

# Moments of necessary distraction

Well, summer is in full swing. I know that I'm supposed to be cherishing these moments in the sun, with the children roaming free, covered in an array of "dirt", super charged on sugar and freedom, but quite simply, those beautiful little bundles of joy are monsters!

Once, after spending countless hours at the beach, being forced to partake in what I can only relate to the water Olympics, I watched my little cousins start to fall asleep after eating their weight in french fries. Thinking I was finally safe from entertaining the mini tyrants, I carefully began to sneak the rest of the burnt fries they had graciously left for me.

I had not even finished licking the salt off the box before the first child rose her head up slowly, with her face contorted in disgust and said, "Let's go play outside". With tears in my eyes, all notions of resting my tired limbs or filling my growling belly left me as I followed the merciless beast outside.

The point of this tragic story is; kids are crazy. And if you can't find moments of peace, they will steal your life force away. So, I have spent hours of research compiling a list of TV shows and movies to key up in moments of necessary distraction.

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## Off the Reel



If you are one of those families that watch competitive cooking shows like *Chopped*, and then try to mimic the game at home with each other, then I've got the show for you! *Zumbo's Just Desserts* is a fun, wacky show where pastry chef Zumbo, who's well known for his gravity defying, Willy Wonka inspired desserts, sets up impossible challenges for the contestants each week that are sure to make you drool.

Honestly, I heard about this show from one of the little cousins, and wasn't expecting much out of it. Six hours later, with my stomach grumbling away, I knew I was wrong. This is a fun show to watch with the kids, but be warned, this could leave your kitchen looking like an icing war zone when they want to try it out for themselves.

As I've mentioned before, it doesn't take much to have me in tears when I'm watching children's movies (don't even get me started on *The Good Dinosaur*- sob!). So, when I was watching *Big Hero 6*, I wasn't too surprised that I was bawling in the first 15 minutes, but I was shocked that this continued almost every half hour.

The movie takes place in the near future, where technology is advancing all around us, and kid genius Hero is more concerned with putting his smarts towards winning robot fights than anything useful. His older brother Tadashi tries to encourage, and guide him since their parents passed several years before. I could go on, but I don't want to ruin it! So, watch it, love it, bring the tissues.

Let me just start by saying that I have never really been a Barbie fan. A lot of those super cheesy Barbie movies, I straight up refuse to watch, but the girls showed me *Barbie: Life in the Dreamhouse* and I have to say, I'm impressed! It's actually really funny and I even continued to watch an episode after they fell asleep.

Well folks, that's all I have for you this month. May your movies be great, and snacks a plenty.

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