

With memorable and unsettling opening credits and exceptional performances and direction, *Armchair Thriller* became a massive hit on television in the late 1970s and early 1980s. With its trademark ghoulish, razor-sharp cliff hangers and iconic theme tune (by Roxy Music's Andy Mackay), this haunting anthology series was an immediate success, its eerie, disturbing and downright scary tales regularly attracting over 15 million viewers.

Each of its stories is a gripping exercise in compelling television, showing ordinary people plunged into extraordinary situations. For many, this series remains a ghigh-watermark of dramatic television and its many frightening and spooky moments are remembered by viewers nearly thirty years after its original transmission.

DEAD MAN'S KIT

Two days out from Portsmouth, Master-At-Arms 'Toby' Toberman goes missing from the decks of the Royal Navy warship Diana. Earlier in the voyage, he had made an official complaint to his Captain (Clive Merrison), about the strange behaviour of a senior officer while on shore leave in Lisbon.

The official verdict is accidental death - but Toby's friend and shipmate Chief Petty Officer Chalky White (Larry Lamb) doesn't believe a word of it. He's convinced there's a conspiracy within the Royal Navy - and it's more than just a cover up. Now he's out to discover the truth, whatever the danger. But when he finds that the conspiracy may be connected to the office of his girlfriend Stephanie (Cherie Lunghi) - the danger may be closer to home than he ever imagined.

Starring Larry Lamb, Clive Merrison, Maurice Colbourne, Philip Locke and Cherie Lunghie
Written by Tom McClenaghan
Directed by Colin Bucksey

Original ITV Transmission 29 January to 7 February 1980

Theme Music by ANDY MACKAY
Devised by ANDREW BROWN
Produced by ANDREW BROWN



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