

HITCHCOCKED!

AN AUDIO SERIAL

Glossary

EPISODE 1: *The Trouble with Alma*

39 Steps, The: [1935 Hitchcock film](#)

Alma: first name of Hitchcock's wife and lifelong collaborator [Alma Reville](#)

Beeper: [wireless communication device](#) also known as a pager

Be Kind, Rewind: [sticker](#) appearing on VHS tapes applied by rental shops

Blazing Saddles: [1974 Mel Brooks film](#) satirizing the western film genre

Blockbuster Video: [physical media rental chain](#) popular from the 1990s through early 2000s

Cinema Paradiso: [1988 Giuseppe Tornatore film](#)

Dean, James: [American actor and cultural icon](#)

DePalma, Brian: American [film director](#) influenced by Hitchcock

Duel: [1971 Steven Spielberg film](#)

DVD: [home media format](#) popular from the late 1990s, replacing VHS and prior to Blu-Ray

"F" for Fake: [1973 Orson Wells docudrama](#) about forgery and fakery

Footlight Parade: [1933 Lloyd Bacon/Busby Berkeley musical film](#)

French Connection, The: [1971 William Friedkin film](#)

Gone With the Wind: [1939 historical romance epic](#)

Grant: last name of one of Hitchcock's leading men [Cary Grant](#)

Guffin, Mac (or Mac Guffin): name of one of Hitchcock's [favorite plot devices](#)

High Anxiety: [1977 Mel Brooks film](#) satirizing Hitchcock films

History of the World, Part 1: [1981 Mel Brook film](#) parody of the historical spectacular film genre

It's a Mad, Mad, Mad, Mad World: [1963 Stanley Kramer comedy epic](#)

Jimmy: first name of one of Hitchcock's leading men [James Stewart](#)

Kelly, Grace: name of one of Hitchcock's [leading women](#)

Matinee: [1993 Joe Dante film](#) about a William Castle-type independent filmmaker

Midge: first name of [Barbara Bel Geddes](#)' character in [Vertigo](#)

Mr. Memory: [character](#) in Hitchcock's *The 39 Steps*

Network: [1976 Sidney Lumet film](#) about television news as entertainment

North by Northwest: [1959 Hitchcock film](#)

Our Host: suggested by Hitchcock's openings/closings of his TV show [Alfred Hitchcock Presents](#)

Paradine Case, The: [1947 Hitchcock film](#)

Producers, The: [1967 Mel Brooks film](#) about a scam to produce the worst stage musical of all time

Psycho: [1960 Hitchcock film](#)

Psycho shower scene: [the murder of Marion Crane](#), and one of the most famous Hitchcock scenes

Psycho trailer: the [coming attractions trailer](#) featuring a tour of the Bates Motel by Hitchcock

Public domain: [list of public domain films in the United States](#)

Purple Rose of Cairo, The: [1985 Woody Allen film](#) about escaping into the movies

Sabotage: [1936 Hitchcock film](#) set in a family run movie theatre

Senate Theatre: 800-seat [theatre in Detroit](#) featuring a [Wurlitzer organ](#)

Shall We Dance: [1937 Fred Astaire/Ginger Rogers musical](#)

Singin' in the Rain: [1952 MGM musical](#) about the film industry and the dawn of sound

Smokey and the Bandit: [1977 road action comedy](#)

"Smooth Operator": [1984 Sade song](#)

Spy Who Loved Me, The: [1977 James Bond film](#)

Swing Time: [1936 Fred Astaire/Ginger Rogers musical](#)

Tingler, The: [1959 William Castle](#) film about a centipede-like creature let loose in a movie theatre

Top Hat: [1935 Fred Astaire/Ginger Rogers musical](#)

Trouble with Harry, The: [1955 Hitchcock film](#)

Vanishing Point: [1971 Richard C. Sarafian film](#)

VHS: [home media format](#) popular from the 1970s through mid 2000s

VHS rental shop: [physical media stores](#) popular from the 1980s through early 2000s

Young Frankenstein: [1974 Mel Brooks film](#) satirizing Frankenstein films and the horror film genre

EPISODE 2: *To Catch a Murderer*

17 (or *Number Seventeen*): [1932 Hitchcock film](#)

2500 East Grand Boulevard: fictitious address of Vandamm Tower, named for [Hitchcock villain](#)

“Alice in Wonderland” (or “Alice’s Adventures in Wonderland”): [1865 Lewis Carroll novel](#)

Alma: first name of Hitchcock's wife and lifelong collaborator [Alma Reville](#)

Apartment, The: [1960 Billy Wilder film](#)

Beyond the Valley of the Dolls: [1970 Russ Meyer film](#) with screenplay by [Roger Ebert](#)

Boombox: [portable music player](#)

Brandon: first name of [one of the villains](#) from [Hitchcock’s Rope](#)

Casablanca: [1942 Michael Curtiz film](#)

Charlie, Uncle: named after [Uncle Charlie](#) from [Hitchcock’s Shadow of a Doubt](#)

Citizen Kane: [1941 Orson Welles film](#)

Dancing Woman: suggested by Miss Torso from [Hitchcock’s Rear Window](#)

David: first name of the victim from [Hitchcock’s Rope](#) (can be seen in [the trailer](#))

Dewar’s: a brand of [Scotch whisky](#)

Ebert, Roger: [film critic](#) for *Chicago Sun-Times* from 1967-2013

Gone With the Wind: [1939 historical romance epic](#)

Grant: last name of one of Hitchcock's leading men [Cary Grant](#)

Guffin, Mac (or Mac Guffin): name of one of Hitchcock's [favorite plot devices](#)

Jägerbomb: [an alcoholic mixed drink](#)

John Q. Law: [slang for police](#)

Judy: a character from [Hitchcock’s Vertigo](#) (spoiler alert)

Lawrence of Arabia: [1962 David Lean film](#)

Man Getting Massage: suggested by L.B. “Jeff” Jefferies from [Hitchcock’s Rear Window](#)

Man Playing Piano: suggested by the songwriter from [Hitchcock’s Rear Window](#)

Man Winding Clock: suggested by Hitchcock’s cameo in the songwriter’s apartment in [Rear Window](#)

Mason, James: [actor](#) who played Phillip Vandamm, the villain of [Hitchcock’s North by Northwest](#)

Men Watching Woman Dance: suggested by men watching Miss Torso in [Hitchcock’s Rear Window](#)

Newlywed Husband and Wife: suggested by the newlyweds in [Hitchcock’s Rear Window](#)

North by Northwest: [1959 Hitchcock film](#)

Officer Antony: last name of Robert Walker’s character in [Hitchcock’s Strangers on a Train](#)

Officer Haines: last name of Farley Granger’s character in [Hitchcock’s Strangers on a Train](#)

Our Host: suggested by Hitchcock's openings/closings of his TV show [Alfred Hitchcock Presents](#)

Phillip: first name of one of the villains from [Hitchcock’s Rope](#)

Rear Window: [1954 Hitchcock film](#)

Rope: [1948 Hitchcock film](#)

Shadow of a Doubt: [1943 Hitchcock film](#)

Shirley Temple: [a non-alcoholic mixed drink](#)

Siskel and Ebert: [hosts of film review TV series](#)

Speed: [1994 Jan de Bont film](#)

Stewart, James: [one of Hitchcock's leading men](#)

Thelma: first name of [Thelma Ritter](#), who played Stella in [Hitchcock's *Rear Window*](#)

Thoroughly Modern Millie: [1967 George Roy Hill film](#)

To Catch a Thief: [1955 Hitchcock film](#)

Towering Inferno, The: [1974 John Guillermin film](#)

Vandamm Tower: named for Phillip Vandamm, the villain of [Hitchcock's *North by Northwest*](#)

Vertigo: [1958 Hitchcock film](#)

Willy Wonka & the Chocolate Factory: [1971 Mel Stuart film](#)

Woman Giving Massage: suggested by Stella from [Hitchcock's *Rear Window*](#)

"You gentlemen aren't *really* trying to murder my son, are you?": [from *North by Northwest*](#)

EPISODE 3: *The 39 Props*

39 Steps, The: [1935 Hitchcock film](#)

42°28' 37" N 83°09' 25" W: [GPS coordinates for the Detroit Zoo](#)

555 Telephone Numbers: [central office code used for fictitious phone number](#)

African Spoonbill: [a species of bird](#)

Alma: first name of Hitchcock's wife and lifelong collaborator [Alma Reville](#)

Anagram: [a word or phrase formed by rearranging letters](#)

Answering Machine: [a device for answering telephones and recording messages](#)

Arcade (or Shooting Arcade): [venue where people play games](#)

Billy's Hollywood Screen Kiss: [1998 Tommy O'Haver film](#)

Birds, The: [1963 Hitchcock film](#)

Charlie, Uncle: named after [Uncle Charlie](#) from [Hitchcock's *Shadow of a Doubt*](#)

Definition of suspense: [signature Hitchcock style](#)

Detroit Zoo: [one of Michigan's largest attractions](#)

Finger Sandwiches: [small prepared sandwiches](#)

Frenzy: [1972 Hitchcock film](#)

Godfather, The: [1972 Francis Ford Coppola film](#)

Grant: last name of one of Hitchcock's leading men [Cary Grant](#)

Guffin, Mac (or Mac Guffin): name of one of Hitchcock's [favorite plot devices](#)

It's a Wonderful Life: [1946 Frank Capra film](#)

Jessie: first name of Hitchcock actress [Jessie Royce Landis](#)

Jimmy: first name of one of Hitchcock's leading men [James Stewart](#)

Lawrence Welk: [accordionist, bandleader and television impresario](#)

Laughing Kookaburra: [a species of bird](#)

Lemon-Caper Butter and Smoked Salmon Tea Sandwiches: Martha Stewart's [recipe](#)

Martha Stewart Living: [television program](#) which ran from 1993-2004

Mr. Memory: [character](#) in Hitchcock's [The 39 Steps](#)

"Mr. Memory Theme": [theme song](#) of the [character](#) in Hitchcock's [The 39 Steps](#)

Midge: first name of [Barbara Bel Geddes'](#) character in [Vertigo](#)

Monty Python and the Holy Grail: [1975 Terry Gilliam and Terry Jones film](#)

Notorious: [1946 Hitchcock film](#)

Ornithologist: [one who studies birds](#)

Our Host: suggested by Hitchcock's openings/closings of his TV show [Alfred Hitchcock Presents](#)

Pig Latin: [a language game](#)

Recording Studio (or Home Recording Studio): [practice of recording sound in a private home](#)
"Rosebud": [the last words of Charles Foster Kane and overall plot device of *Citizen Kane*](#)

Scarlet Ibis: [a species of bird](#)

Scrabble: [a word game](#)

Shadow of a Doubt: [1943 Hitchcock film](#)

Spin the Bottle: [a kissing party game](#)

Strangers on a Train: [1951 Hitchcock film](#)

Stewart, Martha: [retail business woman, writer and television personality](#)

Strip Poker: [a party game](#)

Times Square: [a major commercial intersection in Midtown Manhattan](#)

Truth or Dare: [a party game](#)

VHS: [home media format](#) popular from the 1970s through mid 2000s

VHS Cassette: [parts of a VHS cassette](#)

VHS rental shop: [physical media stores](#) popular from the 1980s through early 2000s

Wizard of Oz, The: [1939 Victor Fleming film](#)

Yellow-Crowned Bishop: [a species of bird](#)

EPISODE 4: *East by Northeast*

19156: [Motion Picture Production Code](#) number of [Hitchcock's *North by Northwest*](#)
39 Steps, The: [1935 Hitchcock film](#)

Aerophobia: [fear of flying](#)

Airfone: [in-flight telephone](#)

Airplane!: [1980 Abrahams/Zucker/Zucker film](#)

Alma: first name of Hitchcock's wife and lifelong collaborator [Alma Reville](#)

American West Airlines: [United States major airline](#) from 1981-2015

Amtrak Lake Shore Limited: [overnight train](#) with service between Chicago and the Northeast

Bates, Norman: [fictional character](#) in [Hitchcock's *Psycho*](#)

Beale, Edith Bouvier (or Little Edie): [American socialite](#) and subject of [Grey Gardens](#)

Captain Oveur: name of the captain in the film [Airplane!](#)

Centennial: [100th anniversary](#)

Charlie, Uncle: named after [Uncle Charlie](#) from [Hitchcock's *Shadow of a Doubt*](#)

C.I.A.: [Central Intelligence Agency](#)

Danvers: [last name of character](#) played by [Judith Anderson](#) in Hitchcock's [Rebecca](#)

Detroit Metropolitan Airport: [major international airport](#)

Die Hard 2: [1990 Renny Harlin film](#)

Dramamine: [over-the-counter motion sickness drug](#)

Dr. Strangelove (or How I Learned to Stop Worrying and Love the Bomb): [1964 Stanley Kubrick film](#)

Easy Rider: [1969 Dennis Hopper film](#)

Emergency Break: [a handle or plunger found on trains](#)

Erie International Airport: [public airport](#) in Erie, Pennsylvania

Erie, Pennsylvania: [county seat of Erie County](#)

F.B.I.: [Federal Bureau of Investigation](#)

Fred: variation on the first name of [Alfred Hitchcock](#)

Grant: last name of one of Hitchcock's leading men [Cary Grant](#)

Grey Gardens: [1975 Maysles documentary](#) about mother and daughter both named Edith Beale

Guffin, Mac (or Mac Guffin): name of one of Hitchcock's [favorite plot devices](#)

Hand-Held Electromagnetic Wand: [metal detector](#) used by [airport security](#)

Hannay, Richard: male lead in [Hitchcock's *The 39 Steps*](#)

Heart-Shaped Tub: [a "romantic" bathtub](#)

Hitchhiking (reference to [It Happened One Night](#)): suggested by [this scene](#)

Honey Roasted Peanuts: [signature airplane snack of the period](#)

It Happened One Night: [1934 Frank Capra film](#)

It's a Mad, Mad, Mad, Mad World: [1963 Stanley Kramer comedy epic](#)

Kelly: last name of Grace Kelly, one of Hitchcock's [leading women](#)

Kimono: [a traditional Japanese garment](#) worn by [Little Edie Beale](#) in an untraditional fashion

Margot: first name of [Grace Kelly's](#) character in Hitchcock's *Dial "M" for Murder*

Marquee Letters: [temporary signage on the exterior of a cinema](#)

National Lampoon's Vacation: [1983 Harold Ramis film](#)

Norma: female variation on [Norman Bates](#) from *Hitchcock's Psycho*

North by Northwest: [1959 Hitchcock film](#)

N.S.A.: [National Security Agency](#)

Nun: suggested by the spy undercover as a nun in *Hitchcock's The Lady Vanishes*

Our Host: suggested by Hitchcock's openings/closings of his TV show *Alfred Hitchcock Presents*

Pamela (or Pamela Hannay): character in *Hitchcock's The 39 Steps*

Pee-Wee's Big Adventure: [1985 Tim Burton film](#)

Phoenix, Arizona: hometown of [Marion Crane](#) in *Hitchcock's Psycho*

Phone Booth (or Telephone Booth): [small structure furnished with payphone](#)

Planes, Trains and Automobiles: [1987 John Hughes film](#)

Psycho: [1960 Hitchcock film](#)

Ribbon Candy: [hard candy](#) sometimes associated with Christmas and the elderly

Thelma and Louise: [1991 Ridley Scott film](#)

Those Magnificent Men in Their Flying Machines: [1965 Ken Annakin film](#)

Times Square: [a major commercial intersection in Midtown Manhattan](#)

Train, Thrown Off: manner of death of [Uncle Charlie](#) from *Hitchcock's Shadow of a Doubt*

Twilight Zone: The Movie: [1983 anthology film](#) including remake of "Nightmare at 20,000 Feet"

Union Station, Erie, PA: [Amtrak railroad station](#)

EPISODE 5: *Dial "H" for Hitchcock*

Alma: first name of Hitchcock's wife and lifelong collaborator [Alma Reville](#)

Andiamo: [Italian for "Let's go"](#)

Arbogast: [last name of the private detective in Hitchcock's *Psycho*](#)

Arrivederci: [Italian for "Goodbye"](#)

"Auld Lang Syne": [traditional song sung at midnight on New Year's Eve](#)

BMW (or Beemer): [German luxury vehicle](#)

Bomb Disposal Officer: [specialist in rendering explosives safe](#)

Boogie Nights: [1997 Paul Thomas Anderson film](#)

"Bon appétit, mes jeunes amis!": French for [good appetite](#) (or enjoy your meal) my young friends

Bundy: last name of a character in [Hitchcock's *The Birds*](#)

Casablanca: [1942 Michael Curtiz film](#)

Champagne Cocktail: [alcoholic drink](#) made with bitters, champagne and brandy

Citizen Kane: [1941 Orson Welles film](#)

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Dial "M" for Murder: [1954 Hitchcock film](#)

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Hors d'oeuvre: [small dishes](#) traditionally served prior to a meal

Hudsucker Proxy, The: [1994 Coen Brothers film](#)

It's a Mad, Mad, Mad, Mad World: [1963 Stanley Kramer comedy epic](#)

It's a Wonderful Life: [1946 Frank Capra film](#)

"Judy, Judy, Judy": [a phrase associated with Hitchcock's leading man Cary Grant](#)

New Year's Eve in Times Square: [party in Times Square to ring in the new year](#)

North by Northwest: [1959 Hitchcock film](#)

NYPD: [the New York City Police Department](#)

Officer Hubbard: [the last name of the inspector in Hitchcock's *Dial "M" for Murder*](#)

One Times Square: [25 story skyscraper which hosts the Times Square Ball](#)

Our Host: suggested by Hitchcock's openings/closings of his TV show [Alfred Hitchcock Presents](#)

Oysters Rockefeller: [popular decadent appetizer](#)

Pickled Rattlesnake: [a delicacy served in *Auntie Mame*](#)

Plaza Hotel: [luxury hotel](#) in Manhattan featured in [Hitchcock's *North by Northwest*](#)

Poseidon Adventure, The: [1972 Ronald Neame film](#)

Radio Days: [1987 Woody Allen film](#)

Retrospective: [a collection honoring a body of work](#)

Strange Days: [1995 Kathryn Bigelow film](#)

Stewart, James: [one of Hitchcock's leading men](#)

SWAT: [special weapons and tactics law enforcement unit](#)

Times Square: [a major commercial intersection in Midtown Manhattan](#)

Times Square Ball: [a prominent part of the New Year's Eve celebration](#)

To Catch a Thief: [1955 Hitchcock film](#)

Usual Suspects, The: [1995 Bryan Singer film](#)

Verloc: last name of a saboteur in [Hitchcock's *Sabotage*](#)

Ziegfeld Theatre: [single-screen movie theatre](#) in Manhattan which operated from 1969 to 2016