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Man in high castle season 1 recap

American TV series This article is about the 2015 TV series. For the original 1962 novel, see *The Man in the High Castle*. The Man in High CastleGenre Alternative Universes Alternative History Drama Dystopia Science fiction Thriller Created by Frank SpotnitzBased on *The Man in High Castle*by Philip K. DickStarring Alexa Davalos Rupert Evans Luke Kleintank DJ Qualls Joel de la Fuente Cary-Hiroyuki Tagawa Rufus Sewell Brennan Brown Callum Keith Rennie Bella Heathcote Chelah Horsdal Michael Gaston Jason O'Mara Frances Turner Opening themeEdelweiss , performed by Jeanette OlssonComposer(s) Henry Jackman Dominic Lewis Origin United StatesOriginal language(s) English German Japanese No. of episodes40 (list of episodes)ProductionExecutive producer(s) Ridley Scott Frank Spotnitz Christian Baute Isa Dick Hackett Stewart Mackinnon Christopher Tricarico Producer(s) Michael Cedar Jean Higgins Jordan Sheehan David W. Zucker Production location(s) Seattle, Washington Monroe, Washington Vancouver, British Columbia CinematographyJames HawkinsonGonzalo AmatEditor(s)Kathrynn HimoffRunning time45–70 minutesProduction company(s) Amazon Studios Scott Free Productions Electric Shepherd Productions Headline Pictures Big Light Productions Picrow Pictures Reunion Studios DistributorAmazon StudiosReleaseOriginal networkPrime VideoPicture format 4K (Ultra HD) dynamic High Range Sound Formats5.1Original January 15, 2015 (2015-01-15) –November 15, 2019 (2019-11-15)External linksWebsite *The Man in the High Castle* is an American dystopian alternative history web TV series that shows a parallel universe in which the axis powers of Nazi Germany and the Empire of Japan rule the world after the victory in World War II. It was created by Frank Spotnitz and is produced by Amazon Studios, Scott Free Productions, Headline Pictures, Electric Shepherd Productions and Big Light Productions. The series is based on Philip K. Dick's 1962 novel of the same name. [2] In the parallel universe, Germany and Japan have divided the United States into the greater Nazi empire to the east, with New York City as its regional capital, and the Japanese Pacific states to the west, with San Francisco as its capital. These areas are separated by a neutral zone encompassing the Rocky Mountains. The series starts in 1962 and follows characters whose fates are interconnected when they come into contact with newspaper resellers and home movies that show Germany and Japan losing the war. The title of the series refers to the mysterious figure who is believed to have created the footage. The pilot premiered in January 2015, and Amazon ordered a 10-episode season the following month, which was released in November. A second 10-episode season premiered in December 2016, and a third season was released on December 5, 2016. The fourth and final season premiered 15, 2019. Setting Flag of the Japanese Pacific States, part of the Empire of Japan Flag of Nazi America, part of the Greater Nazi Reich Series' main setting is a parallel universe in which the Axis powers won World War II in 1946 after Giuseppe Zangara assassinated US President-elect Franklin D. Roosevelt in 1933, creating a series of developments that include the Germans dropping an atomic bomb on Washington, D.C. (now renamed District of Contamination), East and Midwest in North America is a colony controlled by the Greater Nazi Empire (GNR) under an aging Führer Adolf Hitler. The colony, led by a Reichsmarschall of North America, is often referred to as Nazi America or the American Empire and the capital is New York City. West North America, now part of the Japanese Pacific states, is occupied by the technologically less advanced Shōwa-era Empire of Japan, which has assimilate its former U.S. citizens into Japanese culture, although prime ethnic Japanese are extremely fascinated by prewar American culture. Japan's ministers of trade and science work in the Pacific capital of San Francisco. A neutral zone, encompassing the Rocky Mountains, serves as a buffer zone due to Cold War-like tensions between the German and Japanese blocs. The Japanese rulers expose non-Japanese people to racial discrimination and give them fewer rights, while the Nazis continue to hunt down minorities and euthanize the physically and mentally ill. The Germans' superior technology is highlighted by the use of video phones and Concorde-like rockets for intercontinental travel. Views over a number of other fields, some in which the Allies prevailed, some with executed Allied leaders, such as Winston Churchill and Joseph Stalin, some of whom an American resistance does well, are seen in the films collected by the Man in the High Castle. Cast Main USA as depicted in the TV series *The Man in the High Castle*. Although Denver is the capital of the neutral zone, Canon City is a big setting. The German Empire also extends to Europe and Africa, the Japan Empire consists of Asia, and another buffer zone is present in the Urals, but most of the series is set in the former United States and in Germany correctly. Alexa Davalos as Juliana Crain, a young woman from San Francisco who is outwardly happily living under Japanese control. She is an expert in aikido and is friendly to the Japanese people who live in San Francisco. As Juliana learns about *The Man in the High Castle* and his films, she begins to rebel. Rupert Evans as Frank Frink (season 1-3), Juliana's girlfriend at the beginning of the series. He works in a factory that makes copies of prewar American pistols, and makes original jewelry and sketches of his own time. Frank's grandfather was Jewish, which made him a target of discrimination. When Soon after the police killed her sister, Frank is taken into custody. Soon after, he turns to the state and works with the American Resistance. Luke Kleintank as Joe Blake (season 1-3), a new recruit to the underground American Resistance who is actually an agent working for the SS, under Obergruppenführer John Smith. He transports a wheel of the banned film *The Grasshopper Lies Heavy* to the neutral Rocky Mountain States as part of his mission to infiltrate the Resistance. He meets Juliana and quickly falls in love with her, leading him to question his allegiance to the Kingdom. DJ Qualls as Ed McCarthy (season 1-3), Frank's colleague and friend. He closely monitors politics and cares very much about Juliana and Frank's well-being. Season three reveals that Ed is gay. [3] Joel de la Fuente as Chief Inspector Takeshi Kido, the ruthless head of Kempetai stationed in San Francisco. Cary-Hiroyuki Tagawa as Nobusuke Tagomi (season 1-3), Secretary of Commerce of the Pacific States of America. His true loyalty is ambiguous throughout the first season. Rufus Sewell as John Smith, an SS Obergruppenführer, later promoted to Colonel-Gruppenführer, and then to the Reichsmarschall of the Colony of North America (near the series end becomes the Reichsführer of a newly autonomous North American Reich) who investigates the Resistance in New York. He is a natural born American who had served in the US Army Signal Corps. He initially lives a comfortable suburban life with a wife and three children, but then moves his family to Manhattan. Brennan Brown as Robert Childan (season 2-4; recurring season 1), an antique shop owner who makes secret deals with Frank. Callum Keith Rennie as Gary Connell (season 2), leader of the West Coast Resistance movement and enforcer for Abendsen. Bella Heathcote as Nicole Dörmer (season 2-3), a young Berlin filmmaker who crosses paths with Joe and moves to the United States in season three. Chelah Horsdal as Helen Smith (season 3-4; recurring season 1-2), John's wife Michael Gaston as Sampson (season 3; recurring season 2), a Jewish friend of Frank's residents in San Francisco, who later moves to neutral zone. Jason O'Mara as Wyatt Price, also known as Liam (season 3-4), an ire who is a black market provider of information to Juliana. Frances Turner as Bell Mallory (season 4), the leader of the Black Communist Rebellion (BCR) in San Francisco. Aaron Blakely as Erich Raeder (season 1-3), an SS-Sturmbannführer who worked with Smith. Carsten Norgaard as Rudolph Wegener (seasons 1-3), a disillusioned high-ranking Nazi who trades secrets with Tagomi. Rick Worthy as Lemuel Lem Washington, owner of Sunrise Diner in Canon City and a member of the Resistance. Camille Sullivan as Karen Vecchione (season 1-2), leader of branch of the Resistance, later killed in a Kempetai shoot-out. Lee Shorten as Sergeant Hiroyuki Yoshida (season 1-2), Inspector Kido's right hand, killed in the bomb attack on Kempetai headquarters. Arnold Chun as Kotomichi, Tagomis aide-de-camp, who came from the parallel world after his hometown of Nagasaki was destroyed by an American atomic bomb. Bernhard Forcher as Hugo Reiss (season 1), the German ambassador to the Japanese Pacific states. Christine Chatelain as Laura Crothers (season 1), Frank's sister, who is executed as a threat to force a confession from Frank. Hank Hilde as Randall Becker (season 1), a member of the Pacific Branch of the Resistance. Allan Havey as Origami Man (season 1), a Sicherheitsdienst (SD) operative sent to Canon City to eliminate members of the Resistance. Burn Gorman as Marshal (season 1), a bounty hunter looking for concentration camp escapes. Shaun Ross as Shoe Shine Boy (season 1), a young albino man living in Canon City. Rob LaBelle as Carl (season 1), a book shop clerk in Canon City who is revealed to be a concentration camp escapee. David P. Frees, killed by Marshal. Geoffrey Blake as Jason Meyer (season 1), a Jewish member of the Resistance. Daisuke Tsuji as Crown Prince of Japan (season 1) Mayumi Yoshida as Crown Princess of Japan (season 1, 4) Amy Okuda as Christine Tanaka (season 1), an office worker working in the Nippon Building. Neal Bledsoe as Captain Connolly (season 1), an American SS officer who served under John Smith, later revealed to be a spy who worked for Reinhard Heydrich. Hiro Kanagawa as Taishi Okamura (season 1-2), the leader of a Yakuza based in the Pacific. Louis Ozawa Changchien as Paul Kasoura (season 1-2), a wealthy lawyer who collects American memorabilia before the war. Tao Okamoto as Betty Kasoura (season 1), Paul's wife. Stephen Root as Hawthorne Abendsen / *The Man in the High Castle* (season 2-4), the leader of the American anti-fascist resistance, and created films set in other worlds. Sebastian Roché as Reichsminister Martin Heussmann (seasons 2–3), Joe's divorced father and a high-ranking member of the Nazi government. Cara Mitsuko as Sarah (season 2), a Japanese American resistance member, Frank's confidant and a survivor of the Manzanar concentration camp. Tate Donovan as George Dixon (season 2), Trudy's biological father and member of the Resistance in New York City. He's being killed by Juliana. Michael Hogan as Hagan (season 2-3), a former preacher and leader of the San Francisco Resistance. Tzi Ma as General Hidehisa Onoda (season 2), a leading member of the Japanese army. Giles Panton as Billy Turner (season 3-4), an American advertising executive in the Nazi empire who collaborates with Nicole Dörmer to erase the memories of the former United States from the citizens' minds in Nazi America. Ann Magnuson as Thelma Harris (season 3), a close-up lesbian gossip column reporter in New York City. Janet Kidder as Lila Jacobs (season 3), one of the many Jews protected in a Catholic commune in neutral zone. Jeffrey Nordling as Dr. Daniel Ryan (season 3), a Jungian therapist hired to treat Helen Smith's grief after the death of her son Thomas. Akie Kotabe as Sergeant Nakamura (season 3), a Mixed Ethnica Japanese American who works under Kido as Yoshida's replacement. Tamlyn Tomita as Tamiko Watanabe (season 3-4), an Okinawan-Hawaian painter who befriends Tagomi. Eijiro Ozaki as Admiral Inokuchi (season 3-4), head of the Imperial Japanese Navy Fleet stationed in San Francisco Bay. James Neate as Jack (season 3), a man like Ed gets romantically involved in neutral zone. Sen Mitsuji as Toru Kido (season 4), Inspector Kido's son suffering from PTSD. Chika Kananmoto as Yukiko (season 4), Childan's assistant and later wife. Clé Bennett as Elijah (season 4), Bell Mallory's lover and one of the members of BCR. David Harewood as Equiano Hampton (season 4), the leader of BCR. Rachel Nichols as Martha (season 4), Helen Smith's wife-companion assigned by the Kingdom to keep an eye on her. Michael Hagiywara as Okami (season 4), a Yakuza executive operating in JPS. Bruce Locke as General Yamori (season 4), a hardline Japanese general in favor of continuing the occupation of JPS. Eric Lange as General Whitcroft (season 4), John Smith's second-in-command. Marc Rissmann as Wilhelm Coertziemann (season 4), a Berlin Rich Ting Obergruppenführer as Captain Iijima (season 4) John Smith's family Quinn Lord as Thomas Smith, John and Helen's son and the eldest child. A member of Hitler Youth, it is later revealed that he has inherited a form of muscular dystrophy (facioscapulothumeral muscular dystrophy) from his father's side of the family. He learns this, and ignores himself to the National Security Service and is euthanized. In season four, Lord Thomas plays in an alternate universe where Akson lost World War II. Gracyon Shinyei as Amy Smith, John and Helen's daughter. Genea Charpentier as Jennifer Smith, John and Helen's daughter. Juliana Crain's family Daniel Roebuck as Arnold Walker (seasons 1-2), Juliana's stepfather and Trudy's father. Macall Gordon as Anne Crain Walker (seasons 1-2), Juliana's mother who is still bitter about losing her husband during World War II. Conor Leslie as Trudy Walker (season 1-3), Juliana's half-sister shot by Kempetai. However, she is shown alive at the end of the second season, revealed in the third season to be from an alternate timeline where it was Juliana who died. Nobusuke Tagomi's family Yukari Komatsu as Michiko Tagomi (season 2), Nobusuke's wife. Eddie Shin as Noriaki Tagomi (season 2), Nobusuke Michiko's son. Historical characters Wolf Muser as Adolf Hitler (seasons 1-2), the leader of the Greater Nazi Empire. Ray Proscia as SS-Oberst-Gruppenführer Reinhard Heydrich (season 1–2). Keone Young as Field Marshal Shunroku Hata (season 1). Kenneth Tigar as SS-Reichsführer, later Führer, Heinrich Himmler (season 2-4). Lisa Paxton as Eva Braun (season 2), Hitler's wife, by his side on his deathbed. David Furr as George Lincoln Rockwell (season 3), Reichsmarschall of German-controlled America, conspires against John Smith. William Forsythe as J. Edgar Hoover (season 3–4), director of the American Reich Bureau of Investigation (the Nazi counterpart of the real-life FBI), plotting with Rockwell. John Hans Tester as Dr. Josef Mengele (seasons 3-4), lead of studies on trans-universe travel, realizes a huge travel machine. Gwynneth Walsh as Margarete Himmler (season 4), Himmler's wife and head of the Reich Red Cross. Timothy V. Murphy as SS-Oberst-Gruppenführer Adolf Eichmann (season 4) Hiromoto Ida as Hirohito (season 4) Episodes SeasonEpisodesOriginally released 1101January 15, 2015 (2015-01-15)9November 20, 2015 (2015-11-20)210December 16, 2016 (2016-12-16)310October 5, 2018 (2018-10-05)410November 15, 2019 (2019-11-15) Season 1 (2015) No. inseasonTitleDirected byWritten byOriginal release date11The New WorldDavid SemelFrank SpotnitzJan 15, 2015 (2015-01-15) In 1962 Nazi-occupied New York, Joe Blake volunteered to earn the resistance by driving a truck to the neutral zone of the Rockies. In Japan-occupied San Francisco, Juliana Crain receives a package from her sister Trudy, only to later see her shot by the Japanese police. Juliana discovers that the package contains impossible footage of the Allies winning World War II. Her boyfriend, Frank, urges her to go to the police to plead her innocence. Juliana, however, lies to him and instead heads to the neutral zone to deliver the film in Trudy's place. A woman tries to steal the movie, but only escapes with decoys. Japanese Trade Minister Nobusuke Tagomi meets with Nazi ambassador Hugo Reiss to complete the details of a visit to San Francisco by the Japanese crown prince. Later, Tagomi meets Rudolph Wegener, a high-ranking Nazi who impersonates a Swedish businessman. Joe and Juliana meet and become friends in Canon City in the neutral zone. In San Francisco, Kempetai starts looking for Juliana because of her connection to Trudy. Blake calls the SS Obergruppenführer Smith, and reveals that Blake secretly works for the Nazis. 22SunriseDaniel PercivalFrank SpotnitzNovember 20, 2015 (2015-11-20) In San Francisco, Kempetai arrests Frank to find out where Juliana is located. In prison, Frank meets a resistance fighter who convinces him not to inform Juliana. Kempetai kills Frank's sister and her for his refusal to help them, but stop the planned execution of Frank when the woman who stole Juliana's bag is found with fake film wheels. Juliana works in a café in Canon City, and meets a man who she assumes is her contact. Smith tells Joe that this contact is actually an undercover SD agent working against the resistance and ordering him not to intervene. But when Juliana goes to see the agent, Joe drives up behind her to help her. The agent tries to kill Juliana, but she is able to throw Origami Man over a railing until her death. In New York, Smith is attacked by resistance fighters in an assassination attempt. 33The Illustrated WomanKen OlinThomas Schnauz and Evan WrightNovember 20, 2015 (2015-11-20) Joe sees a Nazi bounty hunter named Marshal. The marshal is looking for the agent Juliana who was killed. Joe and Juliana go to get rid of the dead agent's body and car, and while they do this, you'll find a map that leads them to a cave where they find a dead woman and a list of names. The list reveals that Juliana's boss from the café was her actual contact. The marshal realizes Juliana's true identity and tries to kill her. In San Francisco, the Japanese crown prince comes to town. Tagomi asks Wegener to secretly contact Japanese Science Minister Shimura during the crown prince's speech at the Nazi Embassy. Frank breaks the news of his sister and her child's death to his brother-in-law. Frank is also back at work, where he makes a real gun. 44Michael PymerThomas Schnauz and Jace RichdaleNovember 20, 2015 (2015-11-20) Joe rescues Juliana from Marshal. Joe and Juliana confront Lemuel (Lem), who leads them into the forest, where they are surrounded by resistance fighters. Lem forces them to give up the movies and leave. Joe and Juliana are attacked again by the marshal, causing Joe to reveal to the marshal that he is a Nazi agent. Marshal pursues Juliana on the highway. When Juliana gets far enough away, she burns the car and hides. When the marshal reaches the car, he assumes she's dead. Back in New York, after he is attacked on his way to work, Smith suspects that SS Hauptmann Connolly is the informant who delivers information about his movements to the Resistance. In the Pacific states, Frank goes to the crown prince's speech with a gun to assassinate him, but hesitates. The crown prince is then shot by an invisible sniper. Wegener is unable to leave a microfilm capsule in the prime minister's pocket and is detained as a foreigner because of the shooting. 55The New NormalBryan SpicerRob WilliamsNovember 20, 2015 (2015-11-20) The Crown Prince is rushed to the hospital after the attack, and the captain of the Imperial Guard is ordered to commit seppuku so as not to protect the crown prince. Kido then says that if he can't find the gunman, he'll do the same. Juliana comes home to find an angry Frank, who to his time in prison. Juliana visits her parents and learns that the Japanese killed Frank's sister and children. When she later reports to the Japanese military, she is interrogated and asked about Trudy's partner, Randall, but is eventually released. Joe returns to New York from neutral zone and is kidnapped by Gestapo agents and brought to Smith's office. He reports to Smith about the events in Canon City, although his report is contradicted by the marshals. Smith tells Joe that he has failed in his mission because the resistance leader escaped. Smith believes Joe is truthful and invites him over to Victory in America (VA) Day. 66 Three MonkeysNelson McCormickRob WilliamsNovember 20, 2015 (2015-11-20) Joe celebrates VA Day with Smith. Juliana accepts a job working for Tagomi as she continues to search for answers. Smith, who has received information about Wegener's activities but also happens to be an old friend, intercepts him at the airport and invites him to dinner in hopes of examining him for answers. Smith has arrested Wegener. Smith catches Joe looking through his files. 77TruthBrad AndersonEmma FrostNovember 20, 2015 (2015-11-20) Juliana makes a startling discovery about her sister's death. Frank reflects on recent events and makes an important decision about his future, and Tagomi gets greater insight into Juliana's past. Smith catches Joe in the Home Office and interrogates him about Juliana and Canon City. 88

