

**March 7, 2018**

**Secrets of Underground London**

On the surface, London is a buzzing metropolis. But underneath lies secret, hidden worlds, all but forgotten by the millions of people above. These places make up the countless layers of London, and each tells a unique story of the city's past — successes and failures; victories and tragedies.

**Last Will & Testament**

It's the greatest literary mystery of all time: Who wrote the works of William Shakespeare? Although the official story of a gifted merchant from Stratford has held sway for centuries, questions over the authorship of the plays and poems has persisted.

**April 4, 2018**

**The True Story of Alexander the Great**

Macedonian King Alexander the Great (356-323 B.C.) was born to parents King Philip II and Queen Olympia. Tutored by Aristotle, the prince took charge of the Companion Cavalry at age 18 and aided Philip in defeating the Athenian and Theban armies at Chaeronea. After the death of his father, Alexander garnered the support of the Macedonian Army and eliminated his enemies to become king and leader of the Corinthian League. Alexander went on to conquer Persia and Egypt, his kingdom ranging from the Mediterranean to the border of India. Just 32 when he died from malaria, he is regarded as one of history's brilliant military leaders and most powerful rulers.

**May 2, 2018**

**Secrets of the Tower of London**

The Tower of London is England's most formidable royal fortress, standing guard on the banks of the great River Thames. It is home to a thousand years of bloody history and is one of Britain's most iconic landmarks. At almost every chapter in London's history, the Tower has had a starring role.

**D-Days Sunken Secrets**

On June 6, 1944, the Allies launched the biggest armada in history to invade the Normandy beaches and liberate Europe from the Nazis. In less than 24 hours, more than 5,000 ships crossed the English Channel, along with thousands of tanks and landing craft and nearly 200,000 men. Throughout the operation, hundreds of ships sank running the gauntlet of mines and bunkers, creating one of the world's largest underwater archaeological sites.

**June 6, 2018**

**Shackleton's Voyage of Endurance**

Trapped in the Antarctic ice over 1,000 miles from civilization, polar explorer Sir Ernest Shackleton and his 28 brave crewmembers endured nearly 15 harrowing months stranded on the ice pack in a daring and courageous adventure that became the greatest survival story of all time. Shackleton's unwavering leadership inspired a fierce will to survive in his crew, as they were stalked by starvation, insanity and death.

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**September 6, 2017**

**Queen of Sheba**

Described in the Bible as simply a Queen of the East, modern scholars believe she came from the Kingdom of Axum in Ethiopia, the Kingdom of Saba in Yemen, or both. The Queen of Sheba is a seeker of truth and wisdom and she has heard that King Solomon of Israel is a very wise man. She travels on camel to Jerusalem to meet him and test his knowledge with questions and riddles.

**Lizzie Borden Had an Axe**

Lizzie Borden's court case was labelled "The Trial of the Century." Presented as the prosecuting attorneys' scenario as well as Lizzie's version of a "mysterious stranger" committing the murders. Did Lizzie Borden get away with murder or are the brutal axe murders of Andrew and Abby Borden still an unsolved mystery?

**October 4, 2017**

**The First Emperor of China**

This historical drama tells the story of Qin Shihuang, who unified China's vast territory and declared himself emperor in 221 B.C. During his reign, he introduced sweeping reforms, built a vast network of roads and connected the Great Wall of China.

**The Secret Life of Geisha**

Exotic, sensuous, exquisitely mysterious. For centuries, the seductive grace of the Japanese geisha has fascinated and confounded outsiders who have attempted to fathom this secretive world of tradition, intrigue, and pleasure. Now, enter a realm once known only to the rich and powerful.

**November 1, 2017**

**Escape From a Nazi Death Camp**

The secret Nazi death camp at Sobibor was created solely for the mass extermination of Jews. But on the 14th of October 1943, the inmates fought back, in the biggest and most successful prison outbreak of the Second World War.

**3D Spies of WWII**

During World War II, Hitler's scientists developed terrifying new weapons of mass destruction. Alarmed by rumours of advanced rockets and missiles, Allied intelligence secretly pored over millions of air photos shot at great risk over German territory by specially converted, high-flying Spitfires.

**December 6, 2017**

**Owl Power**

For centuries, owls have been featured in children's books and folk tales capturing imaginations the world over. With their haunting calls and charismatic faces, these birds remain popular but mysterious because it's rare to catch more than a glimpse of one in the wild.

**Dogs Decoded**

Discover the science behind the remarkable bond between humans and their dogs and investigate new discoveries in genetics that are illuminating the origin of dogs—with surprising implications for the evolution of human culture.

**January 3, 2018**

**The Way West**

Between 1845 and 1893, the American West was lost and won—and brought within the dominion of the United States—while along the way, the lives of hundreds of thousands of Native Americans were violently disrupted.

**The Great Buffalo Saga**

By the late 1800s the free-ranging buffalo of the western plains of North America were almost extinct. This documentary is the story of the buffalo's revival. Live action, eye-witness accounts and archival photos document our fascination with this ancient and legendary animal. By the director of Atonement.

**February 7, 2018**

**Last Extinction –What Killed the Mammoths**

What killed the mammoths? Near the end of the last ice age 13,000 years ago, these mighty beasts disappeared from North America together with some 35 other groups of mammals. For four decades, debate has raged over the cause of their abrupt demise.

**American Experience – Dinosaur Wars**

In the summer of 1868, a small group of scientists boarded a Union Pacific train for a sightseeing excursion through the heart of the newly-opened American West. Among them was O.C. Marsh of Yale, America's first university professor of palaeontology. Schooled in geology, he knew that great troves of prehistoric fossils could be buried in the ancient rocks. Here was a chance to establish his reputation while working on the greatest scientific problem of the age.