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THE AMAZING MRS. PRITCHARD

Sundays, October 21 - November 18, 2007 at 9pm ET on PBS
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Series Description

You thought Gordon Brown was the new British prime minister? Try Ros Pritchard, supermarket manager turned political phenomenon. In this modern fable, Jane Horrocks (*Little Voice, Absolutely Fabulous, Life is Sweet*) stars as a working mother of two who captures the votes of a disillusioned electorate and then spectacularly rises to the occasion.

Episode Descriptions

Sunday, October 21, 2007

9 to 11 pm ET on PBS

Episode One

Fed up with petty politicians, supermarket manager Ros Pritchard, (Jane Horrocks, *Little Voice, Absolutely Fabulous*) runs for Parliament with the slogan "politics isn't rocket science." Over 150 other candidates join her feminist Purple Democratic Alliance, sweeping to victory and making Ros the new prime minister. As Ros recoils at her daunting responsibilities, the queen persuades her to give it a go.

Sunday, October 29, 2007

9 to 10 pm ET on PBS

Episode Two

The political honeymoon is wearing thin as Ros faces several crises: her bill to move the seat of government is stalled, the family of a visiting dignitary is assassinated, and a shocking picture of her daughter Emily (Carey Mulligan, *Bleak House*) is projected onto the Houses of Parliament. Meanwhile, Ros's husband, Ian (Steven Mackintosh, *Prime Suspect 5*), spills a terrible secret to Emily.

Sunday, November 4, 2007

9 to 10 pm ET on PBS

Episode Three

One year into her job, Ros's increasing cool as prime minister is put to the test when a plane from Lithuania crashes over London. Is it terrorism or lax airline regulation by the European Union? Also, one of Ros's ministers is photographed in a drunken revel, and a brewing scandal Ros doesn't yet know about threatens to blow her government out of the water.

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Sunday, November 11, 2007

9 to 10 pm ET on PBS

Episode Four

Frustrated by inaction on global warming, Ros commits Britain to banning inessential car traffic one day a week. Uproar ensues and she must use all her political skill to make the policy work. On other fronts, Ros's hard-driving unmarried Chancellor, Catherine Walker (Janet McTeer, *Portrait of a Marriage*), discovers she is pregnant, and Ros learns about Ian's money laundering past.

Sunday, November 18, 2007

9 to 10 pm ET on PBS

Episode Five

Has power corrupted Ros Pritchard? The temptation to hide her husband's past criminality tears at her conscience — as does a move to blackmail her for a lucrative government contract. Should she resign, divorce, play the game? She turns to Catherine for advice, who is in her own state of turmoil over a disintegrating love affair with a much younger man.

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