

*The End of the F\*\*\*ing World* is a new British dramatic dark comedy which was recently added to Netflix. It is comprised of 8 episodes – each around 22 minutes long. It is based on comic book series, usually referred to as TEOTFW, most notably released as a 2013 graphic novel. It was written by Charles S Forsman. The television adaptation stars Alex Lawther and Jessica Barden and was directed by Jonathan Entwistle & Lucy Tcherniak. It does not contain any notable actors well known in North America. The story revolves around 17-year-old outsiders James and Alyssa. James lives with his father following his mother's death, and Alyssa lives with her meek mother, who is busy raising twins and largely ignores Alyssa altogether, and her stepfather who is, at best, inappropriate and awful towards her. James killed his neighbour's cat when he was 15, and went on to kill a variety of small animals afterward, which leads him to believe that he's a psychopath. As such, he decides that he should kill someone, and when he's boldly approached by Alyssa, she becomes the one that he decides to kill. James ends up punching his father in the face and stealing his car, so that he and Alyssa can escape their lives and go on a road trip to live with Alyssa's absentee father, Leslie, whom she believes will understand and care for them. On the road to Leslie's, they encounter a variety of dangerous people and situations, and end up committing several crimes, which eventually leads to a pair of police detectives tracking them. While teens and younger viewers may be drawn to the teenage protagonists and the humorous delivery, viewer discretion is definitely advised with the series, as the language is strong, and the situations Alyssa and James encounter can be violent and dangerous, even gruesome. The situations are so absurd, and James and Alyssa's reactions so inappropriate and ridiculous, that one can't help but laugh out loud often. The characters are wickedly sarcastic, and the show is steeped in a kind of dark, dry humour that some may not understand or enjoy, but if you're slightly dark and twisted yourself, you're sure to find this show hilariously funny. The young actors are so delightfully believable, even throughout their often-ridiculous adventures, that you can't help but be drawn into their lives. You'll find yourself cheering them on and feeling sorry for them, all the while hoping that they can find a safer, more stable life together. James and Alyssa are clearly made for each other, sharing a sense of humour and troubled pasts, but finding a new kind of safety and joy in one another. Despite repeated failed attempts at romance, it's clear that the characters truly love one another. The show is definitely binge-worthy, as episodes, including the finale, often end on cliff-hanger moments that'll have you diving for the "Next Episode" button on screen. The ending of the last episode is so vague and intriguing that you'll probably find yourself frantically searching the Internet for news of a possible second season so that we can find out what happens. Sadly, no further information is available at this time, but the reaction to the show has been so positive, with the writing and the actors earning near-universal praise, so there will surely be pressure to continue the story. Overall, while not for all viewers, those who can find humour in the writing and the characters will surely find *The End of the F\*\*\*ing World* very enjoyable.