

Transcript

Ben

Welcome, everybody to Season 8, Episode 2 of the Rough Draft Podcast. Your favorite student-run literary arts and culture podcast here at York College Pennsylvania. This week, my name is Ben. I'm your host, and I am joined by my co-host Tara.

Tara

I'm Tara.

Ben

And this week we're gonna be talking about our favorite and least favorite streaming services.

Tara

I have very strong opinions on this one, so...

Ben

Along with some of our favorite shows and movies that we've been watching during quarantine, hopefully, if you've heard of and watched some of these, you can relate to some of our opinions. Hopefully we're not too crazy. And if not, if you haven't seen any of the shows or movies we're talking about, hopefully it gives you something to watch and if you're looking for anything in our Coronavirus, quarantine experience--

Tara

That is all I did over quarantine. That sounds so bad as I'm sitting here, but I binge watched every day.

Ben

I, I cheated. I got with the Spotify student account. You can get Hulu for free.

Tara

No way!

Ben

I got free Hulu through that. And then I'm stealing my dad's Netflix account. And I'm stealing my roommate's HBO account. And not paying for anything except Disney plus.

Tara

Oh, at least you're paying for one. I'm like--you can't, you can't sit here and use all of it without paying for one service.

Ben

Even that I'm splitting with my sister and my girlfriend so like, I'm not really paying for anything.

Tara

That's right. I'm doing the same thing for my Disney plus my mom. Well my mom's paying for it cuz it came with her like phone plan or whatever. But I feel like I'm the only one who uses it. I don't I don't think I'm a big fan of Disney Plus.

Ben

I used it for the Mandalorian and Princess Bride just came out on Disney Plus.

Tara

Oh, I love that movie!

Ben

It's my favorite book, favorite movie. I love it. It's been on repeat ever since it came out. Honestly. I tried to watch all the Avengers movies. And I got like into the second Thor movie and gave up because there's just too many.

Tara

Yeah, I don't think I can sit still for that long. I like the movies. But at the same time, I just can't sit through all of them at once.

Ben

I did watch Black Panther recently a bunch of my friends got together watch that. It was a really good movie. I like them.

Tara

Stop, that was so sad that he passed away. Oh my gosh.

Ben

I heard he made seven movies in between the time that he was diagnosed and the time he passed away and one of them is actually coming out. I think in April or late either later this year or early next year.

Tara

Is it like another Avengers movie or...?

Ben

It's a completely different one. I forget what it's called. But yeah, it's supposed to come out pretty soon. He was a really good actor.

Tara

His name was what Chad Boseman, right. Chadwick Boseman. Oh, like, I want to make sure I get the name right as we're sitting here. Talking about it. Right now. I'm just rewatching New Girl. I know that has nothing to do with like Black Panther and everything like that. But other Netflix things I'm watching is just New Girl and I've already seen it like two or three times. But I think it's just a great TV show.

Ben

I watched it like over the summer. I like just started it. And then quarantine started and I had enough time to finish the entire series.

Tara

Okay, so who's your favorite character?

Ben

I am Nick.

Tara

Like, you know what? I can see that! I I just love Winston. I just feel like I feel like he's more of a side character. But at the same time, like, I don't even know what he does, like half the time. I'm like, You know what? I really fits him.

Ben

I also have been watching Community. Have you seen Community?

Tara

Oh, I binge watched that over quarantine with my family. Really nice.

Ben

I started it in April and I've watched it all the way through like three times already. It's so funny.

Tara

My favorite was, um, when they kept building all those like blanket forts like trying to be the best one. Um, those are my favorite. I also like the paintball ones. But I feel like that's like a seasonal like a hall--no, not Halloween, but it's like, beginning of school kind of thing.

Ben

And then they sometimes do a Halloween episode, but those ones aren't usually as good in my opinion.

Tara

Yeah, the only Halloween one I remember liking was like the zombie whenever it was like kind of gross. But at the same time I was like this is the only good Halloween when they have Yeah. Sneakerhead on Netflix just gave me a recommendation. sneakerheads is now on Netflix. Do I know what it is? Absolutely not. But...

Ben

Wish I could tell you.

Tara

I feel like Netflix doesn't give me good recommendations. Like I always have to ask other people what they're watching. I never watch what Netflix like gives to me.

Ben

I don't know how to do recommendations.

Tara

It just like...I guess their notifications pop up, you know, and they're like, you should watch this.

Ben

I probably have notifications turned off.

Tara

Oh, that makes more sense.

Ben

I like don't turn on notifications for anything.

Tara

All right. So have you watched anything that you normally wouldn't watch during quarantine?

Ben

I don't usually watch documentaries. But like last week, I binge watch Tiger King. That show was so funny. Like, I feel like it's not supposed to be funny, but I couldn't stop laughing the whole time.

Tara

I know. I...I feel like it's supposed to be serious, but at the same time, you just can't take him seriously. And then he's like, I'm gonna run for, like governor or something. And I was like, this is a terrible decision. Like, it totally fits your personality, but like, people even vote for him? I was like, he doesn't have any...all right, well, fair point. I feel like I don't know. I was like, when he was like going down the street with this flow. Like, also, this is gonna turn really sad and really fast. But I just feel so bad for the cats. Like I Oh, and the people who were working there too. Like they were so mistreated. And then, you know, the cats are mistreated. And I feel like that was supposed to be the point of the documentary and everyone kind of changed it to a "Joe Exotic is so funny!" And you know, Carol killed her husband and she's on Dancing With The Stars?

Ben

I saw that! She was so bad.

Tara

Really? I wanted to.

Ben

Like, I don't want to like talk bad about people. But she is not a good dancer. And that's coming from me. I can't dance.

Tara

Yeah, me either.

Didn't she--I heard the best part was she danced to Eye of the Tiger? You can't even dance to that song. I mean, maybe I'm just not a dancer and that's what it is. But also, I i understand like, it's on brand for her. But I was like you could have chosen I don't know, maybe more upbeat song or anything to make it look a little better.

Ben

Yeah, and especially since she fed her husband to the tigers. A tiger theme song probably isn't a good book.

Tara

No.

Ben

I think my favorite line from that was the one guy who worked for Joe, who's like, "I sleep with an AK-47 under my mattress fully loaded and ready to go."

Tara

Oh my god!

Ben

Like that guy is going places.

Tara

Oh, do you--I mean you always remember, I haven't seen this since like, April. Do you remember that...? Didn't Joe Exotic wanna start like a music career? And he ended up burning all the tapes? Is that what it was?

Ben

No, he burned the tapes of like, the documentary, because they caught him doing a bunch of shady stuff. But he has...he's on Spotify. I've listened to a couple of the songs.

Tara

He's on Spotify? Can we please play one of those songs for like the outro? Are we allowed to do that? I don't even think so.

Ben

I don't know, I...we'll see--

Tara

We'll put a link in our description box. Listen to Joe Exotic!

Ben

Like, it's not bad. If you listen to country music, like it's not a bad group of songs. But it also doesn't sound anything like him. And I feel like he just hired someone to sing.

Tara

Didn't they say in the documentary too, they're like, "Oh, he like get someone to sing for him." Right?

Ben

I don't know, they might have?

Tara

Maybe not for him. Maybe they just like really edited.

Ben

Yeah.

Tara

Oh, I'm getting worried that he did hire someone.

Ben

That's a little disappointing now. Because like I was, I was kind of hoping it was him actually singing, but it makes sense. Because it doesn't sound anything like him. I also started watching--speaking of documentaries--a bunch of like, nature films on Disney Plus. And my dog loves them.

Tara

That's so cute!

Ben

I would put them on to sleep because my dog used to like sleeping in my room with me. And she would just like sit up and stare at the animals on the screen and then start flipping out because she thought they were trying to attack her.

Tara

Do you have a small dog? Like, are those one of those dogs that think they're bigger than they are?

Ben

She's like 40 pounds. She's like, small, medium sized dog. We don't know what kind of dog she is because her mom's a rat terrier, but she doesn't look anything like a rat terrier. Every other dog in her litter was black and white, but she's tan. So we think she's just adopted. But yeah, she thinks she's a big dog. And she acts like she's a big dog. And she barks like 100 pound dog. But then she starts chasing after things. She's just not intimidating.

Tara

I love dogs that think they're intimidating. Oh, okay. I love them when they're not like going after me like dogs that think they're intimidating. I'm like, "Oh, that's so cute!" No, if that dog came after me, I would run. I'd be like, "Bye Ben, nice knowing you! Don't ever talk to me again!"

Ben

She's crazy. She also likes Bob Ross. Bob Ross used to be on Netflix and I put on Bob Ross and she would sit there and watch it for hours.

Tara

Okay, I don't know if you have seen this. But I think it's on HBO. My roommate and I just finished watching Euphoria and like it's not a very appropriate show. I guess. It's like, how to put it--it's basically a lot about like, teenagers going through like drug use and how like she's going through rehab but it's very like, like raw like don't cut anything out. So it's kind of it can be hard to watch sometimes, but I bring that up because this one girl dressed up as Bob Ross for like a Halloween party. It was so funny. But that's what I've been watching. Actually, I totally forgot I've been watching that.

Ben

Yeah, my roommate last semester, last year was watching it and I saw a couple scenes I think I saw the one you're talking about with the Bob Ross costume.

Tara

Yeah! Yes. I think it also just won...oh, I think Zendaya just won like an award for it? Like an Emmy? I think the Emmys has passed, right? The Emmys? Yeah, she's so good.

Ben

How are they doing me like they can't gather.

Tara

I think they did it all like online maybe like Zoom? Cuz like, mail your trophy to you? I don't know. They just like leave it on your porch and run away hoping you don't see like before...you're up? I don't know. I'm gonna look it up as we're sitting here. The Emmys. Oh, my gosh, the first word was January 25, 1949--71 years ago.

Ben

A long time ago. I never really--

Tara

Right? Sorry. I didn't mean to interrupt you but also like I I just never thought I don't know. I mean, I guess I never really thought about the Emmys. But I really wouldn't think it's like 71 years ago, like it started?

Ben

It also like really throws me off to the 50s were 70 years ago. Like, I don't feel like I'm twenty yet. But I'm almost 21.

Tara

This is...for those of you who can't see, I just pulled up a photo like it's like the first photo you find on Google. And I guess they must have had at least the hosts there because...

Ben

Oh, they put cardboard cutouts.

Tara

Yeah.

Ben

They do like baseball games, too.

I totally forgot. Sports are back, that's fun.

Tara

Did they start this week or last week? Because I see everyone posting about football and I'm like...?

Ben

the NFL started like two weeks ago. NBA, baseball and hockey have been back for a couple of weeks.

Tara

How does that work with like the new COVID restrictions? Because like...you touch each other, you know, like you can't even do some more about touch but like--

Ben

I don't know, baseball and basketball during it. But I know hockey they're doing like every team in the east is playing in Toronto. And every team in the West is playing in Edmonton. And they're

just not allowed to leave the bubble. And if if they leave, they have to have four days in a row of a negative Coronavirus test before they can come back.

Tara

I got a coronavirus test once--once thank God it was back in, um, I think like the end of April when we were home. And I don't know how I got it from my little sister and I did go to Wendy's. So I think that's about it. So now I try not to go to Wendy's. But it was so terrible. Like, it was me my mom and my two sisters, like all in the car. And they're like, Alright, you guys come come out like one by one. And they make you you know, take off your mask. And they probably changed it by now. I mean, at least I hope but they're like stuck, like all the way up your nose. It was like, I don't want to say it was painful. But it was just super uncomfortable. And they're like, you can't move like it's 10 seconds. I'm like, "I'm trying not to move," they keep yelling at me. But we're all negative. Thank God. Like...

Ben

I got a test right before we came back to school because someone at my dad's work tested positive. So my dad had to get tested before he could go back and then I had to get tested before I could come here because my dad might have had contact with someone, and...

Tara

Yeah.

Ben

Luckily, I tested negative but it was really uncomfortable. They just stick it straight up your nose and hold it there for a couple seconds. And then it's over. Like they just--

Tara

Like "bye, have a nice day!"

Ben

Like, "We'll call you in three or four days. Good luck. Don't go anywhere!" I'm like "okay, this is the most stressful four days."

Tara

Oh, yeah. I mean, I was, I don't know, I tell everyone when I tell a story that I think I got like a false negative because like my sister and I were so sick. Like, I could not leave bed for like two weeks. I couldn't like eat or drink anything. Like I just felt so out of it. I don't know, but they're like, you're still negative. And I was like...

Ben

That's weird.

Tara

Yeah, right. See, maybe that...at first I thought it was food poisoning. And I was like, I definitely like, you know, because it was only Molly and I who were eating Wendy's. Like, so I was like, "Oh my god, I got food poisoning. This is terrible." And then it lasted longer. And I was like, "This is not food poisoning!" Um, but it was good at least that we're, we're okay.

Ben

My sister got really sick like two weeks ago. So my whole family had to go get tested again. Luckily, they tested negative. So...

Tara

That's good. I would just be more annoyed, like taking it again. Like, I know you have to take tests, obviously. But it's just so uncomfortable. I'll do it if I have to. But like, I would never want to do it again.

Ben

Yeah. Like, on one hand, I don't want to get it ever again. Because I don't want to know if I have it. But also like, I want to know if I have it so that I can stop going places and putting other people in danger if I haven't. Yeah, like I've never had symptoms of it. So I think I'm fine.

Tara

That's like, I feel like I would be so freaked out if I was asymptomatic because, you know, you just don't know. And also, I feel so terrible if like I was the source of it.

Ben

Yeah.

Tara

All right, I guess back to--oh, sorry.

Ben

At least if I get it, I'll have two weeks where I can just sit at home and watch...I just started Game of Thrones--I can sit there for two weeks and watch Game of Thrones.

Tara

Did they finally finish that?

Ben

Yeah, they finished it like, a year ago, I think. And I just started it like, this week. It's really good. My cousin has been texting me about it ever since I started because she's a huge Game of Thrones fan, and my dad is too. So we're, we're even cheating with HBO because my roommate has it for another month. So once that expires, we're gonna make a note of where we finished. And we're gonna start a bunch of free one month trials so you can pile up. And I got Apple TV free when I got my new phone. So I signed up for that. I get it free for a year.

Tara

is Apple TV good?

Ben

No.

Tara

Okay. Glad you're super honest about that.

Ben

It's not bad. There's a couple good shows on there. But it's not like worth paying for. No, all the movies you have to pay extra for. It's really weird.

Tara

That defeats the purpose if I'm paying for I think it should include include everything, you know, like, I'm not gonna pay an extra 30 bucks to watch something. Well, you know, 20 bucks, maybe still? Isn't that what they're doing with Mulan? I haven't seen it. But like, my mom was like, Oh, it's just a pause. You should watch it sometime. I'm like, Well, I don't want to pay the extra for it. And I also know there's a bunch of like, controversy around it so I'm like, probably shouldn't be like supporting it.

Ben

It's on Disney plus, but you have to pay extra. My girlfriend's roommate is a huge Disney nerd. So she paid extra for us. Oh, it's I like the original better, but it's good as its own movie.

Tara

I heard it didn't even have Mooshu?

Ben

Mooshu, yeah, no they didn't have Mooshu or the cricket.

Tara

Oh, I loved him.

Ben

Oh, they got rid of all the best parts and left just the fighting.

Tara

Oh, you know, I did watch on Disney Plus, I liked that they put Hamilton on because, you know, people can't go see Broadway anymore. And I go to Broadway shows a lot just because I'm like 40 minutes away from the city, New York City. Um, but it's actually really cool. And I hope like, I hope that putting Hamilton on makes him start putting more Broadway shows on because those people are so talented. Like, I would pay money to, you know, sit there and watch a bunch of Broadway shows, right?

Ben

Like Hamilton, it was a pretty good play. I'm also...I did theater in high school. I was the lighting guy for theater. So the first time I watched it, I just kind of sat there judged all the lighting choices.

Tara

Sorry, I just looked at Milan, right? You have to get premium access. I'm like, you guys are sitting here acting like it's part of your subscription. And so stream exclusively exclusively for \$29.99. Wait, I have a subscrip--you know what? I don't care that much. I mean, I kind of care that kind of bothers me that it's \$30. Because then like, what if you stopped paying for your Disney Plus? I guess they're just gonna take that away too. Yeah, right. Cuz then it's like, well, now I'm paying. I don't know how much Disney plus is. Let's say it's like \$10, \$15 a month?

Ben

I think the what the plan I got is, you three screens for a year for \$70.

Tara

Oh, really?

Ben

Yeah. So if I pay for the premium access, that's like \$100 just to watch Disney movies.

Tara

Just watch Mulan. I guess it makes sense if you're watching like a ton of movies, but I really don't use Disney Plus that much.

Ben

I watched The Mandalorian It was pretty good.

Tara

Oh, my brothers loved that show.

Ben

And I watched all the Star Wars movies. All the real Star Wars movies. Not the last three. I heard they're they're just canceling the last three. Like the writers said nevermind and fire the lady that wrote it.

Tara

But why?

Ben

A bunch of people didn't like them, apparently. I don't know.

Tara

I think... think I enjoyed them. The newer ones..The Last Jedi?

Ben

Yeah.

Tara

I enjoyed that one, I think. I think I saw it in theaters, or I saw the other one.

Ben

It was The Force Awakens, The Last Jedi, and The Rise of Skywalker.

Tara

Oh, you know what, I watched The Force Awakens.

Ben

They were good movies. I don't think I'd say they're good Star Wars movies. But they're good movies.

Tara

Yeah, maybe that's what it is. Like, I I guess I'm not like an avid fan of Star Wars. I was like, you know, like, this is a good movie. Like, I don't really have any background. But it does make sense. Like if you're like super into it, and you're like, this is not right.

Ben

I'm not a huge Star Wars fan. But I still think of myself--

Tara

You know more than I do!

Ben

I've seen all of them at least once. Yeah, I don't like the three new ones as Star Wars movies. I just think they take away from the original vision for it.

Tara

Were they supposed to go a different route? Do you know that?

Ben

I don't know.

Tara

Okay, I was like, is this supposed to be like connected? Like, I know they're supposed to be like prequels but...like why throw them in, you know, like I know it's to make more money, but was the sole purpose to make money? Or is it like, "Hey, we want us to try like this route." You know, like the storyline?

Ben

Well, the three new ones they were kind of like wrapping up the old storyline by spoiler alert. They killed off Han, Luke and Leia. But the way they did it was like in the second of the three new ones. This is The Last Jedi. They had a chance to kill off Layla, or Leia. And it would have made sense because Carrie Fisher died around the time that they were filming it, but they didn't. And they just made a whole other movie with her in it. And she was played by her daughter--Carrie Fisher's daughter was in it.

Tara

I mean, I guess it's kind of nice, like getting her daughter to play it. But also, like, she was like a super important character and all of it that they kind of should have just like, left it at that. Out of respect for her. I mean, again, I don't know her wishes. So I talked to about New Girl, I talked about Tiger King. I guess we didn't really talk about Hulu.

Ben

Yeah, we didn't really talk about Hulu.

Tara

Oh, okay. My favorite thing--okay. If I had to rank the streaming services, I think I would rank like Netflix and Hulu as like the top two, you know, because I think I really enjoy those I feel like Netflix is well I feel like they're very different streaming services. Like I like Hulu because I can watch like Bob's Burgers or like, I don't know, I also watch like, 90 Day Fiance. My mom says, she's like "It's a trash show, Tara!" I'm like, "okay, but I love it!" It's so...it's so funny. But I feel like they just have a very different, a different range of like, things that you can watch. But I feel like I know a lot of streaming services are coming out as like their own networks. Like I guess, for example, like Fox, I don't know if they're making one. But let's say Fox is making their own, like they're taking their own TV shows. And I feel like that kind of defeats the purpose of streaming services, because then it's like, well, I'm not going to pay like \$15 a month for all these streaming services. I would rather just pay for Netflix and Hulu. Disney Plus is okay, I probably wouldn't pay for it if I had to pay for myself. Like it came with my phone plan so I was like, whatever I might as well try it. Yeah, I feel like if you take all these shows off, it's really defeating the purpose of streaming services. And then we're just going back to like, like regular cable. And I feel like that's what people are trying to move away from because you have more options with streaming services, I feel like? And I feel...again, I don't pay for cable, my mom does. She complains a lot that like you don't have those options, and they pay you or they charge you so much for like, you know, little things. So...

Ben

Yeah, and like there's so many cable channels that you're paying for that you would never watch. Like, I think...

Tara

I think I watch, like three channels and that's it.

Ben

Like I watch sports...Air Disasters sometimes if I'm really bored, and like Judge Mathis. I love, like, courtroom shows.

Tara

Oh, I was like who?

Ben

It's like Judge Judy.

Tara

I do love those shows too. They're very entertaining.

Ben

Yeah, I think NBC is doing their own streaming service, Peacock.

Tara

That's what it was!

Ben

Cuz cuz that's their logo, is the peacock.

Tara

I mean, that makes sense. But I feel like they could have come up with a more creative name.

Ben

And they don't even have the peacock logo in it. It's just colorful dots.

Tara

Their marketing team did not do well on that one...Talking like I'm a Marketing Major!

Ben

If I had to write the streaming services, I'd probably put Netflix at the top, even though like I watched more things on Hulu. And there's more things I like on Hulu. I like Netflix because there's no commercials.

Tara

That is true.

Ben

Disney Plus is all right. But I'm not a huge Disney fan. So I only use it for like Marvel and Star Wars. And then Apple TV. As soon as my free year runs out. I'm probably not renewing it. Just

because I don't want to pay on top of a like membership fee. I don't want to have to pay extra for movies. That's kind of the thing with cable and on demand.

Tara

Yeah!

Ben

You already have to pay to watch things on demand with cable. And the point of streaming is to get away from that, you know?

Alright, I think that about wraps up everything I have to say about streaming services.

Tara

I would say me too! I got my feelings out about the new services.

Ben

A nice little rant session!

Tara

Yeah.

Ben

About everything wrong with streaming services.

Tara

I really didn't think I was gonna get this heated about it, but I really did!

Ben

Thank you everyone for listening to Season Eight, Episode Two of the Rough Draft podcast. Tune in in two weeks to check out our episode about National Coming Out Day where we're gonna meet with members of the LGBTQ plus community, talk about their experiences, because I'm not a member of that community. And I don't really know what, so it's gonna be fun for me to learn a little bit. Hopefully, you guys our listeners can learn a little bit as well. If you'd like to listen to our previous episode, it's up on Spotify, SoundCloud, and Apple Podcasts. And that episode is about Suicide Prevention Week, uh, that's already out. So you can go ahead and listen to that whenever you want. Also, check out the York Review on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram. Or you can check out our website at yorkreview.org. And you can submit your own work to be published either in the print edition in April, right? Or later next semester. When's the print one coming out?

Tara

We're trying for November, but we'll see how that goes.

Ben

I was way off.

Tara

I am hoping for November. Is it gonna happen? I really hope so. Please send me your things.

Ben

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