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With a quirky mixture of murder mystery, soap opera, film noir, and the avant-garde, *Twin Peaks* rewrote the formula for prime-time television drama in the early 1990s. Created by American filmmaker David Lynch (*The Elephant Man, Blue Velvet, Lost Highway*), *Twin Peaks* was a character-driven show, sporting a cast of more than one hundred, and used intricately interwoven subplots to keep viewers tuned in. This unconventional epic revolves around the murder of Laura Palmer, small-town beauty queen, and the investigating FBI agent whose dreams and quasi-Buddhist methods reveal the Black Lodge, a surreal waiting room inhabited by the personification of pure evil known only as BOB. *Twin Peaks* was canceled in 1991 after only twenty-nine episodes.

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