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TV Without Borders



If international film was once a niche genre among English-speaking audiences, international television hardly registered at all. These days not only has the production industry gone global, but viewers are seeking out foreign-language shows. In 2025, Netflix reported 10 out of its 25 most-watched series were in a language other than English. South Korea, Japan, France, India, and Mexico have all proven capable of creating high-production television and attracting audiences around the world.

A confluence of factors has led to the globalization of TV production and viewership. On the technical side, subtitles and dubbing are more accurate and of a higher quality. Meanwhile, as Deloitte has found, more than half of younger viewers watch TV based on social-media recommendations rather than local marketing campaigns. International shows offer stateside audiences with franchise fatigue access to novel settings, characters, mythologies, and ways of telling stories. For an increasingly global streaming market, it's less about the where and who, and more a question of "Is this good TV?" Here are *Briefings*'s suggestions for good watching across the Atlantic.

THE ETERNAUT, ARGENTINA
Among Netflix's most-watched non-English series, it's about a mysterious and deadly snowfall in Buenos Aires.

CARÊME, FRANCE
A sumptuous historical drama about a legendary chef who becomes involved in espionage during the Napoleonic era.

SQUID GAME, SOUTH KOREA
Season 3 of this dystopian survival thriller reached 106 million global views in its first two weeks.

THE SECRET OF THE RIVER, MEXICO
In this acclaimed miniseries, two boys from a small Oaxacan village are involved in a complicated death, bonding them for life.

THE POLYGAMIST, SOUTH AFRICA
This international breakout explores tradition versus modernity and wealth and upward mobility, and how these factors shape identity.



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A Light in the Dark



Humans have been sitting together around fires for tens of thousands of years, but it's only more recently that they've been able to do so without battling smoke in their eyes and lungs. The Tiki Patio Smokeless Fire Pit allows up to six people to gather closely around a wood-burning flame on a chilly night in comfort, with up to 90 percent fewer fine smoke particles being released. The stylish setup includes a removable ash pan, steel stand, bronze dome covering, and weather-resistant cover.

Tiki Patio Smokeless Fire Pit, $395

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PRO TRAINING

Competitor and coach **Luke Hayes** explains DEKA, Spartan's latest indoor functional fitness challenge.

WHAT IS DEKA?
"It's a form of hybrid fitness that incorporates strength, cardio, and function to create a well-rounded athlete."

TELL US ABOUT THE EVENTS.
"There are always the same 10 zones, and depending on the type of event you run various distances between the stations."

WHY DO YOU LOVE IT? "It feels great to accomplish a challenge like this and to know you are capable. You compete against yourself, but it's also communal."

Find out more, at spartan.com/en/deka.



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