

The Anime Quick Review Guide

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This guide includes a little information about anime, places to find out more, and a quick summary of over one hundred anime programs.

Anime is just the name for animation in Japan, where it isn't just a medium for children. The animation quality, voice acting, and story lines can be much better than anything found on American television. Of course, it still can be downright silly. This list grew out of the shows that were being shown at the local conventions, and to answer parents and other folks who were wondering "what the heck is that show?" It isn't comprehensive, although it does include some of the shows we like.

The anime programs in this guide include dramas, comedies, and action series that vary from "perfect for all ages" to "suggested for teens and older". Check the descriptions for more information, your mileage may vary.

Enjoy. Feel free to get in touch if you have any questions or suggestions for the next revision.

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Getting and Choosing Anime

Most video stores and rental places carry anime these days. The problem is, most have no rhyme or reason to what titles they have. Some are good, while others are, well, an interesting take on inter species dating. Ick. Read the back label carefully, and check for a suggested age rating. Better yet, check guides like this for handy advice!

A good place to buy anime and anime-related stuff is The Right Stuf (<http://rightstuf.com>). They carry pretty much everything, and they're nice people. Their catalog is a mini-encyclopedia of all the

commercially available anime titles. For just DVDs, DVD Planet (<http://dvdplanet.com>) has nice discounts and a large selection.

Another good resource is The Anime Encyclopedia by Jonathan Clements & Helen McCarthy (ISBN 1-880656-64-7). It's got just about everything, all the way back to 1917, from A.L.I.CE to Zorro the Magnificent.

Of course, coming to a Cinema Anime showing or visiting <http://cinemaanime.org> is a good way to find out more about anime, too. (shameless plug) We've got links to other review and summary sites.

About Cinema Anime

We're a part of the Los Angeles Science Fantasy Society (LASFS) that meets every second Saturday of the month from 1pm - 8pm to watch anime. The screenings are free and open to anyone interested in anime.

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Where's LASFS?

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Program Descriptions

Listed ages are what the distributor (or sometimes we) suggest. You know your kids (or your own tastes) best, though.

Adventures of the Mini-Goddess ages All
The Oh! My Goddess characters (mainly the goddesses Urd and Skuld) return, but in the "handy petite size" in this series about having fun on a very small scale. Bite-sized and fun, each episode is about five minutes long.

Ah! My Goddess the Movie ages 13+
Belldandy has amnesia and her former mentor is attempting to corrupt the entire Goddess System. Can Keiichi restore her memory before it's too late?

Animation Runner Kuromi ages 13+
Kuromi has dreamed of getting a job in animation. But the reality is a whole lot different than she imagined when the production manager keels over with an ulcer and puts her in charge of the whole show!

APCCG Nuku Nuku ages 12+
That's All Purpose Cultural Cat Girl Nuku Nuku. Yes, a female android with the brain of a cat. What could go wrong? Oh, and the inventor's ex-wife has a big grudge and wants the company's research subject back.

Appleseed (2004) rated R (violence)
After the world nearly ends, a utopian city arises, made possible by the synthetic humans who don't have the extremes of human emotion. But someone is targeting them, and only a female soldier brought in from the wastelands has a chance to save them and the city. A CGI action-adventure with some big fight scenes.

Arjuna ages 13+
One fateful day, Arjuna died. And then she saw the world's terrible future as it's ecology collapsed. Given the chance to live again if she works to save the planet, Arjuna returns as the Avatar of Time to battle the demon Raaja that threaten to destroy mankind. But the Raaja may be a monster of man's own making....

Armitage III Dual Matrix ages 16+
The Armitage Poly Matrix story continues. Armitage and Ross have returned to Earth, but they face a deadlier threat – duplicates of Armitage herself.

Armitage III Poly Matrix ages 13+
When Ross transferred to the Mars police force, he wasn't expecting someone like Armitage as his partner. Beautiful, strong, and reckless, she holds the key to a string of android assassinations.

Assemble Insert ages 13+
The villainous Demon Seed group are on a crime spree and the police are helpless. So of course, they look for the perfect poster girl to improve their PR. The only problem is, she might actually be able to stop Demon Seed. A funny parody of the crime-fighting heroine genre.

Big O ages 13+
Part James Bond, part Batman, Roger Smith is a negotiator in a city that has no memory. When things get too hot, he can always call on his giant robot, Big O.

Birdy the Mighty ages 13+
Birdy didn't mean to electrocute that boy – she was after an intergalactic criminal. Now they have to share one body and cooperate if they're to survive both high school and intergalactic law enforcement.

Blood: the Last Vampire ages 15+
A moody, action-filled horror film about a dark, mysterious girl hunting vampire-like creatures. But her handlers refer to her as the "last original". Beautiful use of light and dark. Very intense.

Blue Submarine no. 6 ages 13+
The oceans have risen, marine creatures battle humans for control of the seas, and the last hope for humanity is Blue Submarine no. 6. An action-packed sci-fi adventure.

Card Captor Sakura ages All
Sakura accidentally releases a deck of magical cards, each with its own wild power. With the help of the guardian beast Kero-chan (now in cute doll form), she has to recover them all before they work their mischief. Magical girl genre, but several cuts above in quality and story. Suitable for all ages, but subtitled.

Card Captor Sakura the Movie ages 8+
Sakura has won a trip to Hong Kong with her friends, but a mysterious vision leads her to an old rival of Clow Reed who is out for revenge.

Carried By the Wind ages 13+
Tsukikage Ran is an easygoing samurai who only cares for naps, lazy afternoons, and good sake, and her sidekick, Meow, is an easygoing martial artist. Both a parody and homage to the wandering samurai genre, this show mixes excellent action with comedy and engaging characters.

Ceres, Celestial Legend ages 16+
Aya thought she was a normal girl, but on her sixteenth birthday, she discovers that she's the descendent of a captured angel, Ceres. The spirit seeks revenge on her family, who in turn are willing to do anything to protect themselves.

Chinese Ghost Story ages 8+
A wandering boy stumbles across ghost-banishing monks, powerful wizards, and a fantastic realm filled with dangerous and hungry spirits in a charming story of love lost and found again.

Chobits ages 16+
Hideki is a broke student, Chi is the female Persocom he finds in the trash. But her OS isn't standard, and she's learning to become more human each day, but Hideki can barely keep up with his own education, let alone hers!

Cowboy Bebop ages 13+
Bounty hunters Spike and Jet roam the solar system in the spaceship Bebop tracking down wanted fugitives to make ends meet. Solid music, characters, animation, fight sequences, and story, this is one of the best series made. Some violent scenes.

Cowboy Bebop the Movie rated R
Mars, an exploding tanker, and a deadly germ that leaves no traces. The crew of the Bebop is on the tail of their most deadly bounty ever, and it's going to take everything they've got to stop a Halloween disaster.

Crest of the Stars ages 13+
When Jinto Lin's father surrenders his home planet to the Humankind Abh Empire in return for a noble title, Jinto's life is changed forever. Now, he is about to meet his first Abh, Lafiel, not knowing what destiny has in store for them or the fate of all their worlds.

Dai-Guard ages 12+
What if they built a giant robot but the alien invasion never came? Three salarymen (and woman) are stuck as glorified tour guides to the inactive giant paperweight, Dai-Guard, when, years later, the aliens finally show up. Now it's time to rush into action – once all the proper paperwork is done. An action/comedy about what would really happen if a corporation had a giant robot on a tight budget.

Daphne in the Brilliant Blue ages 16+
When Maia misses her big chance, she's out of a job and a home. Fortunately, the Nereides Detective Agency has an opening, if she can survive her co-workers (let alone the jobs). A light action show set in a futuristic, oceanic city (lots of swimsuits).

Dirty Pair (Original) ages 15+
In the distant future, the Lovely Angels are one of the top Trouble Contractor teams – at least, for collateral damage and casualties. Just don't make them mad and call them Dirty Pair....

Dirty Pair Flash ages 12+
A newer telling of the saga of the Lovely Angels, with different character designs and different stories.

Dragon Half ages 15+
Mink is half dragon/half human, but that doesn't stop her from falling for the heroic idol Dick Saucer, dragonslayer. But the evil king is trying to catch her so he can be with her mother (the dragon) while his daughter (the half slime) is just out to get Mink, who only is trying to get tickets to the Dick Saucer concert. A wacky comedy.

Dual! Parallel Trouble Adventure ages 13+
Kazuki sees visions of giant robot battles all the time. And then he's transported to a parallel world where robot battles are a daily occurrence, and he's one of the chosen pilots!

Eat Man '98 ages 13+
In a distant, broken future, Bolt Crank is a metal eating mercenary who takes on any sort of job. His ace in the hole: the ability to form any sort of machine from his hand – with the right diet.

El Hazard OAV ages 13+
Three high school students and their teacher are transported to the fantastic world of El Hazard, a place of tranquil beauty, lost, ancient ruins, and an army of Bugrom that aren't too bright, but are making lots of trouble. Makoto, Nanami, and Mr. Fujikawa just want to get home, but the cackling Jinnai would rather take over the place....

El Hazard: the Wanderers ages 13+
A retelling of the El Hazard story for TV, with younger character designs and some different twists.

Elf Princess Rane ages 13+
Go-kun is a treasure hunter who thinks the elf Rane has appeared to guide him – too bad he can't understand a word she's saying. Hyperkinetic hijinks ensue, featuring a backwards-speaking employee of a mysterious corporation, lots of sisters, and another small person who's bent on getting revenge on Rane.

Escaflowne ages 13+
Hitomi is your typical high school girl who ends up in another world, a mystical world of warring kingdoms and mighty armored battle machines. Pursued by an empire, she and her companion Van must combine their abilities to survive.

Excel Saga ages 17+
Very few series are more insane than Excel Saga, which parodies a different genre each episode. ACROSS is bent on conquest of not the world, not the country, but the city. (No sense overextending). It's main agent, the relentlessly energetic Excel, gets killed off three times in the first five minutes. Luckily, the Will of the Macrocosm is there to reset things when the story goes awry (and it does, often). Excel's first mission: kill those degenerate manga

artists, starting with Koshi Rikido, Excel Saga's creator!

FLCL ages 16+
Nothing ever happens in Naota's town. At least, not until *she* shows up, the guitar-wielding woman riding the supercharged Vespa. Now he's got machines coming out of his head, a domestic robot, and a madwoman as a housekeeper. And what *exactly* is "Furi kuri"?

Full Metal Panic ages 15+
Kaname doesn't know it, but she's one of the Whispered, people who subconsciously understand advanced technology. The secret antiterrorist group Mithril dispatches a crack unit to protect her, but who will protect her bodyguards from high school and a slew of misunderstandings? A mix of comedy and military SF action.

Full Metal Panic? Fumoffu TV PG (V)
Take Full Metal Panic and crank up the comedy. A very fun show that focuses on Kaname's and Sousuke's demented high school life.

Gasaraki ages 12+
The Middle East is a battle ground for two shadow organizations as they seek to master an ancient power with modern mechas. Yushiro, son of the powerful Yowa family and pawn in their plans, must discover his true purpose as family becomes enemy and enemy becomes ally.

Gatekeepers ages 13+
An almost tongue-in-cheek series about high school students with special powers recruited by an elite organization to fight the alien Invaders, who try to crush the human spirit with rudeness, red tape, and, if that fails, large rampaging forms. Fun and action-filled.

Geneshaft ages 13+
After humanity has wrecked the planet, they turn to genetic manipulation to control the population and maximize human potential. Now a group of elite women are gathered to fight the threat of the Ring, an alien structure that has appeared in Earth orbit. But that's not the only threat....

Ghost in the Shell: SAC ages 15+
Section 9 handles terrorism in all its forms: renegade tanks, rogue cyber-hackers, political espionage, and police corruption. In a world where the line between man and machine is invisibly thin, it takes a remarkable team to beat back the new criminal tide.

Giant Robo ages 13+
A retro anime about the battle between the Experts of Justice, aided by young Daisaku and Giant Robo, vs. the nefarious Big Fire. Larger than life heroes and villains battle on an epic scale to save the world.

Gundam 08th MS Team ages 13+
The Gundam universe meets Vietnam in this story of Shiro Amada and his misfit squad of Gundam pilots fighting on Earth soil against the Zeon and their new weapon. A good combination of action and characters.

Haibane Renmei ages 13+
The winged (and haloed) Haibane, forgotten by the world and with no memory of their past, live in a walled city along with normal humans, and only birds can leave or enter. A quiet, nostalgic drama set in an intriguing world.

Hand Maid May ages 13+
When Kazuya ends up in the wrong web site, he accidentally orders May, a ten inch tall domestic android, eager to help despite her small size. The only problem is the host of people trying to get May for themselves. A lighthearted romantic comedy.

Heat Guy J ages 13+
Daisuke and his android partner, J, are out to prevent crime before it happens, but with mob wars, beastmen, and serial bombers running amok, it'll take every ounce of skill (and a few bullet requisitions) to keep the city safe.

Hellsing ages 16+
The Hellsing Organization is dedicated to stomping out the new "junk" vampire menace, and their chief weapon is Arucard, a devil in his own right, and Victoria Seras, a young policewoman newly raised as a vampire. A dark, bloody, and compelling series about war and darkness, both without and within.

Here Is Greenwood ages 13+
Kazuya finally arrives at the Greenwood all-male dorm, only to discover that his roommate is a girl! Can he help keep her secret? And this is just the beginning, as he meets the other eccentric folks of Greenwood....

His and Her Circumstances ages 13+
She's the perfect student, graceful, poised, bright, athletic and kind – except it's all a ploy to earn praise and feed her ego. She has the world in the palm of her hand, until *he* shows up. Now they have to decide if they're going to keep pretending or take a chance on each other in this romantic comedy.

Hyperdolls ages 13+
Mew and Mica are android superheroines sent to save the Earth – when they're in the mood. They'd much rather chow down on snacks, torment the one Earthling who's stumbled across their true identity, or just fight amongst themselves. Fortunately, the enemy isn't too bright, either....

Hyperpolice ages 13+
Humans, monsters, and beasts try to live in peace after humanity as (once again) screwed everything up. Half human/half cat-monster Natsuki is a bounty hunter dedicated to bringing in criminals who'd wreck the peace. If only she was a better shot and had better control over her lightning powers....

Iria ages 13+
Iria and her brother are skilled bounty hunters, but they meet their match battling Zeiram, an unstoppable genetic experiment. Now Iria must find her brother and defeat the indestructible creature before it can rampage again.

Irresponsible Captain Tylor ages 13+
How does the world's laziest man become the captain of the world's worst crew? Does the enemy stand a chance? Is he a genius or an idiot? He's Captain Tylor.

Irresponsible Captain Tylor OAV ages 13+
Tylor's crew continues to amaze and befuddle. The war with the Ralgon may be heating up again, but the crew has been sent their separate ways. Will they spread Tylor's indomitable (and unfathomable) spirit to the rest of the Space Forces in time?

Jubei-Chan the Ninja Girl ages 13+
Sword master Yagyu Jubei had sent his servant on a 300-year long quest for a successor, a pert, bouncy girl to wear the Lovely Eye patch and become the supreme swords woman in the land. Now, Jiyu Nanohara finds herself with a servant, a mystic eye patch, and legions of assassins who want to end the Yagyu line forever. A fast comedy with some nice character touches.

Jubei-Chan 2: the Counterattack of the Siberia Yagyu ages 13+
After a glacier melts, the frozen Siberian (!) branch of a rival clan are freed to seek revenge against the Yagyu line. But the daughter of Yagyu Jubei is also after Jiyu, and she's got an eyepatch of her own.

Kaleidostar ages All
Sora has always dreamed of performing with the acrobatic troupe Kaleidostar, and now she has a chance, if she can only prove herself. And with a little help from her friends, she just might manage.

Key the Metal Idol ages 13+
A sinister corporation. A murdered scientist. His mysterious assistant. Now robot Key is all alone in the world, and she needs 30,000 friends to become human. Time is running out....

Kiddy Grade ages 13+
Eclair and Lumiere are young government troubleshooters sent out to resolve interstellar difficulties. But there's more to their missions than they realize, and more to their pasts than then know.

Kimagure Orange Road ages 12+
The classic love triangle series. Indecisive Kyosuke can't choose between bubbly Hikaru or the independent Madoka. Add in that psychic powers run in his family, and you've got the romantic comedy KOR.

King of Bandit Jing ages 13+
If it's not nailed down, Jing will steal it. If it is nailed down, he'll steal the nails, too. But he's after more than just money and treasure, and with his wisecracking, plasma-firing bird, Kir, they're not going to let anyone stop them. And if a damsel in distress gets rescued, all the better.

Kurogane Communication ages 13+
Haruka may be the last human on Earth after the war, but with her five robotic companions to care for her, she's living a happy life. But war machines are moving in, and there's a signal that may mean she's not alone after all. An upbeat post-apocalyptic series with drama and action, told in short (15 minute) episodes.

Last Exile ages 13+
In a world of airships, airborne musket battles, and warring kingdoms, Claus and Lavie are carrying on their fathers' tradition as airship messengers. But one particular package catapults them into an adventure they could never have imagined.

Lodoss War: Heroic Knight ages 13+
(Record of Lodoss War : Chronicles of the Heroic Knight)
Five years after the War of Heroes, the Black Knight of Marmo is on a mission to do what his Emperor could not – unite all nations under one ruler. Old heroes and new must answer the call to once again defend Lodoss. A classic swords and sorcery anime.

Love Hina ages 12+
Based on the dating game of the same name, this frenetic, romantic comedy has no business being as good as it is. Keitaro is trying (and repeatedly failing) to get into Tokyo U, and his last chance to get by is to become apartment manager at Hina Springs Apartments. Oh, and it's an all-girl's apartment. And none of them like him. Let the Keitaro abuse begin!

Love Hina Christmas Movie ages 13+
It's Christmas, which means the chaos in the Hinata Apartments is going through the roof, along with Keitaro (another misunderstanding). But the real question is, who does Naru really love? And will Keitaro survive to find out?

Love Hina Spring Movie ages 13+
Keitaro thinks he failed his entrance exam and runs off to a tropical island. Of course, the girls won't let him get away with that, so they go to find him. There, they uncover a lost civilization, lots of turtles, and more spring break fun than you can shake a Mecha-Tama (mark 3) at.

Magic User's Club ages 13+
The high school magic club actually can do magic. But poor Sae tends to mess it up. But when the local alien ship takes an interest (they don't seem to aggressive about invading), she just may be the key to solving everything. A lighthearted series about finding one's own special gifts. And magic gone awry.

Martian Successor Nadesico ages 12+
The Jovian Lizards have attacked Mars, and now they're after Earth! Only the hand-picked team of the Nadesico (the only private warship ever) has a chance against them. But who is really the enemy? Space/land mechas, fleet battles, interesting characters, and a good balance of comedy, action, and drama.

Master Keaton ages 13+
Taichi Keaton, insurance investigator, archeologist, teacher, father, and SAS survival instructor. A man with many talents, a good heart, and a determination to unravel the many mysteries he encounters is his travels.

Maze the Mega-Burst Space ages 13+
Maze suddenly finds herself in another world, with no memory of her past, a knack for turning into a lecherous man during the night, and control of amazing magical powers! When she rescues Princess Mil from her pursuers, she starts a journey that will shake the foundations of more than one world. An action/adventure comedy.

Millennium Actress rated PG
A beautiful drama that starts as a documentary about an elderly actress' long film career. But the return of a long-lost key unlocks her memories and begins a magical retelling of her life through her films and her life-long quest for a lost love.

NieA_7 ages 13+
The aliens have landed, but no one really cares. Miyu is a poor student who can barely afford rice, and NieA is the freeloading alien living in her closet. A gentle, nostalgic drama with a dash of nutty alien.

Noir ages 15+
Mireille is a topnotch assassin who works alone, but when she's approached by a mysterious girl with a

clue to Mireille's own past, she agrees to uncover the secrets behind Noir, no matter what it takes. An action thriller, violent but not gory.

Oh! My Goddess OAV ages 13+
Keichi, a poor university student, just wanted takeout. What he got was the Goddess Helpline and a visit from Belldandy. His wish - to have a girlfriend like her! Of course, having a goddess for a girlfriend in a men-only dorm isn't going work out well, both of them are too shy to even kiss the other, and just wait for Belldandy's sisters to show up.... A very sweet and beautifully drawn series.

Patlabor TV ages 13+
Robots, or labors, are common construction tools, but along with that comes a new kind of crime. The police form the SV2 to deal with labor crimes, but can SV2 survive itself? Although it has giant robots, the main drive in this series is the eccentric characters, and episodes vary from pure drama to action to comedy.

Patlabor OAV ages 13+
More stories of the strange characters who make up Special Vehicles Unit 2, ranging from comedy to drama to action.

Photon ages 15+
A lost magic marker, revered as a holy artifact, is stolen by Aun when she runs off from her village to be with her rock-star idol. Keyne crash lands on the planet running from a power hungry maniac, and she's awakened by Photon, the remarkably sturdy boy who is supposed to bring back Aun. A fun, action-filled comedy that's occasionally off-color.

Planetes ages 13+
A hard SF show set in the near future, when orbital exploration is commonplace and space debris is a menace, and the Debris Section does its best despite corporate politics. A very good show, combining sophisticated storytelling and character development with good animation.

Rah Xephon ages 15+
War erupts in the skies of Tokyo, a city all alone after the rest of the world seemingly vanished. But Ayato is about to discover the truth about his world, and uncover the secrets of the giant robot, Rah

Xephon. High-powered giant robot series, similar to Evangelion, but with its own unique style.

Ranma 1/2 ages 13+
Ranma is a martial artist with a curse: cold water turns him into a girl. Then there's the love triangles. And the un-cute, unwilling fiancé. And the host of strange people who usually either want to date and/or fight him, some of whom also have problems of their own with water. Life is never simple, but it is pretty funny. One of the classic anime comedy series. Occasional brief nudity.

Read or Die ages 13+
A topnotch, stylish and action packed anime. Yomiko Readman is a schoolteacher with an obsession for books, but when a sinister plot unfolds, starting with an attack on the Library of Congress, she is called on by British Library Special Operations in her capacity as "The Paper", a secret agent with a remarkable power. With her team, she'll take on a host of legendary figures in this spy action/adventure OVA of three complete episodes.

Reboot ages All
Hey, that's not anime! Tough. It's the third season of Reboot, the Saturday morning CGI series. Enzo and AndrAla get lost in the Web, grow up, and use Games to hop from system to system, trying to find their way back to Mainframe.

Revolutionary Girl Utena ages 15+
As a child, Utena was rescued by a prince. Now she wants to be a prince herself, and at her new school, she may get her chance. Strange forces and deep mysteries are at work in this slightly to very surreal world, but one thing is clear – she will have to duel to protect the Rose Bride, her friend Anthy.

Revolutionary Girl Utena the Movie: Adolescence of Utena ages 15+
It's a retelling of the Utena saga, with amazing visuals and even more of the surrealism of the TV series.

Ruin Explorers ages 13+
Fam and Ihria are out to "liberate" all of those artifacts trapped in those nasty old tombs and temples. This time, though, they may have bitten off more than they can chew. An Indiana Jones-esque

swords and sorcery adventure, with a fair seasoning of comedy.

Rune Soldier ages 15+
Louie wants to be an adventurer, even though he should be studying wizardry. And he's an idiot who's better at beating monsters with his wand than using the right spells. But the women need a wizard. Can they keep him alive long enough to be useful? A fun swords and sorcery comedy.

Saber Marionette J ages 13+
Sometime in the distant future on a planet far, far away inhabited only by men, Otaru comes across an extraordinary marionette (female android) that actually has feelings. Of course, she's a total ditz. And then he finds another one. And another one. Would you believe they're all in love with him? Hilarity ensues.

Saber Marionette J Again ages 13+
The gang is at it again, this time joined by a new marionette. But no time to have fun, there's a crisis on the horizon as the plasma storms threaten the whole planet.

Saiyuki ages 15+
Based on the Monkey King legend, this series focuses on four heroes (sometimes, reluctant ones), bound together by their troubled pasts and their mission to prevent evil from sweeping across the world.

Sakura Wars TV ages 12+
The Imperial Flower Combat Troop is an elite group of young women dedicated to developing their powers to fight evil through intense training ... on stage. Can they get their acts together, on and off the stage, in time to defeat the Black Sanctum Council?

Samurai Champloo ages 16+
A hip-hop remix of feudal era Japan, brought to you by the director of Cowboy Bebop. Topnotch story, animation, action, and characters. Mugen is a wildman, and Jin is methodical. If only Fuu can keep them from killing each other long enough to find the samurai from her past....

Scrapped Princess ages 13+
Twins royal children, but it was foretold she would bring the end of the world on her 16th birthday, so she was "scrapped", saved only by chance. Fifteen years later, her adoptive siblings are trying to keep her safe, but there may be something to the prophecy after all. A high-tech fantasy.

S-CRY-ed ages 13+
Kazuma is a Native Alter, born on the Lost Ground with amazing powers. But the forces from the mainland have sent in HOLY to subdue the Native Alters and bring a new order, and Kazuma isn't about to take that lying down.

Shamanic Princess ages 13+
A girl from a magical world, where a reflection can hold an old friend or be a gateway to another world, is sent to retrieve the Talisman stolen by her beloved. Beautiful, imaginative effects and dueling sequences.

Slayers ages 13+
Lina Inverse is the world's greatest treasure hunter, especially when she finds bandits she can vanquish with mega-overkill spells. When she teams up with Gourry, the world's greatest (and dumbest) swordsman, they're unstoppable! And then the ultimate evil shows up....

Slayers Next ages 13+
The ultimate evil is looking for a rematch, but Lina is more than happy to take it on! After a little treasure hunting, of course.

Slayers OAV ages 13+
The assorted stories of Lina and Naga, friends and rivals who somehow end up causing more collateral damage than whatever monster they were trying to stop.

Slayers: The Book of Spells ages 13+
Lina, the fireball-tossing sorceress, and her arch-nemesis Naga team up to do battle with bandits, mad doctors, thieving wizards, and whatever else will bring in the gold in this collection of three OVA episodes.

Slayers Try ages 13+
Lina Inverse and gang are off to explore, eat like

pigs, and throw really, really big spells in small spaces. Oh, and the dragons want them to do something about that plot to destroy everything....

Sol Bianca: the Legacy ages 13+
What do a group of trouble-seeking women do with an advanced spaceship from a lost age? Piracy of course. Excellent adventure series.

Sorcerer Hunters ages 15+
Evil sorcerers beware, the sorcerer hunters are there to bring you down! That is, if Carrot will stop womanizing. Don't worry, Chocolate and Tira Misu will beat him into shape (for his own good).

Space Pirate Mito ages 13+
Aoi always thought his mom, Mito, was a tall, beautiful model, not a short, childlike alien who's also a wanted space pirate! Now the Galactic Patrol is after Aoi, too. A goofy comedy.

Spriggan rated R
The discovery of an ancient artifact known as NOAH'S ARK triggers a raging battle between those bent on using it for their own ends and the Spriggan, the elite agents of ARCAM dedicated to protecting humanity. Action-filled and violent.

Stellvia ages 13+
A supernova blast damaged the planet. 186 years later, humanity has rebuilt, but they've rebuilt and spread into space. Fifteen-year-old Shima Katase dreams of going into deep space, and she gets a chance to join a space pilot program. Except she's a great programmer but a rotten flier....

Tenamonya Voyagers ages 13+
A comedy about a school teacher, her student, and a notorious intergalactic gangster boss, all of whom are broke and trying to hitchhike to Earth before the syndicate or the police catches them.

Trigun ages 13+
Vash the Stampede is a legend, a monster, an ... idiot. But strangely, things seem to turn out better after he's been around, no matter how many bullets he had to dodge, screaming all the way.... One of the best new anime series, Trigun gets more complex and serious as the series goes on.

Vampire Princess Miyu OAV ages 13+

When a spiritualist investigates reports of a vampire, she discovers the world of the Shinma, god/demons loose on earth, and the vampire girl Miyu who is doomed to hunt them. Genuinely spooky without being horrific, this series of four episodes have to be watched together to get the full impact of this tragic story.

Vandread ages 13+

Men and women live on separate planets, at war with each other when a chance collision between ships forces a small group of men and women to work together to survive an even greater threat. A bouncy action/adventure series with some crazy characters and cool space battles.

Vandread 2nd Stage ages 13+

The crew of the Vandread are trying to get home to prevent the harvest, but the enemy has upgrades and things are starting to get serious! The fun and action of the first season with some great story and character moments.

Witch Hunter Robin ages 13+

300 years ago, the coven fell into darkness. Today, a team of witch hunters track down rogues who abuse their powers, and their newest member is Robin, a girl raised in a convent who has her own special abilities. A nicely spooky series with interesting characters.

You're Under Arrest ages 13+

Natsumi and Miyuki are officers of the Tokyo Highway Patrol in this cop show with officers who don't carry guns and often end up chasing criminals on a moped. Clever story and well drawn.

You're Under Arrest Mini-Specials ages 15+

Short episodes of the more colorful days in the life of the YUA crew.

You're Under Arrest Movie ages 15+

Terrorists have paralyzed the city and seemed to be targeting the Bokuto police station. Can a unit that doesn't carry firearms stand up to the threat? Very well drawn, action-packed, and faithful to the original series.