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A Father's Great Expectations

Season 1 Episode Number: 1 Season Episode: 1

Originally aired: Sunday April 3, 2011 Writer: Stephen Kronish

Director: Jon Cassar

Show Stars: Greg Kinnear (John F Kennedy), Katie Holmes (Jackie Kennedy), Barry

Pepper (Robert F Kennedy), Tom Wilkinson (Joseph P Kennedy), Diana

Hardcastle (Rose Kennedy), Kristin Booth (Ethel Kennedy)

Guest Stars: Rachel Wilson (Michelle), John White (Young Jack Kennedy), Gabriel

Hogan (Joe Kennedy Jr.), Kristin Adams (Cynthia), Ava Preston (Caroline Kennedy), John Boylan (Bishop Richard Cushing), Elodie Gillett (English Secretary), Rick Braggins (Father O'Byrne), Thomas Mitchell

(Naval Officer), Kelly Fanson (Female TV Reporter)

Summary: The Kennedys rally to put Jack in the White House but their difficult

past illuminates a deeper struggle.



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Shared Victories, Private Struggles

Season 1 Episode Number: 2 Season Episode: 2

Originally aired: Sunday April 3, 2011 Writer: Stephen Kronish

Director: Jon Cassar

Show Stars: Greg Kinnear (John F Kennedy), Katie Holmes (Jackie Kennedy), Barry

Pepper (Robert F Kennedy), Tom Wilkinson (Joseph P Kennedy), Diana

Hardcastle (Rose Kennedy), Kristin Booth (Ethel Kennedy)

Guest Stars: Rachel Wilson (Michelle), Alex Poch-Goldin (Jimmy Ryan), Serge

Houde (Sam Giancana), Egidio Tari (Giancana's Henchman), Kristin Adams (Cynthia), Ava Preston (Caroline Kennedy), Greg Campbell (Charles Bartlett), Shauna MacDonald (Janet Auchincloss), Alexis Cassar (Mike), Geoffrey Pounsett (Kennedy Worker), Carlo Be-

rardinucci (Joseph Russo), Tedde Moore (Mrs. Shaw)

Summary: The Presidential election comes down to the wire; Bobby tells Joe Sr.

he's leaving politics.



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Failed Invasion, Failed Fidelity

Season 1 Episode Number: 3 Season Episode: 3

Originally aired: Tuesday April 5, 2011

Writer: Stephen Kronish, Joel Surnow

Director: Jon Cassar

Show Stars: Greg Kinnear (John F. Kennedy), Katie Holmes (Jacqueline Kennedy),

Barry Pepper (Robert F. Kennedy), Tom Wilkinson (Joseph P. Kennedy, Sr.), Diana Hardcastle (Rose Kennedy), Kristin Booth (Ethel Kennedy)

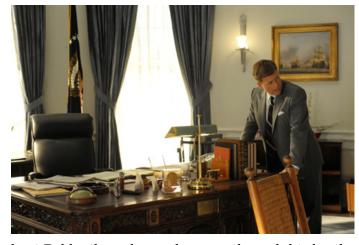
Guest Stars: Barry Flatman (General Thomas Bennett), Dan Lett (McGeorge

Bundy), Jonathan Whittaker (Robert McNamara), Serge Houde (Sam Giancana), Enrico Colantoni (J. Edgar Hoover), Kevin Jubinville (Clyde Tolson), Ava Preston (Caroline Kennedy), Allan Royal (Allen Dulles), Glen Gaston (Dean Rusk), Megan Vincent (Judy Campbell), Janelle

Hutchison (Evelyn Lincoln)

Summary: When the Bay of Pigs invasion proves disastrous, JFK makes a difficult

decision he must later atone for.



Jack and Bobby try to convince their father that Bobby's being named Attorney General would be a major mistake.

We are quickly drawn into to Bay of Pigs crisis. Virtually all of Jack's advisors – military and civilian – urge him to go ahead with the invasion. But he's unsure that the plan will work, and he worries that the operation will be linked back to the US – causing major problems with Cuba's #1 ally, the Soviet Union.

Meanwhile, Bobby and J. Edgar Hoover butt heads over Bobby's desire to control the flow of information from the Justice Department. Hoover sets out to

hurt Bobby the only way he can - through his brother the President.

While Jackie is away, Jack has a one-night tryst with Judy Campbell, to whom he'd been introduced during the 1960 campaign by Frank Sinatra. In Hyannis Port, Jackie bonds with her mother-in-law Rose Kennedy over the one thing they have in common: philandering husbands.

Broken Promises and Deadly Barriers

Season 1 Episode Number: 4 Season Episode: 4

Originally aired: Wednesday April 6, 2011

Writer: Stephen Kronish, Joel Surnow

Director: Jon Cassar

Summary:

Show Stars: Greg Kinnear (John F. Kennedy), Katie Holmes (Jacqueline Kennedy),

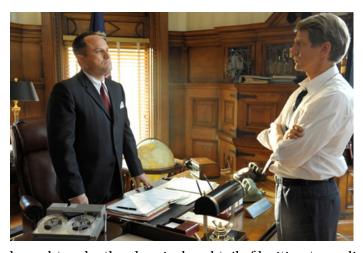
Barry Pepper (Robert F. Kennedy), Tom Wilkinson (Joseph P. Kennedy, Sr.), Diana Hardcastle (Rose Kennedy), Kristin Booth (Ethel Kennedy)

Guest Stars: Barry Flatman (General Thomas Bennett), Rachel Wilson (Michelle),

Dan Lett (McGeorge Bundy), Chris Diamantopoulos (Frank Sinatra), Serge Houde (Sam Giancana), Enrico Colantoni (J. Edgar Hoover), Ava Preston (Caroline Kennedy), Frank Moore (Bill Dobson), John Robinson (Admiral George Burkley), Jane Moffat (Letitia Baldrige), Rothaford Gray (Agent Abraham Bolden), Janelle Hutchison (Evelyn Lincoln), Nigel Bennett (Henderson), Jonathan Whittaker (Robert McNamara), John Bourgeois (Dr. Max Jacobson), Jake Beale (Kennedy Kid #2)

The Russians build a wall separating East and West Berlin while

Bobby prepares to go after Sam Giancana.



In August of 1961 the Russians move troops into Berlin, though their intentions are unclear. JFK prepares for the possibility that Khrushchev may try and take the city.

Bobby announces the formation of the Organized Crime Division. Chicago mobster Sam Giancana is livid about it, and blames Frank Sinatra, who had arranged a meeting between the gangster and Joe Kennedy Sr. before the 1960 election.

Jackie becomes increasingly busy as First Lady, forcing her to spend more time away from her children. Suffering from severe back pain and debilitating fatigue

brought on by the chemical cocktail of legitimate medications he's taking for a variety of illnesses, Jack calls in New York physician Max Jacobson, aka 'Dr. Feelgood,' to treat him.

Moral Issues and Inner Turmoil

Season 1 Episode Number: 5 Season Episode: 5

Originally aired: Thursday April 7, 2011

Writer: Stephen Kronish, Joel Surnow

Director: Jon Cassar

Show Stars: Greg Kinnear (John F. Kennedy), Katie Holmes (Jacqueline Kennedy),

Barry Pepper (Robert F. Kennedy), Tom Wilkinson (Joseph P. Kennedy, Sr.), Diana Hardcastle (Rose Kennedy), Kristin Booth (Ethel Kennedy)

Guest Stars: Don Allison (Lyndon Johnson), Rachel Wilson (Michelle), Peter Mac-

Neill (Governor Ross Barnett), Caelan Mestel (Young Rosemary Kennedy), Laura Schutt (Rosemary Kennedy), Matthew G. Brown (James Meredith), Rothaford Gray (Agent Abraham Bolden), Jane Moffat (Letitia Baldrige), Janelle Hutchison (Evelyn Lincoln), John Bourgeois (Dr. Max Jacobson), Alex Fallis (Kennedy Family Doctor), Tim Beresford (Mike the Cop), Deborah Grover (Mother Superior), Philip Craig (Dr. Prescott), Angela Besharah (Ann Gargan), Tedde Moore (Mrs. Shaw), Jonathan Potts (OCD Lawyer), Cedric Smith (Senator East-

land), Mackenzie Gray (Senator Russell)

Summary: Riots over desegregation in the South force JFK to act. Jackie's use of

amphetamines continues. Joe Sr. suffers a stroke.



At home and with little to do, for the first time in his life Joe Sr. feels useless. Rose is angry, and feels her sons have abandoned their father. Then, terrible news: Joe suffers a stroke from which he may never fully recover. At the hospital, Rose is mute, but the look on her face says she blames her sons.

In the South, civil rights demonstrators are protesting. JFK calls a meeting with the Southern Caucus of the Senate, who state their opposition to desegregation. James Meredith, a black student, is attempting to gain admission to the University of Mississippi. Riots are imminent,

and protests are forming outside the school.

Jackie is receiving 'treatments' from Dr. Jacobson. Jack worries she may be developing an addiction, and he confronts her about it.

On the Brink of War

Season 1 Episode Number: 6 Season Episode: 6

Originally aired: Friday April 8, 2011

Writer: Stephen Kronish, Joel Surnow

Director: Jon Cassar

Show Stars: Greg Kinnear (John F. Kennedy), Katie Holmes (Jacqueline Kennedy),

Barry Pepper (Robert F. Kennedy), Tom Wilkinson (Joseph P. Kennedy, Sr.), Diana Hardcastle (Rose Kennedy), Kristin Booth (Ethel Kennedy)

Guest Stars: Barry Flatman (General Thomas Bennett), Dan Lett (McGeorge

Bundy), Eliza Preston (Caroline Kennedy), Glen Gaston (Dean Rusk), John Bourgeois (Dr. Max Jacobson), Rothaford Gray (Agent Abraham Bolden), Nahanni Johnstone (Mary Meyer), Eugene Lipinski (Nikita Khrushchev), Val Ovtcharov (Khrushchev's Translator), Dmitry Chepovetsky (Kennedy's Translator), Jane Moffat (Letitia Baldrige), Steve Cumyn (Ben Bradlee), Angela Besharah (Ann Gargan), Victoria Fodor

(Great Room Woman #1)

Summary: The Cuban Missile Crisis brings America and Russia to the brink of

war. Jackie leaves JFK after one infidelity too many.



In Hyannis Port, we flashback to the twenties, to meet Rose and Joe Sr.'s daughter Rosemary, who has a severe learning disability. Joe insists on sending her to a convent where she can be adequately cared for. He later does something to Rosemary for which his wife will never forgive him.

In October 1962 Jack's marriage is in shambles because Jackie has found out about his affair with Mary Meyer. Jack has to also deal with an impending crisis in the Caribbean. The Soviet Union has placed nuclear missiles on the island of Cuba. Tensions are high, and Jack is be-

ing pressured to attack Cuba with the purpose of removing the missiles.

Bobby's wife Ethel tries to convince Jackie to return and support her husband during this crucial time.

The Countdown to Tragedy

Season 1 Episode Number: 7 Season Episode: 7

Originally aired: Sunday April 10, 2011

Writer: Stephen Kronish Director: Jon Cassar

Show Stars: Greg Kinnear (John F. Kennedy), Katie Holmes (Jacqueline Kennedy),

Barry Pepper (Robert F. Kennedy), Tom Wilkinson (Joseph P. Kennedy, Sr.), Diana Hardcastle (Rose Kennedy), Kristin Booth (Ethel Kennedy)

Guest Stars: Don Allison (Lyndon Johnson), Charlotte Sullivan (Marilyn Monroe),

Enrico Colantoni (J. Edgar Hoover), Ryan Blakely (Lee Harvey Oswald), Rothaford Gray (Agent Abraham Bolden), Jonathan Whittaker (Robert McNamara), Janelle Hutchison (Evelyn Lincoln), Stewart Arnott (Dr. John Walsh), Nicholas Carella (Oswald's Co-Worker), Tabitha Keast (Pat Lawford), James Gallanders (Peter Lawford), Angela Besharah

(Ann Gargan), Jamie Bloch (Kennedy Girl)

Summary: Jack and Jackie suffer the loss of their newborn child; she and JFK

are in Dallas on that fateful day in November.



22 November 1963. JFK is in Fort Worth, Texas to mend fences between the liberal and conservative wings of the state's Democratic Party prior to beginning his re-election campaign. Lee Harvey Oswald is at home in Dallas, assembling a rifle.

Back in 1961, Bobby is at a party in Malibu, hosted by his sister Pat and her husband Peter Lawford. Enter Marilyn Monroe. She's already become Jack's lover, but that doesn't stop her from making a pass at Bobby. This will come back to haunt the brothers.

A year later and JFK is organizing a political fundraiser. Two weeks on, Mari-

lyn is singing him 'Happy Birthday' at Madison Square Garden.

25 November 1963. The nation watches as John F. Kennedy is buried at Arlington National Cemetery. Bobby sinks into a deep, debilitating depression born out of the suspicion that it was his actions – with respect to Castro and/or his pursuit of the mob – that might have caused Jack's assassination.

With Lyndon Johnson now in office, Jackie prepares to leave the White House. Bobby spends more time with her, leaving Ethel feeling jealous and abandoned.

The Aftermath: A Family's Curse of Misfortune and Heartbreak

Season 1 Episode Number: 8 Season Episode: 8

Originally aired: Sunday April 10, 2011

Writer: Stephen Kronish Director: Jon Cassar

Summary:

Show Stars: Greg Kinnear (John F. Kennedy), Katie Holmes (Jacqueline Kennedy),

Barry Pepper (Robert F. Kennedy), Tom Wilkinson (Joseph P. Kennedy, Sr.), Diana Hardcastle (Rose Kennedy), Kristin Booth (Ethel Kennedy)

Guest Stars: Don Allison (Lyndon Johnson), Serge Houde (Sam Giancana), Eliza

Preston (Caroline Kennedy), Rothaford Gray (Agent Abraham Bolden), James Siciliano (John F. Kennedy Jr. (Age 3)), Richard Zeppieri (Jack Valenti), Angela Besharah (Ann Gargan), Tedde Moore (Mrs. Shaw), Killian Gray (Uniformed Cop), Samantha Epsie (Johnson's Secretary)

Bobby blames himself for his brother's death. Five years later, tragedy

strikes again.



With war raging in Vietnam, Johnson's popularity hits an all-time low. Bobby sees an opportunity for change. He's being urged to run for President – especially by Ethel. But it's Jackie's approval that he really seeks.

Aristotle Onassis proposes to Jackie. Before she'll accept, she asks for Bobby's blessing. Hesitant at first, Bobby eventually grants it, genuine in his desire for her happiness. Later that night, Bobby is speaking in Los Angeles after his win in the California primary. After the speech and during his exit, Robert Kennedy is shot and killed.

Actor Appearances

A	Chris Diamantopoulos1 0104 (Frank Sinatra)
Kristin Adams2	_
0101 (Cynthia); 0102 (Cynthia)	——— E ———
Don Allison	
0105 (Lyndon Johnson); 0107 (Lyndon Johnson);	Samantha Epsie1
0108 (Lyndon Johnson)	
Stewart Arnott	0108 (Johnson's Secretary)
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0107 (Dr. John Walsh)	——— F
D	
B	Alex Fallis
	0105 (Kennedy Family Doctor)
Jake Beale1	Kelly Fanson 1
0104 (Kennedy Kid #2)	0101 (Female TV Reporter)
Nigel Bennett	Barry Flatman3
0104 (Henderson)	0103 (General Thomas Bennett); 0104 (General Thomas
Carlo Berardinucci	Bennett); 0106 (General Thomas Bennett)
	Victoria Fodor1
0102 (Joseph Russo)	
Tim Beresford	0106 (Great Room Woman #1)
0105 (Mike the Cop)	~
Angela Besharah 4	——— G ———
0105 (Ann Gargan); 0106 (Ann Gargan); 0107 (Ann	S
Gargan); 0108 (Ann Gargan)	James Gallanders1
Ryan Blakely 1	
0107 (Lee Harvey Oswald)	0107 (Peter Lawford)
Jamie Bloch	Glen Gaston
0107 (Kennedy Girl)	0103 (Dean Rusk); 0106 (Dean Rusk)
John Bourgeois	Elodie Gillett 1
0104 (Dr. Max Jacobson); 0105 (Dr. Max Jacob-	0101 (English Secretary)
	Killian Gray1
son); 0106 (Dr. Max Jacobson)	0108 (Uniformed Cop)
John Boylan	Mackenzie Gray
0101 (Bishop Richard Cushing)	0105 (Senator Russell)
Rick Braggins	Rothaford Gray5
0101 (Father O'Byrne)	0104 (Agent Abraham Bolden); 0105 (Agent Abra-
Matthew G. Brown	ham Bolden); 0106 (Agent Abraham Bolden);
0105 (James Meredith)	0107 (Agent Abraham Bolden); 0108 (Agent
	Abraham Bolden)
C	Deborah Grover
	0105 (Mother Superior)
	0103 (Mother Superior)
Greg Campbell	TT
0102 (Charles Bartlett)	——— Н ———
Nicholas Carella1	
0107 (Oswald's Co-Worker)	Gabriel Hogan1
Alexis Cassar1	0101 (Joe Kennedy Jr.)
0102 (Mike)	Serge Houde
Dmitry Chepovetsky	0102 (Sam Giancana); 0103 (Sam Giancana); 0104
0106 (Kennedy's Translator)	
Enrico Colantoni	(Sam Giancana); 0108 (Sam Giancana)
	Janelle Hutchison
0103 (J. Edgar Hoover); 0104 (J. Edgar Hoover);	0103 (Evelyn Lincoln); 0104 (Evelyn Lincoln); 0105
0107 (J. Edgar Hoover)	(Evelyn Lincoln); 0107 (Evelyn Lincoln)
Philip Craig1	_
0105 (Dr. Prescott)	i
Steve Cumyn	J
0106 (Ben Bradlee)	NY 1
	Nahanni Johnstone
D	0106 (Mary Meyer)
$\overline{}$	Kevin Jubinville 1

0103 (Clyde Tolson)
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Tabitha Keast
L
Dan Lett
0103 (McGeorge Bundy); 0104 (McGeorge Bundy); 0106 (McGeorge Bundy)
Eugene Lipinski
M
111
Shauna MacDonald
Peter MacNeill
Caelan Mestel
Thomas Mitchell 1
0101 (Naval Officer) Jane Moffat3
0104 (Letitia Baldrige); 0105 (Letitia Baldrige); 0106 (Letitia Baldrige)
Frank Moore
Tedde Moore
Snaw)
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Val Ovtcharov
P
Alex Poch-Goldin1
0102 (Jimmy Ryan) Jonathan Potts1
0105 (OCD Lawyer) Geoffrey Pounsett
0102 (Kennedy Worker)
Ava Preston
0103 (Caroline Kennedy); 0104 (Caroline Kennedy
Eliza Preston
R
John Robinson
Olfo (Admiral George Burkley) Allan Royal
S
Laura Schutt
0105 (Rosemary Kennedy) James Siciliano
0108 (John F. Kennedy Jr. (Age 3)) Cedric Smith
0105 (Senator Eastland)

Charlotte Sullivan
— Т
Egidio Tari
V
Megan Vincent
— W —
John White
0105 (Michelle)
Z
Richard Zeppieri