR

This is a compilation of footage from lost episodes. *Marco Polo* is the largest segment featuring Hartnell

The Three Doctors
DVD 4252 SCIFI & HORROR

With Hartnell, Troughton and Pertwee fighting against Omega, a fallen Time Lord

The Five Doctors
DVD 1481 SCIFI & HORROR

The first five Doctors come together to fight evil. The 1st Doctor is portrayed by Richard Hurndall, since Hartnell had passed away several years previously

2nd – Patrick Troughton 1966-1969

It's too bad that Moe Howard was the longest living of the Three Stooges; Troughton would have made an exceptional replacement for him, at least physically. The 2nd Doctor was a drastic departure for the casting of what was yet an uncertain ploy on the part of the producers. Then again, it may have been brilliant to regenerate the Doctor into such a total opposite from William Hartnell.

Troughton's Doctor was described as a space tramp, and his manner of dress would seem to bear out that theory. However, reflecting the times, he was a bit of a rebel and nonconformist. He was also more casual in his approach to sticky situations, although he did excel at running away when it was most prudent. He often relaxed by playing the recorder.



During a particularly frugal phase, the BBC decided that it could save money by reusing tapes; thus, more 2nd Doctor episodes have been lost than any others.

Episodes in the Collection

Doctor Who. The Seeds of death
DVD 1696 SCIFI & HORROR
DVD 2306 SCIFI & HORROR

Doctor Who. The mind robber
DVD 2305 SCIFI & HORROR

Doctor Who. The Tomb of the Cybermen
DVD 2304 SCIFI & HORROR

Doctor Who. The war games
DVD 3391 SCIFI & HORROR
The last serial featuring the 2nd Doctor

Doctor Who. The invasion
DVD 1697 SCIFI & HORROR

Doctor Who. The Krotons
DVD 4251 SCIFI & HORROR

Dr. Who. Lost in time
DVD 2634 SCIFI & HORROR
A compilation of clips from lost episodes.

Doctor Who. The Five Doctors
DVD 1481 SCIFI & HORROR
Troughton joins his other incarnations to play the game of Rassilon.

Doctor Who. The Three Doctors
DVD 4252 SCIFI & HORROR
With Hartnell, Troughton and Pertwee fighting against Omega, a fallen Time Lord

Doctor Who. The two doctors
DVD 1433 SCIFI & HORROR
Troughton joins the 5th Doctor to fight against the Sontarans and the cannibalistic Androgum.

3rd – Jon Pertwee 1969-1974

Possibly feeling guilty about having such a slovenly Doctor around for three years, the next candidate for the job went in the opposite direction. Looking like a cross between an Edwardian dandy and a 1970s prom date, veteran comedic actor Jon Pertwee took on the role as his own right out of the gate. His mellow baritone voice, silky white hair and velvet jackets established him as a Doctor to be respected and listened to, even if he was exiled to earth by the Timelords for his first few seasons.

The only Doctor (that we are aware of) that had a tattoo, he liked gadgets and tinkering and was especially fond of a yellow flivver automobile he named Bessie.



Episodes in the Collection

Doctor Who. The claws of Axos
DVD 1431 SCIFI & HORROR

Doctor Who. Inferno
DVD 1430 SCIFI & HORROR

Doctor Who. Spearhead from space
DVD 1841 SCIFI & HORROR

The first serial for the 3rd Doctor and the first *Doctor Who* episode in color

Doctor Who. The Sea Devils
DVD 2171 SCIFI & HORROR

Doctor Who. Dalek war
1)DVD 2998 SCIFI & HORROR VOL.1
2)DVD 2998 SCIFI & HORROR VOL.2

Doctor Who. Terror of the Autons
DVD 3619 SCIFI & HORROR

Doctor Who. Planet of the spiders
DVD 3632 SCIFI & HORROR
The 3rd Doctor's final appearance

Doctor Who. Colony in space
DVD 3886 SCIFI & HORROR

Doctor Who. Invasion of the dinosaurs
DVD 3996 SCIFI & HORROR

Doctor Who and the Silurians
DVD 2170 SCIFI & HORROR

Doctor Who. The time warrior
DVD 2224 SCIFI & HORROR

Doctor Who. Carnival of monsters
DVD 1839 SCIFI & HORROR

Doctor Who. The ambassadors of death
DVD 4373 SCIFI & HORROR

Doctor Who. Death to the daleks
DVD 4374 SCIFI 7 HORROR

Doctor Who. The Five Doctors
DVD 1481 SCIFI & HORROR

Doctor Who. The Three Doctors
DVD 4252 SCIFI & HORROR

With Hartnell, Troughton and Pertwee fighting against Omega, a fallen Time Lord

4th – Tom Baker 1974-1981

When most Americans of a certain age think of The Doctor, Tom Baker is the face they picture. He became a fixture on American public broadcasting stations in the late 1970s and early 1980s. The longest serving (over-serving, according to many) Doctor, he was quirky to the extreme, with an absentminded aloofness that befuddled most foes and frustrated his allies.

Baker dressed in a fedora, a long coat and an even longer (some 22 feet) multi-hued scarf. His favorite treat was Jelly Baby candies, a bag of which were always in his coat pocket. He generously shared them with whomever was near.



Episodes in the Collection

Doctor Who. Robot

DVD 1771 SCIFI & HORROR

The first episode for the 4th Doctor

Doctor Who. Castrovalva

DVD 1694 SCI-FI & HORROR

Regeneration into the 5th Doctor

Doctor Who. Keeper of Traken

DVD 1695 SCIFI & HORROR

Doctor Who. Logopolis

DVD 1711 SCIFI & HORROR

The 4th Doctor's last stand

Doctor Who. The stones of blood

DVD 2544 SCIFI & HORROR

Doctor Who. The Ribos operation

DVD 2543 SCIFI & HORROR

Doctor Who. The power of Kroll

DVD 2593 SCIFI & HORROR

Doctor Who. Revenge of the Cybermen

DVD 3322 SCIFI & HORROR

Doctor Who. The creature from the pit

DVD 3323 SCIFI & HORROR

This episode features possibly the cheesiest monster in the entire run of the show, essentially a giant blob of cellophane wrap. It's absolutely wonderful!

Doctor Who. Pyramids of Mars

DVD 731 SCIFI & HORROR

Doctor who: genesis of the daleks

DVD 1346 SCIFI & HORROR

An excellent episode detailing the war between the Dals and the Thrals

Doctor Who : the androids of Tara /

DVD 727 SCIFI & HORROR

Doctor Who : the Armageddon factor /
DVD 728 SCIFI & HORROR

Doctor Who : the pirate planet / BBC
DVD 732 SCIFI & HORROR

Doctor Who : the robots of death
DVD 729 SCIFI & HORROR

Doctor Who : the talons of Weng-Chiang
DVD 730 SCIFI & HORROR

Considered by many to be one of the best episodes of the 4th Doctor

5th – Peter Davison 1981-1984

When long-time fan favorite Baker finally left the show, there was some questioning (and outright hostility) as to his replacement, a young (26) blonde actor best known for his comedic role of Tristan in *All Creatures Great and Small*. He soon won over skeptics with his forthright, honest approach to doctoring and his ability to stand up to the worst villains – including The Master – in one of his first serials. He was the first Doctor to be directly responsible for the death of a companion

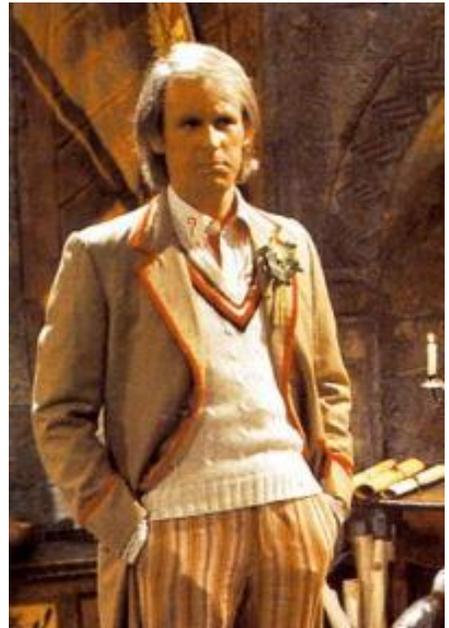
The Fifth Doctor dressed in a 1920s cricket outfit and sported a stalk of celery on his lapel at all times.

Episodes in the Collection

Doctor Who. Logopolis
DVD 1711 SCIFI & HORROR
His first episode

Doctor Who. Castrovalva
DVD 1694 SCI-FI & HORROR
Regeneration into the 5th Doctor

Doctor Who. Warriors of the deep
DVD 2172 SCIFI & HORROR



Doctor Who. Arc of infinity
DVD 2169 SCIFI & HORROR

Doctor Who. Black orchid
DVD 2402 SCIFI & HORROR

Doctor Who. Four to doomsday
DVD 2489 SCIFI & HORROR

Doctor Who. The king's demons
DVD 3324 SCIFI & HORROR

Doctor Who. Frontios
DVD 3639 SCIFI & HORROR

Doctor Who. Kinda
DVD 3631 SCIFI & HORROR

Doctor Who. Snakedance
DVD 3633 SCIFI & HORROR

Doctor Who. The caves of Androzani
DVD 3995 SCIFI & HORROR

Doctor Who. Earthshock
DVD 737 SCIFI & HORROR

Doctor Who. The Five Doctors
DVD 1481 SCIFI & HORROR

6th – Colin Baker 1984-1986

The “Rainbow Doctor” had a short and tempestuous reign on the series, thanks to the bean counters at the BBC. After an abbreviated 22nd season, the series was put on an 18 month production hiatus



before returning with a 14 part story known as The Trial of a Timelord.

The Sixth Doctor was an unstable and irascible character, similar to the First Doctor in his egotistic disregard of others. His mismatched, multi-colored outfit seemed not to be thought out beyond the shock value.

Episodes in the Collection

Doctor Who. The two doctors
DVD 1433 SCIFI & HORROR

Doctor who. Revelation of the Daleks
DVD 1434 SCIFI & HORROR

Doctor Who. Arc of infinity
DVD 2169 SCIFI & HORROR

Doctor Who. The trial of a Time Lord
1)DVD 2313 SCIFI & HORROR PARTS 1-4
2)DVD 2313 SCIFI & HORROR PARTS 5-8
3)DVD 2313 SCIFI & HORROR PARTS 9-12
4)DVD 2313 SCIFI & HORROR PARTS 13-14

Doctor Who. Vengeance on Varos
DVD 4377 SCIFI & HORROR

Doctor Who. The mark of the Rani
DVD 1432 SCIFI & HORROR

7th – Sylvester McCoy 1987-1989, 1995

While the Seventh Doctor was only in 43 episodes and one television movie, he is the longest-reigning Doctor due to the time between the cancellation of the series and his movie resurrection (he was shot in the opening sequence and regenerated into the Eighth Doctor). He began his term as something of a joker, similar to Patrick Troughton, but soon



morphed into a serious, philosophical Timelord who was also capable of bashing The Master in the head with a rock.

McCoy's Doctor was known for his cool aplomb in the most dire situations and, of course, his question mark umbrella.

Episodes in the Collection

Doctor Who. Survival
DVD 1772 SCIFI & HORROR

Doctor Who. Remembrance of the Daleks
DVD 2219 SCIFI & HORROR

Doctor Who. Delta and the Bannermen
DVD 2794 SCIFI & HORROR

Doctor Who. Silver nemesis
DVD 3325 SCIFI & HORROR

Doctor Who. Paradise Towers
DVD 3720 SCIFI & HORROR

Doctor Who. Time and the Rani
DVD 3640 SCIFI & HORROR

Doctor Who. The greatest show in the galaxy
DVD 4375 SCIFI & HORROR

Doctor Who. The happiness patrol
DVD 4250 SCIFI & HORROR

Doctor Who. Dragonfire
DVD 4249 SCIFI & HORROR

Doctor Who : the movie.
DVD 3474 SCIFI & HORROR

8th – Paul McGann 1995

After the 1989 cancellation of history's longest running television series, there were several attempts to revive it. The 1995 TV movie was a move toward a joint UK/US production of a series, with the movie acting as a pilot. Perhaps the BBC should have known that partnership with the advertising-driven US studios (especially on a series that had no great meaning to Americans) was bound to fail. The outcome is this single movie and a regeneration squandered on one appearance.

In a move to attract American viewers (who do not normally recognize existence outside their own borders) the action takes place in San Francisco. The Seventh Doctor lands the Tardis in the middle of a gang war and is shot. He regenerates at a hospital and is aided by a female surgeon in a battle against The Master (Eric Roberts).

McGann's Doctor was dressed in Victorian gentleman fashion, the last time The Doctor would be in time-inappropriate clothing.

While no further broadcast serials ensued, the Eighth Doctor lived on in novels and comics.



Episodes in the Collection

Title: Doctor Who: the movie.

DVD 3474 SCIFI & HORROR

9th – Christopher Eccleston 2005

The BBC finally got it right ten years later when the series return full force in 2005. A decade of CGI and an obviously repentant front office throwing large sums of money at their iconic Timelord, Christopher Eccleston, a popular film and television actor, was chosen to revive the role. He was given an excess amount of personal baggage by being the sole survivor of a war between the Daleks and Gallifrey.

While Eccleston had no identifiable quirks of dress or manner, his serious yet exuberant approach to the role made him a fan favorite, despite his single year at the helm of the Tardis.



Episodes in the Collection

Doctor Who. The complete first series
DVD 2371 SCIFI & HORROR

10th – David Tennant 2005-2010

Longtime fans of Doctor Who have always argued over their favorite Doctor. Tom Baker, by virtue of his longevity, gets a lot of support. Peter Davison, Jon Pertwee and Sylvester McCoy are also frequently mentioned. Since the rebirth of the series in 2005, however, most of this support has been given with an asterisk. The caveat now is “So-and-so is my favorite Doctor, not counting David Tennant.” From the moment when Tennant made his spectacular entrance in the Christopher Eccleston regeneration scene, it was easy to see that he was something special. This was a Doctor who loved people, loved what he did, and was ready to give his all to preserve the moral order of the universe. This was a person we would like to hang out with, but yet a person to respect and honor. He was everyone’s Doctor.

Returning a bit to the quirk of the wardrobe, Tennant’s Doctor was fond of red trainers (athletic shoes).

Episodes in the Collection

Doctor Who. The complete 2nd series
DVD 1471 SCIFI & HORROR

Doctor Who. The complete fourth series
DVD 2371 SCIFI & HORROR

Doctor Who : the complete specials.
DVD 2999 SCIFI & HORROR



11th – Matt Smith 2010-

After the shock of losing David Tennant had passed, the question on everyone's lips was, "Who will ever replace him?" When the answer came in 25 year-old Matt Smith, a gaunt, long-faced actor with limited exposure on television (he had more live theatre to his credit), it seemed to many to be the end of life as we know it. How could this mere child replace the most beloved Doctor of all, let alone steer the Tardis through the mine field of Daleks, Cybermen and assorted monsters?



We found out when he hit the ground running in a great regeneration scene that included a raid on a small child's refrigerator in an effort to find a food he likes (fish sticks dipped in custard) and a battle with a giant eyeball. With the addition of two first class companions and unconventional fashion accessories ("Bow ties are cool!"), he has charmed his way into all of our hearts.

Episodes in the Collection

Doctor Who. The complete fifth series
DVD 3392 SCIFI & HORROR

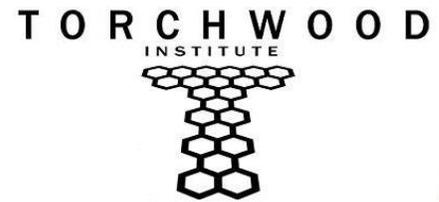
Doctor who. The complete sixth series
DVD 3963 SCIFI & HORROR

Spinoffs

Like all successful series, Doctor Who has attempted spinoffs over the years. Most of the attempts have not fared well, perhaps a tribute to the power of the original story or perhaps a comment on the weakness of some of the minor characters. The only true success came during the Russell T. Davies production era of 2005-2010. He made it a point to introduce strong secondary characters, and not just "official" companions.

TORCHWOOD

Torchwood was the result of two unforgettable items from the Christopher Eccleston series: The Doctor meeting Queen Victoria and the introduction of the delightful Captain Jack Harkness. The Queen created Torchwood in reaction to the dabbings of the Doctor in a case of werewolves (she was not amused). Captain Jack ended up as the head of the project in the present day.



Episodes in the Collection

Torchwood the complete first season
DVD 1981 SCIFI & HORROR

Torchwood. The complete second season
DVD 2332 SCIFI & HORROR

Torchwood : children of earth
DVD 2795 SCIFI & HORROR

THE SARAH JANE ADVENTURES

The Sarah Jane Adventures center around Sarah Jane Smith, the popular companion of both the Third and the Fourth Doctors. The original actor, Elizabeth Sladen, made an appearance in a David Tennant Doctor Who episode to launch the series, which features her adopted son and several of his friends. The BBC developed it for children, since the Doctor Who, the former children's show, had become rather dark and adult-themed. The show features many of the same monsters and aliens from the Doctor Who universe.



The show ran through four series before the untimely death of Ms. Sladen.

Episodes in the Collection

The Sarah Jane adventures: the complete first season
DVD 2403 SCIFI & HORROR

The Sarah Jane adventures. The complete second season
DVD 2869 SCIFI & HORROR