

**W**ith bloodsuckers and the braindead overexposed, witches are having a major moment. Finally. After

Samantha stole America's hearts on *Bewitched* in the mid-'60s, it took a while for enchantresses to cast a new spell. Lately, however, sultry

sorceresses (and a few brooding warlocks) are all over TV, riding a hockeystick-shaped broomstick of popularity that lifted off in the late '90s and went stratospheric in the '00s. And why not? Like vampires,

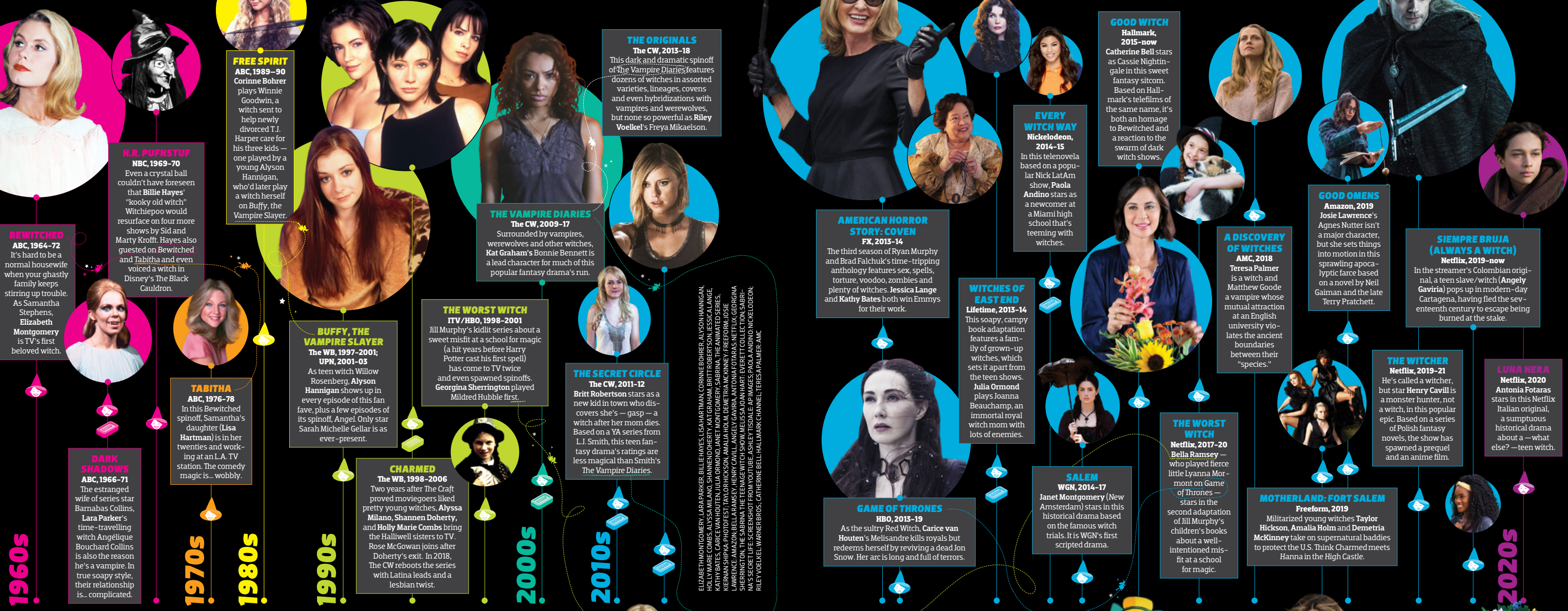
witches look great, and like all supernatural beings, they click into our fantasy lives like serotonin into a neural receptor. Who hasn't wanted to turn an ex into a grunting pig — or hex a chatty coworker into silence?

With Halloween around the corner, we've conjured up a coven's worth of witchy shows to keep you spellbound before your television set.

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Vampires? Zombies? So last decade. Eye of newt? Now you're on trend.

# THEY PUT A SPELL ON US



**LEGEND**

- FUN**
- DARK**
- SOAP**

**THE MANY LIVES OF SABRINA**  
It takes a special kind of magic to conjure so much TV from one teen half-witch, but Sabrina — who debuted in a 1962 issue of Archie's Madhouse — has the touch. Mostly. Here's how she's made TV her medium:

- Came to life as a Filmation Saturday morning cartoon in *The Sabrina the Teenage Witch Show* (CBS, 1970) and assorted related shows.
- Materialized as **Melissa Joan Hart** in a Showtime TV movie and then an ABC sitcom in *Sabrina the Teenage Witch* (1996–2000; The WB 2000–03)
- Appeared in a prequel, voiced by Hart's younger sister **Emily Hart** in *Sabrina, the Animated Series* (Disney Channel, 1999–2000)
- Reappeared in a sequel to that prequel, voiced by **Britt McKillip** in *Sabrina's Secret Life* (DIC Kids Network, 2003–04)
- Popped up on Hasbro's The Hub, voiced by High School Musical star **Ashley Tisdale** in *Sabrina: Secrets of a Teenage Witch* (2013)
- Went dark in a zeitgeist-y way, embodied by **Mad Men's Kiernan Shipka** in *Chilling Adventures of Sabrina* (Netflix, 2018–20)