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Parks and Recreation: Pilot

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TV Show Review

Title: Parks and Recreation: Pilot

Main Performers: Amy Poehler, Rashida Jones, Nick Offerman

Studio/Network: NBC

Reviewer: Paige Price

Season/Episodes: Season 1 Episode 1

Air Date: April 9, 2009

TV Rating: TV-14

Interest Level: Young Adult

Rating: Excellent



Review

Leslie Knope is an employee in the Parks and Recreation department of a small town in Indiana, but she doesn't let the fact that she has almost no power or influence deflate her enthusiasm for improving lives in her community. In the pilot episode, Ann, a local nurse, complains at a town hall meeting about a giant pit near her house that her boyfriend fell into, upon which he broke both his legs. Leslie promises Ann that she will fill in the pit and build a park in its place. However, it quickly becomes apparent that nothing works smoothly in government. After persistently asking her boss for permission over days, Leslie is finally able to get approval for a sub-committee to begin work on her project.

This show is patterned after the same style of *The Office*, in which the characters are talking to the camera as if a documentary film crew is following them. The characters are each comedic in their own way, with certain traits being exaggerated. For example, Leslie's boss, Ron Swanson, is in charge of the Parks and Recreation Department, but he's anti-government with absolutely no intention of doing anything productive (such as trying to build a park) while working there. Because different characters are comedic in different ways, there's a bit of humor for everyone in this show. It is very funny and the story is original and interesting. It's definitely a show that should be checked out.

*Contains some bleeped-out language and mild sexual innuendo.