

Chapter 1 : Mortal Stakes by Parker, Robert B

Mortal Stakes is the third in the Spenser series with thirty-five published to date. This was my first experience with Robert B Parker as an author, let alone this character. It didn't immediately launch itself onto my list of all-time favorites, but I'm interested enough to try another Spenser book.

With gripping stories and unforgettable characters, they give us a reason to tune in every single week. And most of the time, that episode will be months away, because showrunners love to pull these showstopping moments out in season finales. As a narrative device, a cliffhanger is a tricky thing to pull off. As far as striking that balance is concerned, TV over the past few decades has truly run the gamut in terms of success. Some cliffhangers have been amazingly painful because of how well they were executed. Others have been truly maddening, and left us wondering if we should give up on the series for good. Here are 10 of the most unforgettable TV cliffhangers ever, ranked by quality. So much of the series has been centered around one big, unanswered question: How did patriarch Jack Pearson die? Then, we saw an obviously drunk Jack get behind the wheel of his car after a conversation with a teenage Kate. Fans assumed that the *This Is Us* season finale would end in tragedy for the Pearson family, and that our questions would be laid to rest. And while it ended on a somber note, with their subsequent separation, we were no closer to learning why Jack shuffled off this mortal coil. Fans were understandably frustrated, even though the show never explicitly promised a resolution. In truth, the lack of revelation did feel like a bit of a narrative bait and switch, if only because the question has been teased out for so long. But ultimately, the expectation for the reveal came more out of speculation than an explicit promise to deliver. And at least we have the promise of more time with the beloved dad in Season 2. And because creator, Vince Gilligan, had a fundamental understanding of how its complicated story needed to play out. And then the episode credits rolled. It was a jaw-dropping moment, one that was equally satisfying and maddening. Of course, the promise of a showdown between Hank and Heisenberg was enticing enough for fans to wait sort-of patiently. It was a series that kept fans on their toes, not because of narrative zigs and zags, but because of its fast-paced dialogue. Despite these qualities, it still managed to pull off one of the most heart-stopping cliffhangers in television history. In the Season 1 finale, President Bartlet and all of his entourage " basically every main character on the series " stepped out of a public forum and into gunfire. However, after ratings declined in Season 2, ABC abruptly canceled the series. And that left fans with a monster of a cliffhanger. In the final scene, fans learned that the Agent Cooper we thought had emerged from the Black Lodge was actually an evil doppelganger. After Cooper smashed his head into a bathroom mirror, we saw Killer Bob reflecting back on the other side and knew that *Twin Peaks* had taken yet another macabre turn. The cliffhanger itself was pretty brilliant, designed to re-energize interest in the series and avoid cancellation. So, when Showtime announced they were rebooting the series, fans were understandably pleased. On May 21, , one of the longest cliffhangers in TV history may finally be resolved. They sort-of got what they were looking for. But they also ended up unleashing an untold number of terrifying creatures in the streets of Los Angeles. As the Angel Investigations team " or what remained of them " convened in a dark alley, they took stock of the battle that lay ahead of them. But even so, the fact that the Mutant Enemy team knowingly left Angel with the ultimate cliffhanger " who lives? In Season 1 alone, we saw smoke monsters, polar bears, an impenetrable hatch, and a set of sinister numbers that somehow seemed to link all the characters together. It was a mysterious show, to say the least. Jack Shephard, a beleaguered doctor desperate for rescue, and John Locke, who had been desperate for a sign that his time on the island meant his life had a greater purpose, finally managed to open the hatch. Then, as they stared down its long vertical corridor, the camera followed their gaze " but cut away to black before we could see what had brought the wonder and concern to their faces. So fans geeked out when Fox brought Mulder and Scully back for a limited series reboot at the beginning of They bickered and theorized about massive government conspiracies. They eradicated monsters and other evil entities. They made googly eyes at one another. Series creator Chris Carter also got a chance to expand out the ever-evolving X-Files mythology. But just as it was starting to pick up steam, the series six-episode run was over. And he left Mulder and Scully in the most

precarious of positions imaginable: A betting man or woman would probably guess that Carter did this to make sure Fox would order more episodes. And he may very well get his wish. The series was based on a popular Danish drama, *Forbrydelsen*, and focused on a single question: Who killed Rosie Larsen? They were very wrong. The first season of *The Killing* ended with a character being arrested for her murder — mayoral candidate Darren Richmond. And that he was also probably going to die at the hands of a Larsen family friend. After 13 episodes were built entirely around one crime, it was wholly baffling that *The Killing* left so many questions unanswered. In the case of *Dallas*, several real-world mitigating factors ended up leading to a truly historic cliffhanger. Ewing was discovered shot and unconscious on the ground. And they had to wait eight months to learn both his fate, and the identity of the perpetrator. In the meantime, the storyline became something of a viral pop culture sensation. The episode pulled in huge ratings. It also helped set a precedent for other series using cliffhangers to drum up viewer interest. Then, we got *Negan*. Before we met him, we got to hear all about him. And, most predominantly, how he was going to kill one of our favorite characters. The media blitz around the finale worked. Going into the sixth season finale, most fans knew they were going to watch a beloved survivor bite the dust. The entire, protracted episode seemed to be building to that fateful moment. *Negan* arrived, in all his sarcastic glory. As blood poured down over the camera lens, the scene and season faded to black. And fans had no choice but to sit in shock. The *Walking Dead* cliffhanger ultimately failed because the way the series rolled it out was seriously flawed. The seventh season premiere of *The Walking Dead* had gigantic ratings. But it was also rife with graphic violence. That, coupled with the extended wait, proved to finally be too much for some fans.

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Everybody loves a winner, and the Rabbs are major league. Marty is the Red Sox star pitcher, Linda the loving wife. She loves everyone except the blackmailer out to wreck her life. Is Marty throwing fast balls or throwing games? It doesn't take long for Spenser to link Marty's performance with Linda.

Spenser goes out to Illinois and New York on some tracking, but the rest of the story centers around Boston. He confronts a loan shark and his watchdog, asks Lt. He tries to help out the trapped instead of doing what he was hired to do, which is fun, to watch his moral code develop and strengthen. Very strangely, though, Spenser sets up two people to be killed. For him to be deliberately setting up the death of two guys is a little on the edge of his "morality scale". You learn a bit about his past, in Illinois he mentions that he was in "infantry and a different war" when talking with a WW2 vet. It appears to be the first time he does one handed pushups to impress someone Utley. He is far more evasive in later stories! He wears a robe that Susan Silverman gave him on his last birthday. Since he was the same age in books 1 and 2, his birthday must be between late Sept. He goes with Brenda to a game at Fenway. He does go to Susan at the end when feeling depressed. She apparently divorced 5 years ago. He sets up the bad guy so he can kill him. As much as he feels badly about doing it, he did in fact do it. The later Spenser would have figured out something else, something clever. Spenser has a fun wine quote during the picnic with Brenda. He also pulls out a 12 gauge lever action Johnson pump gun with double-aught shells when threatened. He remembers times when he was a kid that the milkman and trashman used horses. He was at Inchon in Korea. A note for the British amongst you - when the book says "Marty Rabb was shagging in the outfield" it means he was out in the outfield catching balls that other guys were hitting in batting practice. You can Google the phrase "shagging fly balls in the outfield" and see tons of references to this activity in sports articles.

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