

# MIKE WARD'S BIG STREAM

## Rebel Em is a gem



### DICKINSON: SEASON TWO (Apple+ from Friday)

★★★★  
A COSTUME drama sprinkled with laughs seems a tricky idea to pull off.

Especially when it needs to keep that up over a number of episodes.

But season one of the Apple+ darkly comic Dickinson, where Hailee Steinfeld plays 19th Century US poet Emily Dickinson in her rebellious early years, managed to make it look a bit of a breeze.

That was largely thanks to sparky writing (intentionally sounding about as 19th Century as Glee), lovely strait-laced performances and a punchy modern soundtrack.

That, plus how smoothly it could switch the mood when it needed to.

Season two (the first

three parts of which arrive on Friday, followed by one every week after that) finds our previously private heroine – very much a woman ahead of her time – being urged to share her writing with the world.

A leading editor, she is told, is keen to publish her poems.

But Emily is not convinced. How would her disapproving father, who would much prefer she knock this poetry lark on the head, react if she were to take such a leap into the unknown?

And might fame turn out to be more trouble than it's really worth? (Apparently, it tends to.)

Also, what of her intimate friendship with Sue (Ella Hunt) – now that Sue has gone and tied the knot with Emily's brother?



★ COMING to Netflix on Wednesday is *Surviving Death*, a series exploring the likelihood of an afterlife.

Meanwhile, back in the land of the living, its new documentary *The Minimalists* (available now) looks at how we can survive with far less clutter in our lives – and maybe feel a whole lot happier.



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#### THE BROKEN HEARTS GALLERY ON DVD

HILARIOUS romcom *The Broken Hearts Gallery* is available to download from today.

It stars Geraldine Viswanathan as a young New Yorker, dumped by her latest boyfriend, who sets up a gallery showing mementos from others' failed relationships.

The DVD is out in a couple of weeks, but today we have six copies to give away.

To enter, just tell us New York City's most famous nickname.

**A) The Big Orange B) The Big Apple C) The Big Pineapple**

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### COBRA KAI SEASON 3 (15) (Netflix)

★★★★  
THE return of this martial arts comedy-drama, set three decades on from *The Karate Kid* series that inspired it, has come as an early New Year treat for fans.

Bigging it up in particular has been William Zabka, who plays long-standing key character Johnny Lawrence. "Seasons one and two combined, on steroids..." is how he's described it.

But it's not just about Lawrence's ongoing rivalry with his old karate

adversary Daniel LaRusso (Ralph Macchio), which dates way back.

More and more, it's about their families and partners, plus all the younger characters who have come to be part of their story, whose own conflicts can so often be traced back to Johnny and Daniel's issues.

Season two finished kind of messily for each of the karate veterans.

Not as messily, mind you, as it did for Johnny's student Miguel Diaz (Xolo Maridueña) – a school bust-up ended with him on life support after a terrifying fall.



GRIPPING: Macchio and Zabka

## Now available on all leading platforms

### HISTORY OF SWEAR WORDS (15) (Netflix from tomorrow)

★★★★  
ENJOY a good swear? Course you \*%&'in' do. And would you like to find out where those swear words come from? Then let Nicolas Cage be your guide.

Over six episodes – yes, there are six of them, that's how much detail he goes into – Nic speaks to historians, entertainers and actual proper word boffins to discover the origins of (and please look away now if the sight of multiple asterisks offends you) the words "F\*\*\*", "S\*\*t", "B\*tch", "D\*\*k", "Pu\*\*y" and "Damn".



CRASH CURSE: Cage has all the answers

### BEST OF STAND-UP 2020 (15) (Netflix)

★★★★  
YES, it wasn't the easiest of years to laugh at, but hey, all the more reason to have tried,

right? This stand-up collection is heavily US-slanted – Kevin Hart and Jerry Seinfeld are among the more familiar names – but it does include homegrown stars such as Jack Whitehall and Michael McIntyre.

★ SUBSCRIPTION-free online film service wevu has launched in partnership with Tesco.

Its movie cards, on sale in 450 branches, aim to bridge the gap between online streaming and traditional DVD buying, particularly targeting fans yet to buy into the full streaming experience. Find out more at [wevumovies.com](http://wevumovies.com).