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Arts

Series Title: PBS NewsHour
Episode Title: Episode 1
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 7/1/2022 7:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: News (live news only)
Segment Length: 00:07:58

If you are looking for something good to read this summer, you might start with the books written by our very own NewsHour staff. Three of our colleagues are out now with a memoir, a novel and a non-fiction book, all with very different styles. Jeffrey Brown spoke with Frances Kai-Hwa Wang, Aaron Foley and Nicole Ellis for our arts and culture series, "CANVAS.

Series Title: NOVA | A to Z
Episode Title: The First Alphabet
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 8/31/2022 9:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:56:44

Writing shaped civilization itself, from the trading of goods to tales of ancient goddesses and kings. Follow the evolution of the written word, from millennia-old carvings in an Egyptian turquoise mine to our modern-day alphabets.

Series Title: NOVA | A to Z
Episode Title: How Writing Changed the World
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 9/7/2022 9:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:56:44

Just as handwritten records changed how societies work, the printing press transformed the spread of information, igniting the Industrial Revolution. How did technologies -- from pen to paper to printing press -- make it all possible?

Culture

Series Title: Finding Your Roots
Episode Title: All in the Family
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 7/5/2022 8:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Other
Segment Length: 00:56:46

Radio host Joe Madison receives startling family news, and series host Henry Louis Gates, Jr. learns his own DNA story. Also features the "Finding Your Roots: The Seedlings" STEM Camp, with science and history inspiring the next generation.

Series Title: Finding Your Roots
Episode Title: Italian Roots
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 8/2/2022 8:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Other
Segment Length: 00:56:44

Henry Louis Gates, Jr. explores the roots of talk show host Jimmy Kimmel and actors Marisa Tomei and John Turturro, introducing them to ancestors who made immense sacrifices to bring their families from Italy to America.

Series Title: Finding Your Roots
Episode Title: Beyond the Pale
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 9/13/2022 8:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Other
Segment Length: 00:56:44

Henry Louis Gates, Jr. explores the Jewish heritages of actor Jeff Goldblum, radio host Terry Gross and comedian Marc Maron, uncovering previously unknown stories that show each shares much more with their ancestors than a religious tradition.

Environment/Nature/Natural Disasters

Series Title: America Outdoors with Baratunde Thurston
Episode Title: Death Valley: Life Blooms
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 7/5/2022 9:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: Other
Segment Length: 00:52:35

Baratunde explores the hottest place on Earth and finds it is remarkably full of life.

Series Title: America Outdoors with Baratunde Thurston
Episode Title: Tidewater: Homecoming
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 8/2/2022 9:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: Other
Segment Length: 00:52:18

Baratunde treks along the coast of North Carolina and discovers surprising ways in which history has shaped these environments. He explores a daunting swamp, soars above the dunes on a Wright Brothers glider and tracks wild horses on the beach.

Series Title: Nature
Episode Title: Undercover in the Jungle
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 9/7/2022 8:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:56:46

Go undercover with a film crew on a perilous journey to the untouched wilderness of biodiversity in the Amazon rainforest. Meet some of the most incredible creatures, from pygmy marmosets to pumas, as the wild secrets of the jungle are revealed.

Family/Marriage

Series Title: Finding Your Roots
Episode Title: Grandparents and Other Strangers
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 7/12/2022 8:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Other
Segment Length: 00:56:46

Host Henry Louis Gates, Jr. helps actor Andy Samberg and author George R. R. Martin answer some family mysteries when DNA detective work uncovers new branches of their family trees. The DNA analysis upends family history and reveals new relatives.

Series Title: The Boleyns: A Scandalous Family
Episode Title: Ambition
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 8/28/2022 8:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:56:46

Explore Thomas Boleyn's determination to elevate the family name. His expectations and ambitions for his three children will take them into the heart of the Tudor court.

Series Title: The Boleyns: A Scandalous Family
Episode Title: Desire
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 9/4/2022 8:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:56:46

Meet a more sophisticated Anne Boleyn as she returns to England from France having grown into a real beauty. Anne dazzles the Tudor Court while her family plays the long game to catch a king.

Health/Healthcare

Series Title: POV
Episode Title: Wuhan Wuhan
Length: 90 minutes
Airdate: 7/11/2022 10:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 01:26:46

Through the stories of frontline medical workers, patients, and ordinary citizens, Wuhan Wuhan provides a human face to the early months of the COVID-19 pandemic in the city where the mysterious virus was first discovered. How will they unite in grappling with an invisible, deadly killer?

Series Title: PBS NewsHour
Episode Title: Episode 23
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 8/2/2022 7:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: News (live news only)
Segment Length: 00:07:07

The monkeypox outbreak continues to grow faster than many initially expected. Nearly 6,000 cases have been reported in the U.S. since May and three states have issued emergency declarations over the outbreak in the last week. New York City Health Commissioner Dr. Ashwin Vasan joins Stephanie Sy to discuss efforts to contain the virus in one of the country's epicenters.

Series Title: Lucy Worsley Investigates
Episode Title: Madness of King George
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 9/11/2022 10:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:56:46

A close look at the life of George III, including the effect of his mental illness on Britain and how the assassination attempt on his life changed psychiatry.

Minorities/Civil Rights

Series Title: POV
Episode Title: Manzanar, Diverted: When Water Becomes Dust
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 7/24/2022 11:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:56:27

Follow the stories of Native Americans, Japanese Americans and environmentalists defending their waters.

Series Title: American Experience
Episode Title: The Murder of Emmett Till
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 8/23/2022 9:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:56:46

In August 1955, a 14-year-old black boy from Chicago whistled at a white woman in a grocery store in Money, Mississippi. Emmett Till didn't understand that he had broken the unwritten laws of the Jim Crow South. Three days later, two white men dragged him from his bed in the dead of night, beat him brutally and shot him. Although his killers were arrested and charged with murder, they were both quickly acquitted by an all-white, all-male jury. Soon after, the defendants sold their story, including a detailed account of how they murdered Till, to a journalist. The murder and the trial horrified the nation and the world. Till's death was a spark that helped mobilize the civil rights movement. Three months after his body was pulled from the Tallahatchie River, the Montgomery Bus Boycott began.

Series Title: The U.S. and the Holocaust
Episode Title: The Homeless, The Tempest-Tossed (1942 -)
Length: 120 minutes
Airdate: 9/21/2022 8:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 02:00:58

A group of dedicated government officials fights red tape to support rescue operations. As the Allies liberate German camps, the public sees for the first time the sheer scale of the Holocaust and begins to reckon with its reverberations.

Science/Technology

Series Title: NOVA
Episode Title: Ultimate Space Telescope
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 7/13/2022 9:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:56:46

Explore the dramatic story of NASA's James Webb Space Telescope from its conception to completion.

Series Title: NOVA
Episode Title: NOVA Universe Revealed: Black Holes
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 8/3/2022 9:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:56:46

Take a seat on the ultimate thrill ride as NOVA explores the universe's strangest objects.

Series Title: Wild Weather
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 9/29/2022 2:00:00 AM
Service: PBS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:56:46

Watch an innovative documentary that illustrates how weather works by performing brave, ambitious (even unlikely) experiments that show how nature transforms simple ingredients like wind, water and temperature into something spectacular and powerful.