

Here are some TV Shows based on true events that have happened to me in the last year.

LADDER 101

Larry, a hotshot (yet good hearted) Seattle copy writer, gets stuck in traffic. With a young son, wife and dinner at home a good 90 minutes away he decides he has had it. On advice from his wife he becomes a rookie fireman at 38 years old. Often he is the butt of pranks he would have found funny fifteen years ago. In the pilot, he actually saves a cat from a tree for an ungrateful geriatric. He learns important lessons about ageism. He learns to love the brotherhood of the SFD. Each episode opens with him being called to the Microsoft campus to resuscitate yet another employee from a heart attack.

VILLAGE SAVANTS

Jackie, a 30 something tomboy (think Carrie in Sex in The City meets Amanda in the Bad News Bears)

urns from a national tour of a play pregnant.

Nine months later in Los Angeles she delivers their baby and only then decides to keep him. She then tries to figure out 'How the Fuck" to become a mother. She soon finds herself

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surrounded by a village of nutty friends. Included are a late 30's baby hungry knit-a-holic and her boyfriend at a mid-life career crossroads, a pair of lovable techie beta-males who are vying for the title of 'Baby Daddy," an older but hip priest (Father Mulcahay if he used to play bass for The Pretenders") and a re-curring cast of random Theater Folk. As Jackie comes from a VERY large family, each week a different sibling or cousin ("How are these people related?") guest stars.

THE SEATS

This is a one hour single camera comedy. Dave, a late 30's longtime San Francisco Giants Fan at a mid-life career crossroads is given "nose bleeds" mini-season ticket package to see his arch enemies, The Los Angeles Dodgers. The tix are given by his knit-a-holic baby hungry girl friend. Throughout the season, the Dodger hating curmudgeon comes to respect "the real fans" of his rivals and re-discovers his true love of baseball. The ensemble cast includes a Latino father of four (all children are adorned in complete Dodger Uniforms and Nacho Cheese) and porn accountant, an old couple who attend every game yet never talk or smile. The man has a lot of burns. There is an Elvis Loving tattoo freak, an old Hippie (a skinnier Iggy Pop type) with his grandson and other randoms. Each week we follow the complicated lives of the ticket holders. Everyone's true feelings come out in "The Seats" After Dodger losses the Giants fan regularly undulates in only his "Underdog" underpants

Yes, I tune in every week.

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