



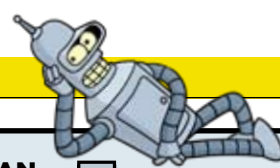
**A**LASKA 'We have a great life here in Alaska, and we're never going back to America again!' says Homer, after his family flees an ecological disaster in *The Simpsons Movie*.

**B**URNS Rated as the second richest fictional character ever by *Forbes* magazine, Monty Burns uses his wealth to fund schemes such as stealing Christmas 'from 1981 to 1985'. Excellent!



**E**LFMAN, **D**ANNY Elfman created *The Simpsons'* theme tune in just two days. He also composes for *Spider-Man*, Tim Burton films and *Desperate Housewives*.

**F**UTURAMA Co-created by Matt Groening, *Futurama* follows pizza delivery guy Fry's antics 1,000 years in the future. His robot buddy Bender appears in several *Simpsons* episodes.



**G**AME Take control of your favourite *Simpson* in *The Simpsons Game* and save the world from evil. Unleash Homer's Power Burp, master Lisa's Saxophone Spin or just enjoy hilarious parodies of classic video games. The game is available at Blockbuster now, to rent or buy, for the Wii, DS, Xbox 360 and PS3.

# THE SIMPSONS A-Z

With *The Simpsons Movie* crash-landing in store, we take a whistle-stop tour of Springfield - before Homer destroys it

**C**HRISTMAS The series one Christmas special was the first full-length episode aired on US TV. In 2004, *The Simpsons* went head-to-head with the Queen, delivering their own Christmas Day message on Channel 4.

**D**ONUTS 'See these? American donuts. Glazed, powdered, and raspberry-filled. How's that for freedom of choice?' - Homer

**H**OMER has a low IQ (55), due to his poor diet, exposure to nuclear materials, head injuries, alcohol consumption and a crayon lodged in his brain. Last year, French doctors dubbed a link between weight problems and slow thinking 'Homer Simpson Syndrome'.



**I**TCHY AND **S**CRATCHY Mouse Itchy and cat Scratchy have their own ultra-violent series shown on Krusty's TV show. The character of Itchy was created in 1919 by Chester J Lampwick, 'the father of cartoon violence'.



**K**RUSTY AKA Herschel Krustofski. This popular Springfield children's TV personality is also the face of the Krusty Burger fast food chain. Little-known Krusty fact: Luke Perry is his younger half-brother.



**L**OVE Romance is rife in the Simpson clan. The Springfield resident most likely to head up the aisle is Marge's sister Selma, whose surname now runs to Bouvier Terwilliger Hutz McClure Stu Simpson. Phew!







## THE SIMPSONS BOX SETS

Simpsons overload: buy now at Blockbuster

### Series 10 New!

Listen out for: Jerry Springer, Mark Hamill, Dolly Parton and Stephen Hawking.



**Series 9** Woohoo: 200 episodes and still going strong.



**Series 8** From space coyotes to *The X-Files*.



**Series 7** George Bush moves in and all hell breaks loose.



**Series 6** Who Shot Mr Burns? The clues are here.



**Series 5** The world is not enough: Homer goes intergalactic.



**Series 4** From *Kamp Krusty* to *Mr Plow*.



**Series 3** Aerosmith and possibly Michael Jackson lend voices.



**Series 2** Stars Dustin Hoffman and Danny DeVito.



**Series 1** Putting the fun into dysfunctional from the start.



**SERIES 1-9 ARE NOW AVAILABLE IN STORE FOR JUST £19.96 EACH!**

## QUIMBY

'Diamond' Joe Quimby is Springfield's 'tax-cheating, wife-swapping, pot-smoking' mayor, allegedly based on any of the Kennedy clan.

## SPRINGFIELD

The location of the Simpsons' hometown is deliberately ambiguous – 34 US states have at least one Springfield in them. It's said to be in a state that borders Ohio, Nevada, Maine and Kentucky, which is of course geographically impossible.



## WALTONS

In 1992, President Bush said he was trying to 'make American families more like *The Waltons* and less like *The Simpsons*.' Bart retaliated by saying that they were a lot like the Waltons: 'We're praying for an end to the Depression, too.'

## RATINGS

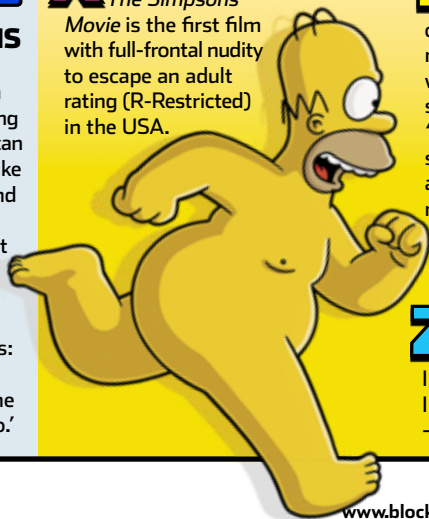
With over 400 episodes made so far, *The Simpsons* is the longest-running US sitcom. The winner of 23 Emmys, *Time Magazine* named it the 20th century's best television series.

## TREEHOUSE OF HORROR

Annual Halloween episodes, each containing three 'terrifying' tales. Among the best are Homer selling his soul for a donut, Bart and Homer entering a 3D world and a hilarious parody of *The Shining*. It's also where those loveable aliens Kang and Kodos pitch up.

## X-RATED

*The Simpsons Movie* is the first film with full-frontal nudity to escape an adult rating (R-Restricted) in the USA.

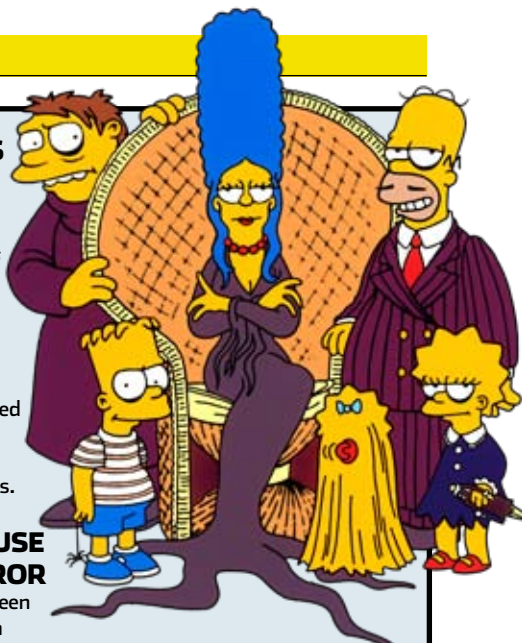


## YELLOW

The Simpsons' skin colour is instantly recognisable. 'It wasn't my choice,' says Groening. 'An animator suggested yellow, and it looked right. Then again, she also made the trees purple.'

## ZZZZ

'Asleep at the switch? I wasn't asleep, I was drunk!'  
– Homer



## UNDER-ACHIEVER

...and proud of it! Bart starts each show in detention writing lines – in the film it reads 'I will not illegally download this movie'. Bart is the only Simpson to feature in every episode.

## VERMONT

Springfield, Vermont, population 9,078, won a nationwide competition to host the US premiere of *The Simpsons Movie* – it was up against 13 other Springfields around America.