HOUSE OF THE DRAGON

TV Show Review

Busy browsing through streaming platforms to find an exciting new TV show? If that is the case, HBO's latest epic fantasy *House of the Dragon* which is based on George R.R. Martin's *Fire & Blood* had its worldwide premiere on August 21, 2022. Helmed by the A-list director Miguel Sapochnik, the show features Paddy Considine, Matt Smith and Milly Alcock in prominent roles. As soon as it hit the airwaves, social media was flooded with high praises for the show!

Based on parts of the novel Fire & Blood, the series is set about 200 years before the events of Game of Thrones, and 172 years before the birth of Daenerys Targaryen. It portrays the beginning of the end of House Targaryen, the events leading up to and covering the Targaryen war of succession, known as the *Dance of the Dragons*.

Will Rhaenyra hold on to her title of Heir to the Iron Throne? Will she mend the broken relationship with Alicent Hightower? These questions kept me on the edge of my seat till the end of the episode. The series has everything that I need in a fantasy show: lots of majestic dragons, other top-notch visual effects, and noteworthy dialogues. The pace of the show would also keep the viewers engaged and the goosebumps-inducing background score along with the cast's (especially Milly's) Emmy-worthy acting is outstanding. However, my only reservation is that the network does not display a viewers' discretion warning as the show's gore and blood may not be for everyone.

All in all, there is not an iota of doubt that this epic show would keep the viewers entertained and it should be on everyone's must-watch list!