The Magic of Strong Female Role Models in TV Shows

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It can be magical to see strong female characters in tv shows, particularly in the fantasy genre because for young girls, teens and adults to see strong female characters in tv shows can make more impact than books. The reason for this is because of the visual nature of TV shows. Within the last five years, there had been a rise/surge of female characters in tv shows that match the current definition of strong female characters "wide range, from emotional to physical strength" (5). This is a review of some of the most popular, and newest TV shows currently along with the female character featured in them.

(1) The Order (2019)
Character: Alyssa
Genre: Magic
Age: 19
Occupation: Student and Magical
Review: Secret Societies and magic? Sign me up for this! That's what Alyssa thought when she began her university career. In her second year of university and climbing the ranks in her secret society, she met Jack. Jack is the main protagonist of the TV show who seeks to destroy his father's reputation without knowing his father is the top dog of the secret society he's being initiated into. The star-crossed Lovers need to figure out what is the most important thing to them through the first season and how to fight for it. This TV show is highly recommended for young adult in general and people who like secret societies, conspiracies, and magic.

(2) Shadowhunter (2016)
Character: Clary Fray/Fairchild
Genre: Down world and Angels
Age: 18
Occupation: Shadowhunter
Review: To learn that you're a half angel on your eighteenth birthday can be quite the shock. Clarissa Fairchild went through that on her eighteenth birthday when she saw some people slaying some sort of demon. At that moment, Clarissa's world was irrelevantly changed. On top of this, Clarissa has to deal with the kidnapping of her mother. On the hunt for her mother, Clarissa encounter issues such as life or death decisions. This TV show is highly recommended for who love the book series and supernatural genre.

(3) Van Helsing (2016):
Character: Vanessa
Genre: Vampires
Age: 33
Occupation: Vampire Slayer
Review: Vanessa Van Helsing woke up from a coma to the entire world purged into darkness and vampires coming out of hiding. Vanessa's first priority was to find her daughter, so she becomes a vampire slayer, fighting through the vampires to save her daughter. This is a great TV Show for anyone who loves vampires and the horror genre. On top of this, Vanessa is a kickass and strong female character, determined to protect her daughter and show her strength.

(4) Runaways (2017):
Character: Nicole
Genre: Super Heroes
Age: 17
Occupation: Runaway
Review: Nicole is a teen girl dealing with the dilemma of with power, come great responsibility. Being in second-command, and leading her runaway team, and learning how to use her new skills had given Nicole a lot of struggles in the first and second season. Nicole also grew into her sexuality and learned how relationships work. This TV Show is off the chart because it also includes more strong female characters such as Karolina, Gertrude, and Molly.

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