



Little AMERICA

How to entertain cooped-up kids without guilt



ABC's long-running slapstick showcase is perfect for when your family needs a laugh. —KRISTEN BALDWIN

NAILED IT! [2] (Netflix) This Nicole Byer-hosted baking competition has an added appeal for kids: Each episode features grown-ups falling in new and hilarious ways to make complicated confections. —KB

BOOKS

THE PAPER KINGDOM

by Helena Ku Rhee

An evocative story about a boy who resents his parents' nighttime office-cleaner jobs, but through his imagination comes to see them as sentinels of a kingdom inhabited by messy dragons. —LACEY VORRASI-BANIS

DOG MAN

by Dav Pilkey

The best-selling middle-grade series of eight books follows a police officer whose genetic makeup can be gleaned from the title. Pilkey delivers more of the silly plot-driven fun that he previously displayed in *Captain Underpants*. —DAVID GARFIELD

For parents, quarantining with kids can feel like renting a studio apartment in a particularly diabolical nook of hell. If you are acting as teacher, medical consultant, personal trainer, and Matchbox-car GPS for your brood (in addition to working your paying gig), you definitely could use help. No need to feel guilty, but no need to settle for lowest-common-denominator pop culture, either. Here are some EW-vetted picks.

For parents, Star Wars and The X-Files = what's not to love? Bonus: Your sweet babes can't pick up off-color language when there's no actual spoken dialogue. —KATIE HASTY

HUGO

(Netflix, Vudu, Google Play, Apple TV, FandangoNOW)

A Martin Scorsese joint, and nary an F-bomb. This underrated live-action adventure also stars professional goober Sacha Baron Cohen in a fantastic role. —KH

MOVIES

A SHAUN THE SHEEP

MOVIE: FARMAGEDDON [1]

(Netflix)

Claymation animals + Easter eggs from sci-fi

TV

AFV (ABC, Hulu)

You're never too young to discover the hilarity of dads getting hit in the nuts with Wiffle bats.



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SULWE [3] by Lupita Nyong'o Not every celeb picture book nails it, but Nyong'o's deeply moving tale of a young, dark-skinned girl finding beauty within is as entrancing as it is enlightening. Iconic illustrator Vashti Harrison does magical work too. —CC

PODCASTS

EAR SNACKS

In their delightful educational podcast, award-winning children's musicians Andrew & Polly talk about—to paraphrase one of their hit songs—a little bitta this and a little bitta that with guests both you and your kids will enjoy. —LVB

CHOMPERS [4]

This podcast times each of its three-minute episodes to little ones' toothbrushing routines—two shows a day, every day. Each is filled with fun facts, lively debates (tacos versus pizza), and memorization games. But they'll also remind your kiddo (and you) when to switch to brushing the bottom row. —KH