

“Santa Clarita Diet” is a fun, comedic show that satirizes the genre of zombie-type shows by placing the plot with a family who is living a standard life in a suburban area.

The show was created by Victor Fresco and stars Drew Barrymore, who plays a zombie-like character they call “the undead” who is still able to stay human; but she has to eat human flesh in order to live. The show subverts your expectation with a lot of the ideas it has and utilizes throughout the plot.

The show’s pacing is excellent because of how they utilize every character and give them equal opportunities for character development. The humor throughout the show is self aware but it does not break the 4th wall.

They always find ways of expanding the plot to fun directions that will keep you heavily invested throughout the seasons. The way every season ends leaves on cliffhangers that are not too obvious except for the last season since the show got cancelled on its third season.

The way that last season ends is pretty unsatisfying because they end up closing on the loose plot threads but then completely changes the story up at the end. The reason why they did cancel the show was because of how much it was starting to cost with each season.

Other than that mistake, I would say that every element of this show is a ton of fun including the practical effects they use for the gore. The tone is consistently playful which makes it more comedic because of the juxtaposition with how brutal the show is.

The show may come across as a simple family comedy but the usage of gore may not be for everyone. Especially with how comfortable they are with showing everything about the brutality.

People can absolutely relate to the characters because of how realistic they all come off as in terms of reacting to the situation they are all in. That is where the self awareness constantly hits as the family realizes how much this is all affecting them mentally although they do play it off as a joke.

Overall, this show is a very addictive experience that will have you bingeing the whole thing within a day. The chemistry with the characters makes it a very easy-to-watch show and the humor feels universal because of the family dynamics.