

Positive Critic Quotes

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The absolutely stellar @Pellington21 on twitter gathered positive critic quotes from S2 (pre-cancellation) if you want to use them for graphics!

"...in a world of queerbaiting shows, it was rare to see one have the courage to actually make the romance happen." –Inverse

"Few shows have enjoyed the kind of immediate, deeply invested fanbase that Our Flag Means Death garnered in 2022."—Gizmodo

"A word-of-mouth hit last year..."—TV Guide

"...OFMD's love story is a triumph."—TV Guide

"Sentimental yet satirical, with thoughtful hidden depths: a rare and welcome combination."—TV Guide

"The first season of Our Flag Means Death dropped anchor last year on Max, and quickly found a passionate audience."—IGN

"[Season 1 was]...surprisingly swoon-worthy."—IGN

"Our Flag Means Death remains a unicorn show...Darby and Waititi remain the charming fulcrums around which their very funny ensemble rotate...Flag's characters and a clever remix of pirate tropes continue to make this a singular watch."—IGN

"...the series has attracted an intensely passionate fanbase, which corresponded to a major uptick in viewing numbers during the first season's drop..."—Collider

"...strike the balance between lighter and darker elements, which all contribute to a perfect tenor that sings throughout every episode."—Collider

"...it's difficult to imagine this little-pirate-show-that-could not succeeding at the impossible. After all, it's already done it once."—Collider

"...David Jenkins' show has found a very loyal fan base; one attracted to both its smart sense of humor and its notable representation of LGBTQ+ characters."—The Playlist

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"...the entire cast is amazing, with a deep-felt camaraderie that makes group scenes and the standout episode "Calypso's Birthday" (one of the best episodes of TV this year period) sing."—Co Tho

"Our Flag Means Death Season 2 goes beyond simply being better than its predecessor and makes the case for it being one of the best comedies on TV in years."—But Why Tho

"The wait has been long, but certainly worth it."—The Cosmic Circus

"Season 2 is chock full of laughs and found-family shenanigans." —The Cosmic Circus

"If you were one of the fans who broke Twitter during season one, prepare to break it again." —The Cosmic Circus

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multiple layers of jokes unfolding within each scene...the swashbuckling series is well and truly firing on all cylinders." —Slash Film

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"...the pirate comedy became an instant darling..."—Prime Timer

"...Our Flag Means Death shines a bright beacon."—Prime Timer

"Our Flag Means Death was the little show that could thanks to the support of its fans, and now it's back and better than before."—The Mary Sue

"The show is beloved...and it is, I am happy to report, Captain, somehow better than before." —The Mary Sue

"The show is brilliant in how it balances its characters and arcs, and seeing this continue in season two shows why we loved it so much in season one." —The Mary Sue

"...as someone who loved their season 1 journey very much, I think season two is better by a landslide. Which is saying something." —The Mary Sue

"Showrunner David Jenkins produced one of the funniest and most heartwarming shows of the last decade."—The SF Chronicle

"Ever since the series premiered, a very devoted fan base sprang up around the offbeat high-seas adventures. The online response to the story was overwhelming, with fans tuning in every week to watch what happened with the pirates."—Collider

"It's time to set sail again. The David Jenkins-created pirate comedy became a sleeper hit when it premiered in 2022, developing a voracious fan base..."—TV Guide

"...there's no doubt that OMFD will captivate viewers once more in its second season." The Prime

Timer

"Ridiculous fun."—The West

"...one of television's funniest—and surprisingly queer!—comedies."—Queerty

"...an enormous outpouring of love and support from the show's fans."---Den of Geek

"...riotously funny"—Queerty

"...The biggest new series in the U.S. across all platforms—and its popularity has only grown since."—Collider

"...we couldn't be more excited..."—Pop Sugar

"Since its premiere last year, *Our Flag Means Death* has amassed an impressively ferocious fanbase..."—EW.com

"Irreverent and charming, the second season of *"Our Flag Means Death"* delivers another dose of the offbeat humor that made the first season such a breakout hit while doubling down on the romance that made fans fall in love with it."—RogerEbert.com

"...*Our Flag Means Death*" continues to be a delightful surprise." —RogerEbert.com

"Fans of the brilliant pirate comedy *Our Flag Means Death* are eagerly awaiting the arrival of season two on Max. It's me—I'm fans."—The Mary Sue

"I'm not telling you to take the day off of work in order to watch new episodes of *Our Flag Means Death*, but I'm not not telling you that."—The Mary Sue

"Our Flag Means Death is special."—Tor.com

"...one of the most talked-about shows of the year."—Dexerto.com

"We love everything about this show..." —The Mary Sue

"Your favourite pirate romantic comedy is back!"—The Review Geek

"You could make a compelling argument that the first season of Our Flag Means Death was the surprise sensation of 2022. You could also make the argument that it was the best show of 2022. I, personally, would even go so far as to say OFMD is about as close to a perfect show as humans are capable of producing. It's funny; it's sincere and heartfelt; the writing is fantastic; the cast is amazing; it's about pirates. Its creators' care and enthusiasm was self-evident, and OFMD exploded into one of the most heart-warming and wholesome fan cultures on the internet, complete with cast members gushing over fan art and sharing recipes, seemingly overnight."—The Daily Beast

"What begins as "just" a quirky comedy about pirates evolves into one of the most tender romances I have ever seen unfold on my television."—The Daily Beast

"...one of the best shows on television..."—The Daily Beast

"Our Flag Means Death' Season 2 starring Taika Waititi, Rhys Darby makes a triumphant return

The hit series created by David Jenkins is among our must-see shows of the year"—Yahoo News Canada

"...even funnier, juicier and more romantic than its first season." —Yahoo News Canada

"...really clever writing" —Yahoo News Canada

"...it's still one of our favourite new-er shows to watch..."—Yahoo News Canada

"...the show became one of last year's biggest surprise hits."—Time

... captivating, and wonderfully fun...the journey so far is a thrilling one."—Mashable

"...the treasure that is season two...it's as adorable as ever..."—Den of Geek

"What more could you ask for?" — AV Club

"The show garnered a fiercely loyal fanbase when it debuted last year..."—AV Club

"I'm on record. I love the show. I want to marry the show. I want to live inside this show. 10 out of 10, no notes."—NPR

"...there's still plenty of room for the joyful moments of absurdity that made the series such an unexpected hit (with a particularly passionate fandom)..."—Insider

"...guaranteed to get the series' fandom buzzing to get the series' fandom buzzing..." —Polygon

"How 'Our Flag Means Death' Became the Funniest Show TV"—The Daily Beast

"Our Flag Means Death debuted in March 2022 to respectable viewership numbers that grew. And grew. And grew some more. With each week of its 10-episode run, viewership increased, eventually tripling its original audience." —The Daily Beast

"This show has done wonders for fandom, particularly in bringing us all together and reminding us that finding a community online to share our love for something is nice and wonderful at times."—The Mary Sue

"Our Flag Means Death, which has turned into a snowballing sleeper hit with a devoted fan base since debuting last year."—Time

"Our Call: STREAM IT. Our Flag Means Death continues to emphasize story over gags, and manages to be both funny and touching at the same time."—The Decider

"Our Flag Means Death is back and utter perfection. The beloved show that has meant the world to fans brings with it a season 2 that is a perfect continuation of what where we left off in season 1..."—The Mary Sue

"One of the most beautiful love stories on TV is also one of the most meaningful,"—The Daily Beast

"...nothing short of sublime." —The Daily Beast

"Our Flag Means Death returns with a big splash this week and its second season significantly improves on the first. The series delves deeper into the layered lives of its characters while learning to use comedy as a compliment to dramatic emotion instead of sacrificing it for a laugh. But don't worry, the humour is still there, and it positively thrives with a fresh batch of jokes that stick the landing. Showrunner David Jenkins and his room full of writers honour the show's dedicated fan base and wholly embrace the queer, fantastical, violent, yet adorable pirates that we've all grown to love." —The Daily Beast

"Speaking of entertainment, the humour strikes more gold this season..."—The Daily Beast

"The series has upgraded in almost every way" —That Shelf

"...runaway hit Our Flag Means Death..." CBR

"Our Flag Means Death' is the queer pirate show the internet can't stop raving about" — QUEERTY

"Our Flag Means Death' season two is so far a swashbuckling success, The new season may just give season one a run for its money with its humor and complex character development. The initial season — filled with queer romance, swashbuckling action, dry wit, and award-nominated acting performances — left its successor with strong expectations to live up to. Luckily for fans, the first three episodes seem to indicate a season that may surpass the first." — PIPE DREAM

"Our Flag Means Death" is currently one of the most popular shows on Max, according to the streaming service's public ranking system." – YAHOO

"Our Flag Means Death is a masterpiece of a TV show that pretty much anyone can enjoy. From the clever writing to the captivating acting, the show really has it all. This series was full of beautiful moments and did a wonderful job giving queer actors and characters the story they deserve. It promised to be a charming, queer feel-good show, and it more than fulfilled that promise."—
Movieweb

Max's Our Flag Means Death has returned, and its season two premiere episodes have officially stolen my heart. There's a gorgeous, gut-wrenching, and hilarious journey witnessed as Stede Bonnet (Rhys Darby) attempts to find Blackbeard (Taika Waititi). From dream sequences to the expanding horizon of pirate life, this season is off to a phenomenal start.

"Flix Patrol, the specialized platform for streaming services and metrics, announced this morning in its daily report that the series had not only managed to secure a place in the Top 10 but had become the most-watched title worldwide."—Bolavip US

"...career-best work from Waititi..." Lainey Gossip

"...I didn't think it was possible to have a better season of Our Flag Means Death, but here we are." –
The Mary Sue

"It's always the surprise hit quirky shows with the most to live up to in their second season. A bad sophomore outing, especially after quickly gaining a cult following, could make or break, say, the plucky little pirate romance known as Our Flag Means Death Season 2. Luckily, David Jenkins, Taika Waititi, et al. keep things fresh and fun without reinventing (or stealing) the wheel."—The Spool

"2023 has brought second seasons to many fan-favorite television series. Specifically a show about a happy-go-lucky ball of sunshine and their edgy all-black clothing counterpart, and I do not mean "Good Omens"."—MTSU Sidelines

"...Our Flag Means Death, which has turned into a snowballing sleeper hit with a devoted fan base since debuting last year. In its first season, audience demand for the show tripled between its premiere and finale. It then became the most in-demand breakout series in the U.S."—Time

"A series like Max's "Our Flag Means Death" has enough charm and energy to attract a loyal enough following to justify more seasons...We need more offbeat humor of this kind on Peak TV..."—
Entertainment Voice

"Our Flag Means Death" began as a witty take on the pirate genre...[b]ut it stands on its own as a really good time with some great actors performing a sharp combination of empathy and absurdity...This series remains a gem worth getting back onboard."—Entertainment Voice

"Our Flag Means Death," one of the more creatively delinquent comedies on TV, has gleefully gone off the deep end."—Wall St. Journal

"...a tender, funny, and absorbing sitcom." —Total Film

"Brought with a lot of heart, and carrying its hefty fanbase with it, the second season is sure to delight, entertain, and, yes, it just might break your heart too. I know I'd happily sail the seven seas with this crew any day."—Total Film

"Our Flag Means Death Becomes the Rom-Com It Was Always Meant to Be in Glorious Second Season"—Paste Magazine

"It brings emotional, romantic, and comedic depth that never would have been possible without the foundation of Season 1, and it uses that advantage to reach heights both die-hard fans and skeptical viewers won't see coming."—Paste Magazine

"Get On Board With This Funny, Dark, And Brilliant Return"—Slash Film

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"...the show stays sharp throughout the seven episodes available for review. Even in its darkest moments, the show's writing is brilliantly snappy and deeply quirky..."—Slash Film

"The show rewards multiple rewatches, too, as its lavish design and strong comedic cast allow for multiple layers of jokes unfolding within each scene...the swashbuckling series is well and truly firing on all cylinders."—Slash Film

"Fervent fans of the series will be majorly rewarded here...Honestly, the only bad part of the show's new season is that it ever has to end."—Slash Film

"Max's pirate comedy is back in full force with a stronger voice, look, and more wackiness than it showed off in season 1. All runaway successes should be so lucky."—The Popverse

"Season 2 Makes Waves with Another Beautiful, Dynamic, and Heartfelt Season" Nerds & Beyond

"At its core, Our Flag Means Death season 2 is conscious of the fact that a truly good, beloved series was born of the series' first season — and that in order to be successful, all it had to do is stay true to the heart of it. I believe they've done exactly that in the new season. The series is just unending joy. Even when you're reduced to tears by the love and heartbreak so beautifully represented onscreen, there is happiness in watching something so lovely, heartwarming, and pure. It's comforting in its ability to relate to its audience, in the laughs it creates, and to the voice it gives to so many groups of people who are still begging every day to be heard. Everything about the new season felt like coming home after being away for over a year. From the iconic title cards, the instant banter between the crew, and the realistic exploration of human emotion, it didn't take long for episode 1 to lull me into that same feeling of warmth that season 1 created, almost like a warm hug from everyone involved in creating it."—Nerds and Beyond

"The historical fiction comedy Our Flag Means Death was charming in its first season, but this second season is genuinely excellent..."—Fandom Wire

"Just as fun as the first season..."—The Streamr

"David Jenkins, along with the other writers has created something so magical. The entire cast kills it once again..."—The Streamr

"I sure hope there will be a third season because I'm not ready to let these characters go..."—The Streamr

"This is evident in the highly entertaining second season of Our Flag Means Death, which [Waititi] executive produces alongside series creator David Jenkins. This welcomed return expands upon the

show's first season, with another charming batch of comical and surprisingly emotional installments to enjoy."—Ready Steady Cut

"The second season of Our Flag Means Death is just as hilarious and heartwarming as the first..."—Ready Steady Cut

"Our Flag Means Death stand out from the crowd..."—Ready Steady Cut

"It's an impressive return overall, one that will please fans and win over new viewers along the way. This blend of addictive humor and endearing humanity works wonders once again..."—Ready Steady Cut

"But this new season seems to offer a fresh opportunity for love to triumph. So join us as we follow the treasure map that the team behind this show brilliantly laid out for us and find out what makes Our Flag Means Death Season 2 a remarkable sequel."—Q+ Magazine

Our Flag Means Death Season 2 defies expectations and transcends its initial premise as an outrageous pirate comedy."—Q+ Magazine

"Every aspect of the story is meticulously crafted."—Q+ Magazine

"Our Flag Means Death Season 2 is not just a love letter to its fans but a testament to the power of storytelling that can both entertain and touch the soul."—Q+ Magazine

"...winning combo of loveable, complex characters, genuine surprises, and sumptuous visuals...It's funny, it's camp, and it's also incredibly sincere. Established fans will be satisfied, and casual watchers will quickly get sucked into the hype too."—Screen Hub

"The episodes are incredibly addictive from the get-go..."—Screen Hub

"The series captured the hearts of fans when the first season aired last year and has cultivated a devoted LGBTQ+ fan base..."—The Pink News

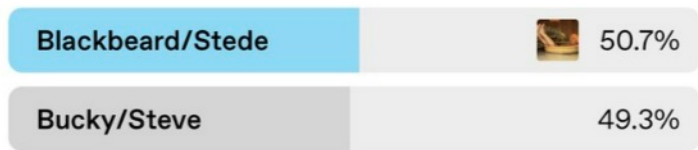
"We don't think it is going to come as that much of a shock, but we absolutely want to see a season 3 of Our Flag Means Death down the road. This show is not only hilariously funny, but also incredibly meaningful and it boasts an awesome cast of characters."—CarterMatt

Our Flag Means Death and Loki both return October. Which show are you most excited to watch? 2083 votes



The Popverse

Blackbeard | Edward Teach/Stede Bonnet (Our Flag Means Death) vs James "Bucky" Barnes/Steve Rogers (Marvel)



Tumblr ao3 poll—With over 56k votes

"Our Flag Means Death has earned one of the most dedicated and ravenous fandoms in contemporary television history..." —Them

"...a second triumphant season..." — Metro Weekly

"...the show has grown into a white-hot romance with all the conviction, passion, and tenderness that any viewer could wish for." — Metro Weekly

"To call Our Flag Means Death one of the best shows currently on television isn't overhype." — Metro Weekly

"Our Flag Means Death" is unlike anything else on TV. ...Unsurprisingly, the show's unique humor and thoughtful portrayal of queer relationships have made it a massive word-of-mouth success." --
/Film

"...Our Flag Means Death slowly ignited a rabid fandom that grows more passionate by the minute."—Popverse

"Our Flag Means Death season 2 has successfully capitalized on the charm and humor of the first season..."—Screen Rant

"Our Flag Means Death is gut-bustingly funny thanks to the offbeat and signature oddball humor of its writers and leads. Featuring a number of gags both written and performed spectacularly, the series balances the humor and levity with its more serious or tender moments with ease."—
MovieWeb

Variety names the ensemble of OFMD as "SAG Nomination Disrupters: 'The Curse,' 'Fellow Travelers' and 6 More Late-Breaking Contenders"

"...Our Flag Means Death (both seasons) are available to watch now and I'm telling you now, they are so very worth it if you want to watch some incredible TV while laughing your arse off. Go for it. Go watch. Now." – Gayming

"This show is funny, heartwarming, tear-jerking, shocking, exciting, and beautiful, and I would absolutely recommend it. It is incredibly apparent how much fun everyone had while making this show, and that really makes it more enjoyable to watch." – Film Inquiry

"...the series has captivated a large swath of viewers..." – LA Times

Best of 2023 Lists

425 Magazine – 425's Favorite TV Shows of 2023

Ao3 – Most Popular Fan Fiction Ships of 2023

Attitude Magazine – The 10 best LGBTQ TV shows of 2023 Honorable Mention

Broadsheet – Broadsheet's Picks of the Best Films and TV of 2023

But Why Tho? – Top TV Shows of 2023 (#9: “...one of the best comedies on TV in years.”)

Buzzfeed – Best Romantic (Or Platonic) Chemistry On TV In 2023

Daily Research Plot – Most Watched HBO Max TV Shows of 2023

DeadAnt – Grab Your Remotes: The Funniest TV Shows of 2023

Decider – Top 26 TV shows of 2023

Decider – Top 10 most stylish shows of 2023

DigitalTrend – The 5 best (HBO) Max shows of 2023

EW-Best Episodes (Calypso’s Birthday)

Gay Community News - Our Flag Means Death in their list of the “Best Television Series With LGBTQ+ Representation”

Gizmodo – 50 Most Memorable Sci-Fi, Fantasy, and Horror TV Moments of 2023

Gizmodo Australia – 20 Best Sci-Fi, Fantasy, and Horror TV Shows of 2023

Gizmodo – 50 Most Memorable Sci-Fi, Fantasy, and Horror TV Moments of 2023 (Calypso’s Birthday)

Gizmodo – The Pop Culture We’re Thankful for Getting Us Through 2023 (the OFMD ensemble)

Joint Center for Housing Studies (of Harvard University) -- WHAT WE READ, WATCHED, AND LISTENED TO IN 2023

The Mary Sue – The 16 Best Needle Drops of 2023

Mental Floss – Our 26 Favorite Stories of 2023

The Nerd Stash – Top 10 Best TV Shows Of 2023

Out – The 15 Best LGBTQ+ TV Shows of 2023

Paste Magazine – The 14 Best Queer Shows of 2023

The Pink News – The 13 most ground-breaking queer TV and film moments of 2023

The Playlist – The 20 Best TV Shows Of 2023 (#9: “It’s simply one of the smartest, funniest, and ultimately sweetest shows on TV.”)

Primetimer – The Best TV Episodes of 2023 (Calypso’s Birthday)

RogerEbert.com – The 25 Best TV Series of 2023 (#15: “...one of the TV’s best comedies, and one of TV’s best romances.”)

Rotten Tomatoes – The Best New TV & Streaming Shows of 2023 Ranked (scored 94%)

ScreenRant – 10 Best Shows on HBO

The Spool – The 25 Best TV Shows of 2023

Tampa Bay Times (Best (loosely) historical workplace rom-com about queer pirates EVER)

TechRadar – These are the 34 best shows of 2023

Tell-Tale TV – 21 Top TV Comedies of 2023

Them – Our 23 Favorite LGBTQ+ TV Shows of 2023

Tor – The Things That Brought Us Nerdy Joy in 2023 (“The Second Joyous Gorgeous Season of the Ongoing Miracle That Is Our Flag Means Death”)

Tucson Weekly – My Favorites This Year

TV Insider – 19 Best TV Episodes of 2023 (“It’s a difficult decision to select a favorite episode from Our Flag Means Death’s fantastic second season.”)

TV Insider – 11 Breakout Stars of 2023 (Ruibo Quian)

TV Insider – Couples That Had Us swooning (Ed & Stede)

Vulture – The 10 Best TV Needle Drops of 2023 (Kate Bush’s This Woman’s Work)

Yardbarkers – The 20 best feel-good TV shows
