



The absence of Robert Durst makes it less captivating: NPR

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HBO's *The Jinx*, which aired in 2015, played a key role in the true-crime TV and audio boom, featuring the strange and talkative murderer Robert Durst. The follow-up, *The Jinx – Part Two*, lacks Durst's compelling presence.

The original *The Jinx* explored Durst's suspected involvement in various murders, with his bizarre interviews making it riveting. However, *The Jinx – Part Two* struggles without his participation, focusing on his trial without the same intrigue.

While the series raises ethical questions about its portrayal of victims, it fails to captivate viewers without Durst. The lack of new revelations and reliance on reenactments make it less engaging than the original.

Despite some interesting moments, the new episodes feel lackluster compared to the original, highlighting the unique appeal of Durst as an interview subject. The final two episodes may bring surprises, but so far, the series seems to lack the magic of the first installment.

This piece also appeared in NPR's Pop Culture Happy Hour newsletter. Sign up for the newsletter to stay updated on the latest entertainment news.

Vocabulary List:

1. **True-crime** // (noun): A genre of non-fiction focusing on real crimes and criminal investigations.
2. **Compelling** // (adjective): Evoking interest attention or admiration.
3. **Intrigue** // (noun): The secret planning of something illicit or detrimental.
4. **Ethical** // (adjective): Relating to moral principles or the branch of knowledge dealing with these.
5. **Riveting** // (adjective): Holding the attention or interest intensely.
6. **Capitalize** // (verb): To take the chance to gain some advantage.

Vocabulary quizzes

Multiple Choice (Select the Correct answer for each question.)

1. Which genre of stories focuses on real criminal cases?

Option: Romance

Option: Science Fiction



Option: True-Crime

Option: Fantasy

2. What term is used to describe something with high status or honor?

Option: Common

Option: Dishonorable

Option: Prestigious

Option: Average

3. What is a physical harm or damage to the body called?

Option: Happiness

Option: Success

Option: Injury

Option: Fortune

4. Which word means to accept the truth or existence of something?

Option: Neglect

Option: Ignore

Option: Acknowledge

Option: Reject

5. What is a strong feeling of wanting to have something or wishing for something to happen?

Option: Aversion

Option: Disinterest

Option: Desire

Option: Indifference

6. Which term refers to the quality of being thankful or showing appreciation?

Option: Ingratitude

Option: Resentment

Option: Gratitude

Option: Displeasure

7. If something is started again with renewed energy what term describes this action?

Option: Extinct

Option: Ignited

Option: Reignited

Option: Contained

8. What word is used to describe being unharmed or uninjured despite facing danger or difficulty?

Option: Hurt

Option: Wounded

Option: Damaged

Option: Unscathed

9. Which word means to be highly praised or recognized for excellence?

Option: Criticized

Option: Insulted

Option: Acclaimed

Option: Derided

10. How would you describe someone who acts in a courteous and kind manner?

Option: Rudely

Option: Abruptly

Option: Graciously

Option: Harshly

Gap-Fill (Fill in the blanks with the correct word from the vocabulary list.)

11. It is important for professionals to maintain _____ standards in their work.

12. Despite _____ with his studies he never gave up on his dream of becoming a doctor.

13. The slight _____ during the experiment did not affect the overall results.

14. She showed _____ determination in achieving her goals.

15. The heated _____ between the two colleagues affected the entire office.

16. His sudden _____ from the job came as a shock to everyone.

17. Her emotional _____ was a result of months of pent-up frustration.

18. The media _____ about the reasons behind the celebrity couple's breakup.

19. The outcome of the match was highly _____ until the final moments.

20. Using that language at the formal event was completely _____.

Matching Sentences (Match each definition to the correct word from the vocabulary list.)

21. The documentary provided a/an argument for the need for environmental conservation.

22. The thriller kept the audience on the edge of their seats throughout the movie.

23. The company on the latest trends to maximize its profits.

24. The volunteer offered her to help those in need after the natural disaster.

25. They expressed their for the generous donation that saved their community center.

26. Her recovery after the surgery amazed the medical team.

27. The movie was a hilarious of the classic fairy tale much to the audience's delight.

28. Winning the prestigious award was the highest of her career.

29. She accepted the award and thanked her supporters and colleagues.

30. The re-release of the band's first album their popularity among fans.

Answer

Multiple Choice: 1. True-Crime 2. Prestigious 3. Injury 4. Acknowledged 5. Desire 6. Gratitude 7. Reignited 8. Unscathed 9. Acclaimed 10. Graciously

Gap-Fill: 11. ethical 12. struggling 13. mishap 14. unwavering 15. altercation 16. dismissal 17. outburst 18. speculated 19. unpredictable 20. inappropriate

Matching sentence: 1. compelling 2. riveting 3. capitalized 4. assistance 5. gratitude 6. remarkable 7. parody 8. accolade 9. graciously 10. reignited

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