



*Severance (seasons one and two)* by Ben Stiller  
Reviewed by Zachary



TV Series, Mystery

Both seasons are connected but that's all to it.

### **Give a summary without spoilers!**

Lumon is a mysterious company who handles surgical procedures called severance where someone can sever their mind while they're at work or at home. After the introduction of Helly R to the microdata refinement crew, they start to get more suspicious of what exactly Lumon is doing with their weird labor. In the process they try to find out what it means to be human and if their innie (work self) is like their outie (out of work self).

### **What drew you to this tv show?**

There's so much that is great about Severance. The storyline is constantly intriguing and full of mystery, often when it seems something will be revealed only more questions are raised. The acting is brilliant, Adam Scott, Britt Lower, Tramell Tillman and John Turturro are all standouts to me. As well, the show is full of technical mastery, the cinematography and lighting especially are fantastic, and have garnered a lot of praise.

### **Did it remind you of something that you've previously watched or read?**

Severance pulls from a lot but it's hard to really put a name on thing it reminds me of. It has black comedy throughout similar to Barry, Succession or parts of It's Always Sunny in Philadelphia. However the story is definitely more layered in sci fi and mystery, two genres I know very little about, but want to discover more. The technical aspects are some of the best on tv right now, but I don't even know of other shows that are comparable. I don't watch much tv in general, but Severance seems to pull from a lot but be fully original and its own.

### **To whom would you recommend this movie?**

Anyone interested in a drama sci fi mystery will definitely get a kick out of severance. Tries to bring up many questions common to the genre of what it means to be human with ever increasing technology. Anyone interested in technical aspects of film and tv production will also likely enjoy the show because of how masterful it is. Show might not be for everyone but I don't think it takes many episodes to see if you're going to enjoy the show.

**Overall, did you like it and would you recommend it to others?**

Yes I like the show, and from what I've heard many consider it to be some of the best work on tv right now. I would recommend the show to anyone but if it's not your thing after 2 episodes I'd say you probably won't like it much more. I think there's so many different aspects of the show to appreciate too that I believe it's a great watch. Biggest hurdle to watching the show is the fact it's on Apple TV but I would honestly say it's worth the subscription if you'll binge.

**Anything else that you would like to add to this review? What made you choose it? Did you like the cover? Was it recommended to you? Did you find it at the library?**

I chose to watch severance due to the general hype around the show for the past couple years. With season 2 coming out this year was a great time to jump in. Not many of my friends watch Severance but I have seen it on social medias a ton, even before watching. I did not find it at the library, I believe it is only on Apple TV.