























Korean TV List

Drama Series	Rating	Year	Twitter Summary	Trailer	Content (WIP)	By
Song of The Bandits	★ ★ ★ ★ ★	2023	Strongly influenced by 'The Good The Bad The Weird' , 'Red Dead Redemption 2' (and possible references to 'Judge Dredd' , 'Star Wars' & 'One Piece') this Korean Western is stylish, violent fun. Kim Nam Gil (The Fiery Priest) is once again sad & unstoppable, and Seo Hyun is sad lots of fantastic hats. Great fight scenes. Lots of great supporting characters that don't get enough time. Interestingly sympathetic to the communist rebels who would later become North Korea.	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=u9gT1vyp9Ws	🗡️👤	
Gyeongseong Creature 1	★ ★ ★ ★ ★	2023	Business owners & private detectives in 1940s Japanese-occupied Korea face off against very, very unpleasant things happening in the local hospital. Very little humour (it's inspired by Unit 731) but good action, suspense, tragedy and special effects. A grim 'Stranger Things' . It shares some sets with 'Song of The Bandits' but now they're larger. 'Song of The Bandits' has slightly better hats.	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Q3YgWMxaq8o	🦋👤👤👤👤👤👤	
Alchemy of Souls	★ ★ ★ ★ ★	2022	Assassins! Magest! Biscuits! Monsters! Romance! Excrement! One of the best k-dramas I've watched - a bit silly and wobbly in places but enormous fun with great characters, effects and huge sets,There's even a second series. It's set in a Joseon-like fantasy kingdom.	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nRw1C3GdFU0	👤👤👤👤👤👤👤👤👤👤👤👤	The Hong Sisters
Vincenzo	★ ★ ★ ★ ★	2021	Excellent, reminds me of The Good Manager in that it's about fighting big corporations, only this time with a high body-count, torture, lots of guns, blackmail, and shameless product placement. A Korean-Italian mafia troubleshooter shoots trouble & looks pretty/cool	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Si2-4mXCnj4	👤👤👤👤👤👤👤👤👤👤👤👤	Park Jae Bum
Inspector Koo	★ ★ ★ ★ ★	2021	Now firmly in my Top 5 Korean dramas, possibly at number 1. It's very difficult to describe in one tweet: It's a rather unconventional and innovative detective series with a very women-dominated cast that avoids most k-drama stereotypes. Great music that's strangely Madchester	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Mnh1pq_v988	👤👤👤👤👤👤👤👤👤👤👤👤	
Hometown Cha Cha Cha	★ ★ ★ ★ ★	2021	A kind but awkward & snobbish dentist ends up in a seaside village, meets casual jack-of-all-trades, and nothing much happens. Relatively low body-count. It's nice, funny, mostly cheerful and soppy. Ends with impressively forced Domino's Pizza ad. A romance themed romantic comedy.	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=z6f6tazp3-M	👤👤👤👤👤👤👤👤👤👤👤👤	
The Uncanny Counter	★ ★ ★ ★ ★	2020	Originally missed off this list because it's not a romcom, but if Very Serious The Tree With Deep Roots' has got on the list I can add a fun Buffy-like superheroes-fight-demons-and-corruption series. Also, like The Tree With Deep Roots, it has Ahn Suk-hwan!	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=n55SRH6u8ts	👤👤👤👤👤👤👤👤👤👤👤👤	Yoo Seon Dong
Zombie Detective	★ ★ ★ ★ ★	2020	This knew exactly how daft it was & made a good job of it. Plot: full of holes. Detective: full of holes. Yet another evil vet, another CGI pig, boy band, an entire restaurant of tripe (literally), "Express Bus To Busan" & people hit with frying pans.	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HyT5ICDokJE	👤👤👤👤👤👤👤👤👤👤👤👤	
Mystic Pop-up Bar	★ ★ ★ ★ ★	2020	Fun, cheerful double-romcom about death and regrets, ghosts, supermarkets, and one of the odd temporary bars that seem to be in every Korean TV series. Imagine a big budget Rentaghost reboot that dealt with things like miscarriages and fatal illnesses in a sensitive way	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pgq0kAyo0pl	👤👤👤👤👤👤👤👤👤👤👤👤	
Diary of a School Nurse / School Nurse Files	★ ★ ★ ★ ★	2020	This is... very odd. A bit of rom, a bit com, huge amounts of slime, slime demons, teenagers, flesh tentacles, ghosts (slime), mass hysteria, supernatural dumb school, and teachers. Only six episodes. A haunted school series focusing on the staff. A+	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SUUjKTZbZQI	👤👤👤👤👤👤👤👤👤👤👤👤	
Mr Queen	★ ★ ★ ★ ★	2020	A smug promiscuous top chef (male) in 2020 ends up possessing the body of a late-Joseon era Queen. It's funny but there's possibly even more political intrigue than in a serious Joseon drama, & strong themes of how patriarchy turns women against each other. Some excellent acting, especially from Shin Hye-sun as The Queen's two personalities. Lots of cooking! Lots of eunuchs! Was one of top 5 most watched shows on Netflix.	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2-llkH0hJbw	👤👤👤👤👤👤👤👤👤👤👤👤	
Rookie Historian Goo Hae-yung	★ ★ ★ ★ ★	2019	Another Joseon romcom - rather funny at first, then more romantic, and then focuses on a constitutional crisis. Strong theme of women's rights, progress and anti-corruption. It's about honest, accurate historians but is quite anachronistic in places. Lots of likeable, almost Dickensian characters, and a very-Austen like female protagonist. We started calling the male lead 'Sweet Prince Doofus'. It often feels more like a Japanese 'isekai' as the heroine is an educated, smart, very modern woman living in an almost medieval country, and being very smug about it at times. I want my own eunuch now.	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ekqoXm7yU18	👤👤👤👤👤👤👤👤👤👤👤👤	
Crash Landing On You	★ ★ ★ ★ ★	2019	'The' Korean Romcom of recent years. Very wealthy woman accidentally ends up in North Korea, meets tall sensitive sad NK captain. Definitely one of the best so far, some surprisingly funny and sad bits, and a high body-count for a romcom, smart.	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eXMjTXL2Vks	👤👤👤👤👤👤👤👤👤👤👤👤	Park Ji-eun
Kingdom	★ ★ ★ ★ ★	2019	Epic Joseon drama with all the usual Joseon drama bits, but this time with a vast zombie-like plague too. It succeeds as both a great pseudo-period drama and as an innovative zombie horror series, and even manages a tiny portion of romcomness. One of the best Bad Queens, if not the best. I thought many scenes resembled parts of the 'Days Gone' video game.	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4l-yByZpaAM	👤👤👤👤👤👤👤👤👤👤👤👤	Park Jae Bum
The Good Manager	★ ★ ★ ★ ★	2017	A gangsters' accountant dreams of moving to Denmark but ends up an accidental hero to workers at a huge company. The entire series is about dramatic inter-departmental accountability battles and it's really good. Really. Barely any romance. Excellent antagonist.	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=712pgZUfshs	👤👤👤👤👤👤👤👤👤👤👤👤	
The Tree With Deep Roots*	★ ★ ★ ★ ★	2011	Not a romcom, more a historical kontragew with fighting, betrayal, murders, scheming, linguistics research & Joseon big hats. Absolutely brilliant.Stars the actors for the Sad Gangster in Wok of Love & Sad Psychotherapist from Bride of Habaek .	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=15ocZF4z2QE	👤👤👤👤👤👤👤👤👤👤👤👤	
Dear Hongrang	★ ★ ★ ★ ★	2025	Spooky, moody, grim, violent, tragic Joseon drama with some icky threats of incest (it's not tho), obsession, revenge, particularly good hats. Lee Jae-Wook does his mysterious brooding again. Huge body count but not of the villains with power. Villainous Patriarch, although there are so many competing villains it was bound to happen. There are so many rival groups I lost count - over 12 I think. FL character becomes flopper over time.	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8lCkHt-It44	👤👤👤👤👤👤👤👤👤👤👤👤	
Tastefully Yours	★ ★ ★ ★ ★	2025	Implausibly immaculate chef raised by nuns meets weaselly corporate heir, and he's not over one thing: her recipes. At first. A fun romcom improved by themes of redemption, Villainous Patriarch. Nice to see Kim Shin-Rok who played condemned mother in Heibound and warrior-run in Uprising having fun	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ssqoXsf_eY5M	👤👤👤👤👤👤👤👤👤👤👤👤	
Captivating The King	★ ★ ★ ★ ★	2024	Captivating The King / Another quality Joseon drama with Shin Sae Kyeong, this time playing an aristocratic lady with a secret life as a brilliant male Go gambler. Everyone is scheming and plotting. Murders, plots, apparently gay romance, good serious acting. Possibly too serious. Like Mr Queen it shows women trapped by court politics. You will learn how to shoot BOLLDOCKS in Korean.	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=11mqjgkik	👤👤👤👤👤👤👤👤👤👤👤👤	
Miss Night And Day	★ ★ ★ ★ ★	2024	A young woman struggling to find work as a civil servant is cursed, or blessed, by an unexplained magic cat so that she becomes a retirement-aged woman during the day, and then finds work with a grumpy-but-nice prosecutor, fighting crime and creating excellent spreadsheets. It has serious themes and manages to be a silly farce too. Great supporting characters and actors. There is, of course, a serial killer.	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Tu1Kf-7woUj	👤👤👤👤👤👤👤👤👤👤👤	
Crash Course In Romance	★ ★ ★ ★ ★	2023	A nice, funny series focused on the stress of university entrance exams, on the students, parents and teachers. An aloof celebrity maths instructor falls for a humble side-dish cook and mother. Lots of nice characters and a slow romance between older people, plus, of course, a serial killer.	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=M0cN0lisQ5w	👤👤👤👤👤👤👤👤👤👤👤👤	
The Uncanny Counter 2: Counter Punch	★ ★ ★ ★ ★	2023	A direct sequel for 'Uncanny Counter' and more of the same. A new team member, new tougher villains (led by a surprisingly muscular Kang Ki-Young, usually a nice nerd) with all the usual silly superhero team drama, this time based in an IKEA. There's a wrestling in cow manure scene. Ahn Suk-hwan with a big machine gun! Blatant product placements for food from the company that makes the series, which I then bought.	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1OX1TfCwVtk	👤👤👤👤👤👤👤👤👤👤👤👤	
Strong Girl Nam-Soon	★ ★ ★ ★ ★	2023	A sequel to 'Strong Girl Bong-soon' , focused on another branch of the strong-women family, this time three generations of super-powered women at once - a wealthy family in Gangnam - and the Mongolian-raised hero Nam Soon is even stronger than Bong Soon. It's daft and fun. The heroine's Batman-like mother is frankly terrifying and I felt sorry for the villain. The super-strong grandmother's wailing of the charming barista is possibly my favourite second-couple.	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PnKXlsedvc	👤👤👤👤👤👤👤👤👤👤👤👤	
Castaway Diva	★ ★ ★ ★ ★	2023	After being stranded on a deserted island for 15 years, a woman returns to society and sings a lot. There's a lot of music and a lot of smart, perceptive drama, great characters. Strong themes of domestic violence, identity, the unfair power men have over women. Even has a CGI pig! Two comas!	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Qleu0dPaKc	👤👤👤👤👤👤👤👤👤👤👤👤	
Cafe Minamdang	★ ★ ★ ★ ★	2022	"takes a deep breath" a group of disgraced police officers start a "sexy man cafe" that lets them run a fake shaman seer to catch a murderer, meet the sister of their dead friend who's now a vengeful super-cop and "then" it gets confusing. Somehow both grim and silly. The romance element is mostly sidelined after about 2/3 through. It uses the same twist as a number of other dramas on the list.	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=poKqtdfFJlg	👤👤👤👤👤👤👤👤👤👤👤👤	
Extraordinary Attorney Woo	★ ★ ★ ★ ★	2022	A legal romcom centred on a new lawyer with a rare form of autism. Generally very good but that makes its flaws and contradictions stand out more. I disliked how one character was treated by the writers, otherwise it would get 5 stars. It has some lovely characters and manages to highlight social issues despite the law firm often representing the bad side of a dispute. Lots of whale facts.	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=X6xKEC2c-zc	👤👤👤👤👤👤👤👤👤👤👤👤	
Unlock My Boss	★ ★ ★ ★ ★	2022	An unemployed young man finds a lost phone containing the soul of a top tech CEO and agrees to take his place. Surprisingly serious, with great acting and characters, but somehow too predictable. Phone-in-toliet scene wins a 🍌 despite later claim there was a lack of "number two". Portrays self-driving cars as rubbish so may actually be more realistic than 'Startup' . Also features what looks like the same AR tech as 'Memories of the Alhambra' but wins twice as many stars.	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PxF6n_2Wu7Y	👤👤👤👤👤👤👤👤👤👤👤👤	
Ghost Doctor	★ ★ ★ ★ ★	2022	A brilliant but unfriendly surgeon ends up in a coma and becomes a ghost, forced to team-up with a friendly young doctor lacking in practical skills. The two leading women are very much in the background, this is a bromcom. Rather gory but sweet, sad and funny. The surgeon is called Doctor Cha, but this is not the same Doctor Cha as in Doctor Cha . However his manager is the same actor as the other Doctor Cha's manager.	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8Rq9UJNYOgo	👤👤👤👤👤👤👤👤👤👤👤👤	
Poong, the Joseon Psychiatrist 1	★ ★ ★ ★ ★	2022	A brilliant but smug Joseon doctor has a very bad day and gets exiled, where he meets a noble lady keen on autopsies and detective work, and a grumpy drunken local doctor. Together, they... help people with mental health problems. It's a romcom but with a lot of suicide, domestic abuse and other grim bits, including a plot line clearly influenced by 'Kingdom' . Let down by one character played with all the subtlety of a pantomime villain and the female lead being underused. Strange ending - hopefully it means there's a second series.	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qc2Nc-1AYBc	👤👤👤👤👤👤👤👤👤👤👤👤	
Hello, Me!	★ ★ ★ ★ ★	2021	A depressed 37-year-old is visited by her obnoxiously cheerful 17yo self and starts fixing her life. Lots of snacks. The main love-interest man is daft but Very Nice. Sweet, sad and funny, but ultimately about death like almost every other Korean romcom.	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7IXZ3eXNhnc	👤👤👤👤👤👤👤👤👤👤👤👤	
Sell Your Haunted House	★ ★ ★ ★ ★	2021	A warm-hearted fake exorcist.comman with a dark past teams up with a cold, gothy estate agent with a dark past, who is actually a real exorcist haunted by her own mother. Unsurprisingly it's all about death, family, regrets (with occasional humour and SHAMELESS product placement) and is very sympathetic to the ghosts. There's also political corruption and gangsters, of course.	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Z-J-FwGpMFk	👤👤👤👤👤👤👤👤👤👤👤👤	
Secret Royal Inspector & Joy	★ ★ ★ ★ ★	2021	A relatively silly lighthearted romcom but it's still a Joseon-period drama so there's the usual murder, torture, scheming, slavery, etc. A smart, nice, naive & smug aristocrat gourmet teams up with a smart, loud, direct, divorced working class woman to solve crimes & corruption. The real-world inspiration for the setting appears to be exactly the same as 'Captivating The King' , but with different events and a very different mood.	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=krcI0CzqiUj	👤👤👤👤👤👤👤👤👤👤👤👤	
Hellbound 1	★ ★ ★ ★ ★	2021	Grim, violent supernatural drama about huge demons horrifically attacking people in public and then incinerating them, and the effect this has on society. Subtle and not-so-subtle satire of religion and society and some great action scenes and twists, but unrelentingly dark.	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1qXK6yNFNO	👤👤👤👤👤👤👤👤👤👤👤👤	
Startup	★ ★ ★ ★ ★	2020	An almost perfect example of a good Korean romcom, plus it has Python and Raspberry Pi vs Raspberry Pi drama. And lots of corndogs. It has a VC who is secretly nice so it's obviously a work of fiction. A good first k-drama.	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BemKyzblDDc	👤👤👤👤👤👤👤👤👤👤👤👤	
The Fiery Priest	★ ★ ★ ★ ★	2019	Ex-special forces Catholic priest with PTSD because he accidentally blew up 11 children takes on a murderous cartel and corrupt police. Many similarities to Vincenzo (same writer) but much lighter & funnier. Huge buses, lots of poo, fights.	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CnU8tqQmJ8	👤👤👤👤👤👤👤👤👤👤👤👤	Park Jae Bum
Extraordinary You	★ ★ ★ ★ ★	2019	Teenagers at a very posh private school realise they aren't real, and are actually part of a romance comic. I thought this would be funny but is actually really rather sad and, once again, all about mortality. Apart from the running-joke continuity errors - the school uniform keeps changing.	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=a_1T8RhbfE	👤👤👤👤👤👤👤👤👤👤👤👤	
Hotel Del Luna	★ ★ ★ ★ ★	2019	A perfect modern hotel manager & a 400-year-old vengeful semi-ghost hotel owner have romantic squabbles & the occasional murder-attempt while running the hotel for ghosts. Lots of flashbacks to a previous romance. Quite sweet really but yet another sad series about death	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=U3_1v8sB48	👤👤👤👤👤👤👤👤👤👤👤👤	The Hong Sisters
Her Private Life	★ ★ ★ ★ ★	2019	Competent, skilled art gallery curator is also an obsessive stalker/fan of a younger k-pop star. Her new boss at the art gallery is a Very Serious Artist. Confusion & romance occur. It all sounds relatively dull but it's done very well: characters are good people, enemies reconcile rather than take revenge, positive portrayal of gay characters, and the underlying theme is shared motherhood, not death. Although it does have a death. Product placement for Canon cameras, the first k-Drama product placement to work on me.	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xsk47Jga8tqw	👤👤👤👤👤👤👤👤👤👤👤👤	
Flower Crew: Joseon Marriage Agency	★ ★ ★ ★ ★	2019	A male trio of matchmakers/wedding organisers try to turn a poor young woman into a Proper Lady, like 'My Fair Lady/Pygmalion', but it's a Joseon drama so there's also some waterboarding, murder, suicide, and lots and lots of treacherous scheming and fancy hats. It's still often very funny, good acting, great characters and some neat cinematography.	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HqkNl_vXzWw	👤👤👤👤👤👤👤👤👤👤👤👤	
Lawless Lawyer	★ ★ ★ ★ ★	2018	Not a romcom, it's an anti-establishment justice drama like The Good Manager , Fiery Priest , Vincenzo , etc. Full of familiar characters and scenes but enormous fun, despite some legal bits straining credibility. Lots of punching, gangsters & Subway food	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HZ_QhFnAcTg	👤👤👤👤👤👤👤👤👤👤👤👤	Park Jae Bum
Wok Of Love	★ ★ ★ ★ ★	2018	The one with gangsters, Chinese restaurants, the sleazy talking horse, huge amounts of cooking.	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=J_FCNQKq14	👤👤👤👤👤👤👤👤👤👤👤👤	
Strong Girl Bong Soon	★ ★ ★ ★ ★	2017	Super-powered slacker game-designer wannabe heroine. Macho cop boyfriend vs arrogant game company millionaire boyfriend. Comedy gangsters! A creepy serial killer. Grandma's powerful excrement wine. Dad's walnuts. Theme tune! Terrible special effects at the end.	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XLAIRGc78BfE	👤👤👤👤👤👤👤👤👤👤👤👤	
Korean Odyssey	★ ★ ★ ★ ★	2017	What if the characters from 'Monkey' were modern celebrities, and Monkey wanted to eat Tripitaka (the heroine, a psychic estate agent)? With a nice, sad zombie, TV talent shows, ghosts, KPop Pigsy, a loveable moustached villain/bull god, lusty octopus god & much more. CGI pig. Terrible special effects at the end.	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=n2Y8EHekDE	👤👤👤👤👤👤👤👤👤👤👤👤	The Hong Sisters
Bring It On Ghost!	★ ★ ★ ★ ★	2016	Uni student teams up with nice ghost to punch bad ghosts for money. An evil vet! Nice drunken monk! Blatant homages to Scooby Doo. Quite sweet really.	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YYRMsBCRYw	👤👤👤👤👤👤👤👤👤👤👤👤	
She Was Pretty	★ ★ ★ ★ ★	2015	The heroine ends up with a job at a fashion magazine but... lots of mistaken identity, childhood sweet-hearts, mysterious handsome but daft journalist things, drinking, more drinking, cow manure, bus stops.	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Av_G2EB8p6IA	👤👤👤👤👤👤👤👤👤👤👤👤	
My Love from the Star	★ ★ ★ ★ ★	2013	A conceited arrogant & unsociable arrogant vulcan-like alien scientist lecturer fall in love, battle murderous CEO, bicker, use superpowers. Not bad, quite daft. The obligatory Sad Love Rival looks a bit like John Nook.	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AvQYUkC9AE	👤👤👤👤👤👤👤👤👤👤👤👤	Park Ji-eun
Rooftop Prince	★ ★ ★ ★ ★	2012	Joseon-era prince's wife is murdered, he somehow travels to 2012 with his trusty eunuch, academic & swordsman sidekicks, and then there's romas, corporate intrigue, omlettes, and INTENSE nice sister vs evil sister sibling rivalry & hapless villain.	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=V7zypAb2c	👤👤👤👤👤👤👤👤👤👤👤👤	
The Potato Lab	★ ★ ★ ★ ★	2025	Silly romcom about a grumpy researcher at a small friendly potato research lab and a cold calculating corporate suit. Good supporting characters. Loses steam in later episodes but some very funny scenes.	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=abDJIHG78vY	👤👤👤👤👤👤👤👤👤👤👤👤	
Chicken Nugget	★ ★ ★ ★ ★	2024	A young woman steps into a mysterious machine and is turned into a chicken nugget. Her father and not-yet-boyfriend try to turn her back. Strange humour, yellow trousers, mad scientists, aliens, restaurants, and another CGI pig at last. Huge amounts of swearing. I can't decide if the ending was good, weak, or good and then weak too.	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8QWhvVGM6xmA	👤👤👤👤👤👤👤👤👤👤👤👤	
Atypical Family	★ ★ ★ ★ ★	2024	A slow, thoughtful, emotional drama about a rich family with unusual, broken superpowers, and a poorer, scheming criminal family that become entangled with them. If you wished 'Parasite' had fledged and weird time travel you'll love this. It would have got 4 stars but two great characters failed to become the gay couple they should have been and just became friends. Everyone is flawed, and unlikeable until suddenly, maybe they are.	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Cotipj3DBx8	👤👤👤👤👤👤👤👤👤👤👤👤	
Flex X Cop	★ ★ ★ ★ ★	2024	I expected to hate this: a rich irritating playboy is nepotised into a team of detectives and solves crimes. But I actually enjoyed it - it's nothing new but was competently done, and there's no forced romance between the rich cop and his boss. Cases sometimes get resolved via the rich cop's knowledge of wealthy society, and sometimes because he just uses his money. A remake of a Russian TV show.	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6V87swcUuMA	👤👤👤👤👤👤👤👤👤👤👤👤	
Gyeongseong Creature 2	★ ★ ★ ★ ★	2024	A generous 3 stars: the words "Highlander 2" and "Alien 3" were spoken while watching. Fun, but very disappointing compared to series 1, and relying on characters from the first series (many of whom are pointlessly killed). Poor plotting, pacing and depth - almost the entire series is just about revealing how it connects to the first series. Hopelessly series 3 is better. Irritating chattering ninjas.	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=X8ghqSUY	👤👤👤👤👤👤👤👤👤👤👤👤	
Knight Flower	★ ★ ★ ★ ★	2024	A silly Joseon drama combining Batman (or Robin Hood, maybe?) and Cinderella as a widow supposedly living a life of isolation and prayer but actually working as a vigilante ninja at night. Funny, exciting and with strong anti-patriarchy themes, let down by a disappointingly mild end for villains & a heroine who seems to have had some anachronistic work done.	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HBC6Gc-B1s	👤👤👤👤👤👤👤👤👤👤👤👤	
A Virtuous Business	★ ★ ★ ★ ★	2024	A remake of ITV series 'Brief Encounters', enhanced with extra K-drama plots and themes. A diverse group of women in a small town in 1992 struggle to start an adult products business. There is a lot of social commentary in here, wonderful characters but also a lot of silliness.	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=70hx6S6q2w	👤👤👤👤👤👤👤👤👤👤👤👤	
Doctor Cha	★ ★ ★ ★ ★	2023	A medical divorce-comedy (divcom?) with some surprises, particularly in how it shows relationships and people to more complicated. Much of the fun is in watching egotistic smug bad-husband doctor humiliate himself. Lots of good melodramatic acting and quality farce, also lots of bowels-related action and surgical bits. Some limp episodes mid-way, but an excellent ending.	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JdF9Bkib28	👤👤👤👤👤👤👤👤👤👤👤👤	
Behind Your Touch	★ ★ ★ ★ ★	2023	Another series that combines something very silly with a grim serial killer: in this case, a vet gains the ability to access any animal's or human's memories by fondling their bottoms like a smart phone, and teams up with a grumpy arrogant detective to solve local crimes. The first half was going to get 5 stars, but I dragg on at the end and the otherwise competent protagonist behaves poorly to push the plot along. Great supporting characters, especially the thug's best friend and her ageing gig-gang and the aunt re-needing her first love.	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XH12o04y4yo	👤👤👤👤👤👤👤👤👤👤👤👤	
Bad and Crazy	★ ★ ★ ★ ★	2022	Bad Cop/Mad Cop series in which a corrupt anti-corruption detective has his life changed by a mysterious heroic vendor. Sometimes funny, sometimes full of stabdings and cruel psychological manipulation. Minimal rom, adequate com. First half funnier and more fun than the second half	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vLOKqT2B_rk	👤👤👤👤👤👤👤👤👤👤👤👤	Yoo Seon Dong
The Silent Sea*	★ ★ ★ ★ ★	2021	Not a romcom: there is no rom, there is no com. There is a spooky abandoned moon base, murders, and water. Surprisingly good, especially if you like shouting 'No! Why would you do that?' while people in space make bad decisions. Unusual deaths, weak ending.	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Al_Hj0MDBBQ	👤👤👤👤👤👤👤👤👤👤👤👤	
Was It Love?	★ ★ ★ ★ ★	2020	A romcom but unusual: female protagonist ends up w/ 4 men in love with her but spends the first 6 hours or so telling them to let her get on with her work & raising her daughter because life is complicated enough. Who is the father? A nice gangster is in this one too.	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LYGjhl_171A	👤👤👤👤👤👤👤👤👤👤👤👤	
Clean With Passion For Now	★ ★ ★ ★ ★	2018	Scruffy* working class woman & the posh, rude, mentally ill boss of a cleaning company fall in love & communicate very badly. Good at first, handles social issues/topics quite well, then deflates. Too much kissing. *Only in K-drama context	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CvYw4Z78g9g	👤👤👤👤👤👤👤👤👤👤👤👤	
Bride of Habaek	★ ★ ★ ★ ★	2017	Sulky naked useless god meets sad, bad psychiatrist, then the usual mix of shouting and pouting comes. Pretty good but the entertaining 'com' fades away, leaving 'rom' that is mostly awkward slurpy kissing and arguments. CGI pig. Shin Sae Kyeong is wasted in this really.	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UR4p1cl5mnv	👤👤👤👤👤👤👤👤👤👤👤👤	
W – Two Worlds Apart	★ ★ ★ ★ ★	2016	A surgeon falls in love with the posh fictional-but-real hero of her dad's comic. Lots of parallel worlds, time travel, and strategic use of It Was All A Dream. Cursed Cintiq tablets. Another one that gets grimmer as it goes on until it's yet another romcom about death. Imagine that Aha 'Take On Me' video with murders, taking a full day to watch.	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=V1NKhEtZ4c	👤👤👤	

Backlog, Paused & Abandoned

Content Key (WIP)

Drama Series	Status		Icon	Content
The Sound of My Heart		A comedy about a web cartoonist's rise to fame. Very funny, possibly too much toilet humour. Or just too much toilet. We've not finished this one, maybe because of all the toilets, but I should try it again when I'm not eating dinner.		Poop, lots of poop, or toilets, or vomit.
Oh my Ghost!		A sexually frustrated ghost that possesses a shy junior chef and makes her harass her employer but we foolishly started watching the Korean and Thai versions at the same time and got very confused - don't do that.	 	There's a wild boar, probably chasing someone The big theme is mortality
Strongest Deliveryman	PAUSED	Most dramatic, packed opening episode of any so far but then all characters become unlikeable		Joseon period drama, or flashbacks: lots of hats
The Kings Affection	PAUSED	A lighthearted role-swap Joseon period drama and OH NO. OH.		Martial arts or general fighting
Under The Queen's Umbrella	PAUSED	Wives and concubines scheme and compete to make one of their sons the next king		Cheesy and it knows it
Tomorrow	PAUSED	A shabby supernatural team (plus nice guy in coma) try to prevent suicides QUITE GRIM		Ham star: probably Ahn Suk-hwan or Kim Won-hae
It's Ok to Not Be Okay	PAUSED	Almost everybody needs to be yelled at IMHO		Gangsters, maybe with a heart of gold after all. Or not.
Rugal	ABANDONED	Having seen Choi Jin-Hyuk looking confused and blinking in the great comedies 'Miss Night and Day' and 'Zombie Detective' I can't take this supposedly serious drama where he looks confused and blinks a lot seriously but it also isn't funny		Ghost, demons, and other supernatural creatures
Brain Works	ABANDONED	This is like a K-drama written by an "AI" - it has all the usual tropes for a mismatched-duo cop drama, but absolutely no energy.		Science fiction, time travel, alternative worlds
When Life Gives You Tangerines	PAUSED		 	Fighting corruption Evil Sister
				Look it's that same tree again!
				Yakhyeon Cathedral again!
1		Not including the generic depression/anger/guilt/trauma used so often in drama, especially "man seems obnoxious but there is a reason and I can fix him" trope or "PTSD/guilt has made me a violent antihero" cliché		Neurodiversity and mental health themes [1]
2		Not cliché hacker stuff where a hacker uses magical powers to deus-ex the plot. Absolutely not 'Memories of the Alhambra'		Gay characters portrayed in a good way
3		Almost every k-drama has some darkness/tragedy in the plot, even in the comedies: suicide, childhood trauma and family tragedy are especially common		Sweet Prince Doofus
				Computer nerd fan service [2]
				Dark or sad ending [3]
				Chef Protagonist
				Someone's in a coma, maybe
				Scenes of surgery or gore

Disclaimer: I don't speak Korean, I'm a not an expert in East-Asian media, I'm just someone who enjoys watching k-dramas on Netflix and made this list because I'm a nerd and it saves time when encouraging other people to try some k-dramas.