Refold - Korean

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Introduction

Welcome to the Refold public crowdsource document for Korean. There are so many resources around the internet that they can be hard to navigate. This document provides a map of Korean content and tools for immersion learners. The information in this document will always be free to the public.

This content is maintained and curated by Refold. If it helped you and you want to see us build more guides and tools, please support us on Patreon!

Contributions

This document is open for public comments and suggestions. If you would like to contribute, edit the document and a moderator will review your submission to make sure it is in the correct place and formatted correctly.

When submitting content, please explain:

- What is the content about?
- What dialect is used (If applicable)?
- Does it have matching subtitles?

Thank you for your contributions!

Document Structure

The document is broken into 2 sections: Stage-Specific Tools and Native Content.

<u>Stage-Specific Tools</u> includes things like vocabulary decks, simplified beginner content, and good language parents.

Native Content is a library of interesting content organized by type and genre.

Note: it is ok to duplicate content between the two sections.

Tools By Stage

Stage 0

- Mindset
- Core Practices

Stage 1: Lay the Foundation

1A: Tools and Habits

- Beginner Immersion Content
 - Video
 - Comprehensible Korean has simple comprehensible input based videos, mostly using a white board and marker, as well as some real clips. The videos are a bit amateur, but the content is high quality.
 - <u>태웅쌤 Comprehensible Input Korean</u> has a beginner series where he introduces basic Korean through powerpoint-style videos that touch on pop culture and daily life. His usage of visuals and gestures, along with the familiarity of the topics he talks about, make the videos very easy to understand.

Audio

■ Iyagi is TTMIK's podcast for learners. The first 10 episodes of their beginner series are free. You can find the intermediate series on their website or here (or from a number of podcast platforms, like iTunes or Google Podcast). You can find transcripts from their website or from the Korean Wiki Project (which they did a collaboration with some time ago). Topics include culture, day-to-day life, common experiences, etc.

Reading

■ <u>Kid's Dong-a</u> is a news site that is written for kids

1B: Building Blocks

- 1B: Phonology
 - Blogs/Websites
 - YouGlish allows you to look up a word on YouTube, where you can see native speakers actually using the word
 - <u>Forvo</u> is a place where you can look up words being pronounced by native speakers.
 - Korean Wikibooks has a long list of pronunciation rules complete with many examples.
 - Youtube Videos
 - <u>Fluent Forever's video series</u> about Korean phonology. Clear explanations of tongue position and mouth shape, with examples from native speakers.
 - Korean ABC has videos where the audio is only in Korean, but with Korean, English and Chinese on the videos to introduce Korean grammar points, *han'geul*, the proper pronunciation of the names of K-pop stars and even vocabulary lists.
- 1B: Writing System
 - Blogs/Websites
 - Ryan Estrada's 15 Minute Guide to learning to read Korean
 Good guide for beginners to get a short introduction with
 fiendishly clever mnemonics before formally learning han'geul
 - <u>Here is a website</u> by Stephen Wright at Georgetown that lays out the Linguistic and Philosophical Origins of the Korean Alphabet in a simple way and gives more background of the principles behind the alphabet.
 - Youtube Videos

- The NativLang YouTube channel has a video that briefly explains the historic significance and interesting facts surrounding the invention of the Korean alphabet.
- <u>Professor Yoon</u> is a native speaker of Korean who has a great series on *han'geul*. Great for hearing native pronunciation.
- Go! Billy's series on han'geul. It also discusses some sound change rules.
- The Korean Handwriting channel on YouTube has a video on basic Korean penmanship. JM Choi provides a good example of what the hand-written script of a typical adult looks like and how it is written. And the channel '맬맬책이랑' shows an example writing a very classical and classy cursive-style script.
- Pink Fong, of Baby Shark fame, has a cute cartoon video of a Korean alphabet song for children that introduces each basic consonant along with several words that use each letter.

 Andrew Kim's channel has a very different, funky song with the vowels where first all the vowels are introduced and then some vocabulary items that use them are introduced.

1C: Jumpstart Comprehension

- 1C: Grammar
 - o Blogs/Websites
 - <u>Talk To Me In Korean</u> free curriculum covering a broad range of grammar points, explained succinctly with example sentences. Does not cover everything, but a good place to start.
 - <u>How To Study Korean</u> Free curriculum with over 158 lessons. Extremely in depth. Almost too wordy at times. Good reference for specific grammar terms.
 - Notion Template with SRS, compiling TTMIK, HSTK, and Korean Grammar in Use to help structure study (눈싸움 on Discord)

- <u>UltimateKOREAN</u> provides a <u>reference grammar</u> that could be used for grammar lookups alongside immersion, as well as some <u>lessons</u> that have an academic bent. Content is still actively developed, and users can submit example sentences via email.
- The Korean Wiki Project has a growing collection of Korean grammar and other language content
- Korean grammar dictionary
- Pusan National University has a <u>webpage that corrects grammar</u> and spelling errors. With the caveat that it's made for native speakers, so it will likely only catch common native grammar errors, it can be a useful tool. They also have <u>a webpage</u> that will convert Korean text into the standard pronunciation version of that text.
- <u>Korean verb conjugator</u>--input a verb and this page will conjugate to almost every imaginable form. <u>Verbix</u> is another page with a similar concept.
- <u>SIP Language</u> is a website that teaches grammar points and vocab through watching videos using acquisition, comprehensible input and SRS
- There are several news-for-kids websites that are available, with simplified news language, including <u>아주쉬운 뉴스 Q&A</u>, <u>어린이 중에 지신문</u>, <u>어린이 조선일보</u>, <u>어린이 뉴스</u>, <u>어린이 동아</u> and 소년중앙.
- Mirinae is a Korean sentence analyzer. It will dissect the grammar of any sentence you paste into it as well as define each word.
- Beginner grammar books

Youtube Videos

- <u>GoBillyKorean</u> has a 118+ episode <u>series on grammar</u>, a <u>beginner series</u> going up to CEFR A1, <u>live lectures</u>, and various other videos on Korean and Korea.
- <u>Learn Korean in Korean channel</u> has many videos that are listening practice as well as introductions to Korean grammar.
- Intuit Korean through comprehensible input slowly reads a story in Korean
- <u>Learn Real Korean Youtube Channel</u> based on comprehensible input concepts
- Cyber University of Korea has a 100-episode beginner series in full Korean (with high-quality Korean and English subtitles). It starts with phonetics and the writing system, and goes up through about TOPIK level 3. (Note: the first 30 episodes are also available in English, but the Korean version is recommended.)

1C: Vocabulary

- Frequency Lists
 - Wikitionary's <u>list of 5800 Korean words by frequency</u>
 - Naver Korean Dictionary's TOPIK Vocab Lists [<u>Beginner</u>][Intermediate]

Anki Decks

- Official Refold KO1K 1000 word starter Deck Built from kdrama subtitles, designed specially to jumpstart comprehension of real native korean media.
- <u>TTMIK first 500 words by Retro</u> made from the popular beginner vocab book from Talk To Me In Korean.
- 10k+ frequency deck made by '눈싸움' from discord sorted by how frequently they occur on the 2005 census.

Stage 2: Build Comprehension

2A: Overcoming the Curve

- 2A: Simplified Video Content
 - Streaming Services
 - Viki has over 800 Korean series. They have a community of volunteers who add subtitles to the series. This means that the quality varies, as does the completion. As of January 2021 about 280 series and a handful of movies have decent subtitle completion in Korean. There is a complete index (further searchable by genre and format) here.
 - Native with matching subs
 - Short form Youtube Webdrama networks. Accessible young adult and teen dramas.
 - tvN D STORY
 - KOK (King Of Korean-drama) TV (Some content is exclusive and available to watch for free on Viki.com outside of Korea.)
 - 짧은대본 ShortPaper
 - <u>픽고 PICKGO</u>
 - PLAYLIST Originals 플레이리스트 오리지널
 - Gaduri Restaurant 가두리횟집
 - https://www.vlive.tv/video/1953737일만 로맨스
 - My Fuxxxxx Romance
 - Let Me Off The Earth 내리겠습니다 지구에서
 - MuD MusicDrama 뮤드:뮤직드라마
 - 네 맛대로 하는 연애
 - 달고나
 - 딩고 스토리 Dingo Story

- 또한번엔딩
- <u>라이프타임 Lifetime</u>
- 로맨스 토킹
- <u>룰루랄라 스토리랩 Lululala Story Lab</u>
- <u>리얼:타임:러브 Real:Time:Love</u>
- 리필
- <u>무비다 Movieda</u>
- 비밀의비밀
- Legally Dad 서류상 아빠
- Girls' World 소녀의 세계 1
- Girls' World 소녀의 세계 2
- 썸웨이
- IAm 아이엠
- 어서오세요, 미녀상점
- Failing in Love 연애미수
- 오늘도 덕질하세요
- 오늘은 오피스 내일은 로망스
- 우웅우웅 1
- 우웅우웅 2
- In Seoul 인서울
- Best Mistake 일진에게 찍혔을 때 1
- Best Mistake 일진에게 찍혔을 때 2
- 잘빠진 연애
- <u>좀 예민해도 괜찮아</u>
- Real Ending 찐엔딩
- <u>초관심</u>
- 키스요괴

- 터치미이프유캔
- 트리플썸
- Animation Channels
 - <u>장삐쭈</u>
 - 키에커
 - <u>짤</u>툰
 - 총몇명
 - Studio Lico
- Cartoons
 - Hello Jadoo is a cartoon about a 10-year-old girl named Jadoo who is totally a tom boy
- Cats! Because...well, how hard could Korean be when it's surrounded by cats!! On the <u>크립사</u> channel.
- Native, no subs
 - 필수연애교양 Dating Class
 - <u>악몽선생 Nightmare Teacher</u>
- Dubbed, no subs
 - 위베어베어스, the Korean dub of We Bare Bears, a show about the daily lives of three brother bears. Language is fairly simple although voices are sometimes hard to understand for beginners.
 - <u>州로로</u>, the dub of Sgt. Frog (a.k.a. Keroro Gunso ケロロ軍曹), a popular kids' show about an alien frog invading Earth.
 - <u>라마1/2</u>. Ranma ½. Martial arts-related body swap anime. No subs.
 - <u>오란고교 사교클럽</u>. Ouran Highschool Host Club, anime dub, no subs. Romantic comedy that satirizes the clichés and stereotypes that endure in shōjo manga.

- <u>아즈망가대왕</u>. Azumanga Daioh (あずまんが大王), a comedy anime about a group of high school girls.
- <u>괴짜가족</u>. Super Radical Gag Family (浦安鉄筋家族). Comedy anime about a boy and family with lots of gag humor.
- Dubbed, Mismatched subs
 - <u>아바타: 아양의 전설</u>, the Korean dub of Avatar: The Last Airbender. Has a fairly complex story about a quest to save the world with lots of world building and character development. Targeted at adolescents. (Also available on Korean Netflix with matching subs. Use a VPN to access.)
- Dubbed with matching subs

Simple readers

- o <u>외국인을 위한 한국어 읽기</u> A 77-part folktales series, wherein each part consists of 3 stories. The series is aimed at foreigners learning Korean.
- o The Dutch series "Nijntje" is for young children, but uses very straight-forward language (not the usual quirky kiddy language). The translation to Korean is excellent, and uses lots of day-to-day Korean and simple grammar. In Korean the series is called " 미피" and the author is 딕 브루너. They are available on http://www.bandibookus.com/.
- Storybooks Canada has a free collection of children's picture books of varying levels in different languages, including Korean. Link: https://www.storybookscanada.ca/stories/ko/
- Reading Korean with Culture A graded reader by Darakwon, which focuses on cultural aspects of Korea.
- Yonsei Korean Reading textbooks are a series of reading materials in 6 volumes that start very simple and build to advanced levels in the higher volumes
 - Volume 1
 - Volume 2
 - Volume 3
 - Volume 4

- Volume 5
- Volume 6
- Naver Junior is a portal for kids.
- <u>Naver's kids' encyclopedia</u> has many articles that are in simple language.

Bilingual dictionaries

- <u>Papago</u> is Naver's equivalent to Google Translate. It works much better for Korean than Google Translate does.
- o The <u>기초사전</u>, for learners, has a number of languages available.
- o <u>Naver Korean-English</u> dictionary has the English 기초사전 as one of its source dictionaries and a large number of examples, including many taken from vlive. <u>Mobile version</u> also has frequency stars, conjugation, and pronunciation (but vlive links always start at the beginning).
- KoreanHanja.app is a dictionary for hanja, the Chinese characters used for Korean. Searching hanja will tell you its meaning and what words have it, although it's easy to find Sino-Korean words that are not there.
- Multiple dictionaries have been ported to <u>Yomichan</u>, so if one likes this form of dictionaries it can be really helpful.
- Lingoes dictionary (mobile app) has multiple Kr-En and En-Kr dictionaries, one of them includes Hanja searching (and some of them provide the Hanja along with the definition)

2B: Increasing Difficulty

- Comics (Alphabetical Order)
 - o <u>2011 미스테리 단편</u> 초급 Mysterious stories told by the authors of Naver WebToons. This summer your spine will tingle.
 - o <u>2015 소름</u> 초급 Collection of short horror stories from summer, 2015. It could happen to you
 - o <u>2016 비명</u> 초급 Collection of short horror stories from summer, 2016. Only for those who are confident they won't scream

- o <u>2019 귀신사용서명서 괴담의 재구성</u> 초급 Collection of short horror stories from summer, 2019. WARNING: do not read this alone!
- o <u>개미</u> 초급 They are living beneath our feet! Good for beginners. Starts strong but the last episode can be underwhelming.
- o <u>걸어서 30분</u> A sweet webtoon about two shy high schoolers, their day-to-day lives and concerns, and their growing friendship. The font is easy to read, the language is simple, and there's almost no slang.
- o <u>공감.jpg</u> 초급 "I'm not the only one like this, right?" "Right. You are not the only one." The rush of an undeniable empathy ensues. Really easy webtoon.
- ones I've seen
- o <u>대학일기</u> 초급 No romance is in the air here. An all-too realistic university diary
- o <u>두번쨰 생일</u> 초급 About a girl who gets full plastic surgery but is kind of followed by her past of being ugly. Recommended for plot and simplicity of language.
- o <u>방탈출</u> 초급 A life-or-death game of escape begins here. Trust nothing. Or you may not survive!
- o 설단 초급 Scary stories told through emotional shorts. Will make your whole body shiver--even up to the tip of your tongue
- o 소녀재판 초급 The unforeseeable trial of a girl who was nothing in school is about to start! Park Gaeul observes a secret belonging to Han Yuhyeon, one of a group of cool girls. Park uses this knowledge to pressure Han so she can join the group
- o <u>여중생 A</u> 초급 Jang Mirae is a middle schooler who lives to game. This is the story of her actual school life amid her many thoughts and introversion.
- o <u>운수 오진 날</u> 초급 Strangely enough, today is your lucky day. But you have to be careful of strangers...!

- o <u>좀비딸</u> 초급 My daughter is a zombie. The last zombie left on earth. Really easy webtoon
- o <u>타인은 지옥이다</u> 초급 Living in a goshiwon where everything is new.

 There are some suspicious characters. Don't miss this re-telling of the original drama that was so talked about!
- o <u>혼집</u> 초급 A true horror story from the author of POGO! Having moved into a new house, there is something strangely amiss...! Horror WebToon. Read this and never sleep again

Dramas

Here are some dramas that are easier to understand. Usually the first episode or two are noticeably more difficult than the rest, because they're doing so much backstory for the characters and the plot.

- Meow, the Secret Boy
- Mother (series, not movie)
- Another Miss Oh
- To the Beautiful You
- o Thirty But Seventeen
- Just Between Lovers
- Encounter
- o Into the World Again
- o Who Are You
- Beautiful World
- Moment of Eighteen
- My Holo Love (once you get past the first episode)
- Are You Human Too (once you get past the first episode)
- Cheer up!
- Summer Strike
- KBS classic drama channel on YouTube

Monolingual Dictionaries

 Naver 국어사전 includes 표준국어대사전, 고려대사전, and 우리말샘. Its examples are weaker than its KR-EN counterpart, but it features a nice

- graph showing synonyms and antonyms for words as well as etymology and links to articles on correct usage.
- o <u>기초사전</u>'s monolingual definitions are considerably easier to understand than the ones on monolingual Naver, and the frequency rating is more consistent. (The top definitions of every word are available for Migaku dictionary.)
- o <u>다음사전</u>, an alternative to Naver 국어사전 made by Kakao. It doesn't have frequency stars, but it has more example sentences and an arguably better interface
- o Open Dictionary 우리말샘 is a dictionary that is being edited and updated by users online, much like a wiki, so it is a great place to look for newer words.
- o The National Institute of Korean Language <u>국립국어원</u> has made available the Great Dictionary of Standard Korean 표준국어대사전, which includes locus classicus, where available, in addition to pronunciation and conjugation guidance.
- The National Institute of Korean Language also hosts a website defining the official spelling rules for Korean, a message board where they accept and reply to usage/spelling questions on Korean from native speakers to give them the definitive answers on how the language should be used, and another site with the official pronunciation rules for Korean.
- <u>KoreanA2z</u> has an online dictionary tracing the etymology through history of something like 3,000 native Korean words.
- Hanja-ro will take a Korean text as input and will output the same text but with all syllables that have a hanja equivalent in hanja. Note that it does not take context into account so you only get the hanja of the most common word in the case of homonyms. Learners coming from Japanese especially like to use this as an intermediate tool to aid with reading.
- Wikipedia's list of Korean internet neologisms
- Zone hanja dictionary and hanja content page

- And, if you've decided to study hanja, <u>Naver's hanja dictionary</u> will be an invaluable resource, with handwriting input, lists of words using each character, and etymology information
- o Dictionary of Korean regional speech 사투리

2C: Mastering a Domain

- Pure Reading
 - Reading Tools
 - Vocab Tracker and Korean Reader are Lingq-inspired online reading webpages designed to help you read Korean more efficiently. Some will like them and some will hate them because of the inability of these systems to show the root form of conjugated words or words with suffixes. Give it a try and see if it is something you will like.
 - Reader ttsu is an online book reader that supports browser extensions like Yomichan. It can be helpful for linux users (when finding a good-looking epub reader can be difficult), and it can be installed/self-hosted, if one doesn't have an internet connection all the time.

Blogs

- This blog has some thoughts on how to <u>DIY your own graded</u> readers
- Brunch website hosting online blogs and essays about any kind of topic by aspiring/amateur writers
- Postype hosts fanfiction & original web novels etc

Articles & News

- <u>Topclass</u> Online magazine spinoff of Chosun news that posts a lot of interviews and articles
- Oh My News news and culture, easier to navigate & more visually appealing than some of the more Serious News type sites

■ <u>Hani book reviews section</u> Lots of thoughtful and interesting articles about specific books and book trends.

Graded Readers

- Routledge and Olly Richards have reading materials for intermediate learners
- The grammar website <u>How to Study Korean</u> has a handful of stories available for purchase as PDF files for intermediate learners
- Korean Lab, part of the Yulchon Foundation, has mixed-script readings for Korean children that are organized by grade (elementary grades 1-6, middle school grades 1-3 and high school has many readings organized by topic)

Children's Novels

Sherlock Holmes A series of 10 books, each containing several Sherlock Holmes stories. The language has been simplified to be accessible to children.

Adolescent Novels

■ <u>OFEE</u> A story about a boy who has Alexithymia, a condition that makes it hard for him to feel emotions. This is a great read. A bit dark, and the author sometimes takes roundabout ways to tell the story.

Standard Books/Novels

- Many Korean books are readily available on the <u>Google Play</u>
 <u>Store</u>.
- Many community members are choosing to read the WebNovel 사라진 아이 The Child who Disappeared, by Lim Geon, on Naver Novels as a relatively easy book to start reading after finishing the Yonsei readers
- The webnovel series 나는 아직 살아있다 is a zombie apocalypse / survival story set in Seoul. It's 12 books long, has lots of repetition and fairly short sentences. However, be warned. The author is completely unable to write decent characters. The men fight, the women cry and scream and cook and protect the

children. The women and children are so poorly developed as characters that most of the time you forget that they're even there. Also, there are extremely long scenes where the only thing that happens is that the main character is frightened. For 20 pages at a time. At the start of the series it's pretty good fun, but the flaws become unbearable by around book 3 or 4.

- Pure Listening (+ video if video doesn't help much)
 - Narrative
 - <u>심야서점</u> and <u>완섭! 공포라디오</u> feature scary stories, many of which have interesting insights into Korean culture
 - <u>Deeva Jessica</u> and <u>Kim Won</u> each narrate documentary explorations of history, true crime, etc.
 - Single Topic, Single Speaker, Structured
 - <u>VOA's Korean</u> language radio page
 - Radio Free Asia Korean language page
 - o Single Topic, Multiple Speakers, Unstructured
 - Audiobooks
 - 커뮤니케이션북스 still has <u>165 podcasts in the series 외국인을</u> 위한 한국어 읽기 available on Naver Audioclip (the podcast ended in 2017)
 - <u>Audien</u> offers audiobooks and podcasts
 - Welaaa has many abridged audiobooks
 - There are numerous YouTube channels that have Korean audiobooks, including <u>모험러의 책방</u>, <u>책읽는다락방 J</u>, <u>따듯한 목소리 현준</u>, <u>책읽기좋은날</u>, <u>책읽는 문학관</u>, <u>안나책방</u>, <u>J아름다운선물-책읽어주는여자</u>, <u>책읽어주는남자 시온</u>, <u>책 읽어주는 막내누나 -30분만 볼래?들을래?</u>, and <u>책읽어주는작가</u>.
 - You can also find famous books being read in Korean. Just find the name of the book you want in Korean by searching <u>Naver</u> (the portal, not the dictionary) and then look for it on YouTube

(maybe add "읽어주는" to your search terms). Usually it would be an abridged version. Examples could include <u>Catcher in the Rye</u>, <u>The Hound of the Baskervilles</u>, <u>The Little Prince</u>, <u>Les Miserables</u>, <u>Anna Karenina</u>, <u>Othello</u>, <u>Call of Cthulhu</u>, <u>Moby Dick</u>, <u>Jonathan Livingston Seagull</u>, <u>The Old Man and the Sea</u>, <u>Checkhov's Short Stories</u>, whatever! You can also find people discussing or reading abridged versions of whatever book is popular right now. Just look.

- o Multiple Topics, Multiple Speakers, Unstructured
 - <u>낄낄상회</u> and <u>드립팩토리</u> channels feature actors having embarrassing conversations in public places in order to follow the reactions of those sitting around

Stage 3: Learn to Speak

3A: Preparing for Output

- Parents
 - Male
 - Age
 - Accent
 - Female
 - Age
 - Accent

3B: Learning to Write

• Pronunciation Training

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How To Sound Like A Native Korean Speaker - Learn how to speak
 Korean with correct pronunciation in a fun and easy way w/ free audio.

Stage 4: Refine to Mastery

Note: stage four has yet to be written. This section will be updated when more information is made available.

Native Content

TV/Movies

- Netflix: Full catalogue
- Streaming
 - o Watcha: Amazing selection of Korean content
 - Noonoo: No subs, but lots of free movies and shows, as well as dubbed foreign content like animation
 - Goplay: Kdramas and variety shows
- Classic Korean Movies and Television
 - o <u>옛날티비 : KBS Archive</u> (No subs, but tons of full length classic Korean films and some 90s cartoons for free on youtube)
 - o <u>한국고전영화 (Korean Classic Film)</u> also has a lot of full-length old movies with English and Korean subs

Nonfiction

o 세바시 (세상을 바꾸는 시간) is a Korean platform for "talk concerts" that's often been compared to TED. Topics range wildly, with a heavy emphasis on self-improvement, mental health and social criticism. They have a convenient playlist of all talks with Korean subtitles here and one for all talks with English subtitles here.

- Anime and cartoons
 - o <u>에니타임</u>: Full uploads of dubbed anime

Reading: Comics/Novels/Books

- Comics
 - o Naver Comics
 - Kakao WebToons
 - MoonToon WebComics
 - Me WebComics
 - o Mr. Blue webtoons
 - o New Toki, probably less-than-legal site of WebComics. NSFW.
 - Recommended WebToons (alphabetical order):
 - <u>0.0MHz</u> 심령현상을 과학적으로 밝히려는 위험한 발상의 사람들 People with dangerous ideas trying to scientifically reveal psychic phenomena
 - Penguin loves Mev 한국여자 펭귄과 영국남자 메브의 엉뚱 발랄 러브 스토리. The crazy love story of a Korean girl, "Penguin," and her English boyfriend "Mev."
 - <u>관계의 종말</u> <타인은 지옥이다> 김용키 작가의 신작! 여자친구와 함께 떠난, 비경에 숨겨진 펜션으로의 여름휴가. 하지만 불쾌한 펜션 주인을 시작으로 주인공의 트라우마를 끄집어내는 끔찍한 만남들이 이어진다. 지옥으로 치닫는 사건과 사고.. 이제 모든 것을 끝낼 때가 왔다. A new work by Kim Yongki, author of "Hell is Other People." Summer vacation with his girlfriend at a hidden condo in an unexplored landscape. However, beginning with the unpleasant pension owner, terrible encounters come one after another that bring out the trauma of the protagonist. Incidents and accidents leading to hell... Now the time has come to end everything.
 - <u>기기괴괴</u> 중급 <절벽귀> 오성대 작가의 신작 옴니버스 미스테리 스릴러. A new omniverse mystery thriller from Oh Seong-dae, the author of the famous "Cliff Face Ghost"

- <u>기묘한 기담</u> 초중급 오래된 주술과 금지된 것들에 대한 이야기... a story of ancient spells and forbidden things
- <u>기억흔적</u> 사랑하는 가족을 잃은 남자. 가족을 살리기 위한 처절한 시간 여행이 시작된다. A man who has lost his loving family begins desperate time travel to bring his family back
- <u>나의 우주</u> "외계인이 있다면 만나보고 싶어." 어느날 갑자기 우주가 내게 말을 걸어왔다. 그것도 짝사랑 남학생의 얼굴을 한 채로...? "If aliens exist, I'd like to meet them." One day, suddenly, the universe spoke to me with the face of the boy I had a crush on.
- <u>노블레스</u> 초중급 820년간의 긴 수면기. 드디어 새로운 세상에 눈을 뜨다. 그리고 새로운 세상의 새로운 사람들을 만나다. After an 820 year sleep, finally, I open my eyes to a new world. And meeting new people in this new world.
- 데이즈 대한민국 최고 재벌가의 첫째 아들이자 집안의 망나니 '한지한'은 오늘도 거하게 취했다. 오랜만에 아버지의 부름을 받고 집으로 갔지만 그 곳에는 아버지와 동생의 시체, 홀로 살아 있는 막내 '한지훈'만이 있었다. 어제까지 어리광 부리던 막내가 수많은 경찰들 앞에서 손가락을 들어 '한지한'을 범인으로 지목하는데?! Han Ji-han, eldest son of the founding family of Korea's largest conglomerate as well as the biggest lout in the family, has been drinking heavily again today. He received his father's call to come home but, when he arrived, he found the dead bodies of his father and one brother. Only his youngest brother Han Ji-hun was left alive. This youngest brother, who up until yesterday was still acting like a child, pointed to Han Ji-han as the murderer in front of all the police.
- <u>라스트 서브미션</u> 시한부 선고를 받은 노희망! 그의 인생에 다시 없을 라스트 서브미션이 시작됐다! Starts with the main character being told that he has a brain tumor, and the next few panels explain that he has no possibility of getting surgery, because reasons, and he has 6 months to live. The panels where he's in the doctor's office are way harder than the rest of the story, so

- don't get discouraged if you have to look up basically every word. That gets better really quickly.
- <u>로그아웃</u> 초중급 인간이 상상하기 힘든 신기술들이 개발되고 욕망을 충족해가는 사람들... 인류에게 주어진 선물일까, 저주일까 Those who develop new technologies that are difficult for people to imagine and satisfy their desires. Is this a gift to humankind, or a curse?
- <u>먹이</u> '불길한 것들이 현실로 넘어오기 시작했다' 귀신을 보는 아이들과 그들이 겪는 악몽 같은 이야기들. Unlucky things start coming into reality. Stories of kids who can see ghosts and the nightmares they face
- <u>밀웜</u> 초중급 먹이사슬 맨 밑바닥의 소년, 먹이를 주다 Give some food to the young boy on the very bottom of the food chain
- <u>스위트홈</u> 초중급 절망의 세상을 비관하고 스스로를 고립시킨 한 소년, 하지만 이제 소년은 밖으로 나가고 싶다. A young man who, out of pessimism about the desperate world has isolated himself, now wants to go outside
- 신과 함께 중급+ 나쁘지도 착하지도 않은 평범한 남자 김자홍이 저승에서 49일 동안 일곱 번의 재판을 받게 된다. Fun webtoon about a guy who is neither good nor bad dies and then goes through the Korean/Buddhist steps after death. Interesting Korean cultural content.
- <u>신도림</u> 세상이 무너지고 세워진 지하도시 그곳에 들어가지 못하고 생존한 소년들이 지하도시의 비밀을 파헤친다. The world has collapsed and a new underground city was erected. The surviving young men who are unable to enter the city are uncovering the secrets of the city
- <u>아도나이</u> 중급+ 외계인을 믿는 사이비종교 심층 취재기이 종교, 알면 알수록 위험하다 In depth coverage of a cultish religion that believes in aliens. The more you know, the more dangerous it becomes.
- <u>아무것도 하고 싶지 않아</u> 26살의 봄, 오늘부터 아무것도 하지 않기로 결심했다. A 26-year-old woman, who has pretty severe

- depression, decides to quit her job and do exactly nothing for as long as she can.
- <u>안개무덤</u> 실종된 가족을 수사하려고 하면 할수록, 알 수 없는 초자연 현상에 시달린다. 사건 현장을 뒤덮는 벌레들. 그리고 부적. 이곳은 무덤이다. 지상최대공모전 우수상 수상작! 숨막히는 공포 스릴러가 왔다! It's on the scary side and kind of grotesque but the art is very good and the story is good and its very immersive. An extremely good webtoon. The more he tries to investigate his missing family, the more he suffers from unknown supernatural phenomena. Bugs covering the crime scene. And talismans. This is a grave.
- <u>알고있지만</u> "넌 내가 나비라는걸 알고 있잖아." 알면서도 빠지고 싶은 사랑 <투명한 동거> 정서 작가의 신작. "You know that I am a butterfly." A new work by the author of "Invisible Cohabitation." Love that you want to fall into, even though you know better
- <u>여신강림</u> 네웹 대표 글로벌 인기작! 주경, 수호, 서준. 세 청춘의 두근두근 눈호강 로맨스~♡ 메이크업으로 여신이 된 주경이는 꿈과 사랑을 이룰 수 있을까? Ju-gyeong, Su-ho and Seo-jun's palpitating romance that is a feast for the eyes. Will Ju-gyeong, who becomes a goddess with her makeup, be able to achieve her dreams and true love
- <u>여탕보고서</u> 금남의 공간 신비의 세계 여탕 가본 자가 알려주는 그곳의 진실. Truths of the female bathhouse told by those who have actually been to this place of mystery, where men are forbidden
- <u>오늘 밤은 어둠이 무서워요</u> 뜻하지 않은 시기, 어쩌다 시작된 김진의 독립생활. 그녀의 자취생활과 그녀의 연애 이야기. Kim Jin's in independant life that began unexpectedly and without intention. This is the story of her life living alone and her romance.
- <u>이제 곧 죽습니다</u> 아무래도 이번 생은 실패다. 죽음과 함께 시작된 13번의 새로운 삶. No matter how you look at it, this life has been a failure. New life #13, beginning with death.

- <u>인어를 위한 수영교실</u> 헤엄에 서툰 인어를 위한 수영 교실! 초아는 수영을 배워 그리워하던 바다로 다시 돌아갈 수 있을까? Cute story. About a mermaid who can't swim, got herself some legs and was sent to live with her (human) father on dry land. One of her classmates discovers she's a mermaid and decides to teach her how to swim.
- <u>치즈인더트랩</u> 초중급 평범한 여대생 홍설, 그리고 어딘가 수상한 선배 유정. 미묘한 관계의 이들이 펼쳐나가는 이야기. The unfolding story of the subtle relationship between ordinary college student Hong Seol and her senior Yu Jeong, about whom there is something suspicious
- <u>테러맨</u> 중급 한 사람이라도 더 살릴 수 있다면 테러리스트가 되어도 상관없어. If I can save just one more person, it doesn't matter if I become a terrorist
- <u>토끼대왕</u> 살인마 교생, 왕따를 구원하다. Killer student saves victims of bullying
- <u>호러전파상</u> "명심하세요. 전자기기로 인한 피해는 이 가게에서 책임지지 않습니다." 정체불명 전파상 주인 '야크'의 미스터리 호러. "Bear in mind that this store will not be responsible for damage from electronic devices." The mystery-horror story of Yak, owner of an unknown electronics shop
- <u>후기</u> 무가지에 연재되던 삼류 소설이 사실은 누군가의 살인 후기였다! The third-rate novel serialized in free newspapers, was actually someone's murder testimonial!

Novels

- o Naver Novels
- Munpia WebNovels
- <u>Joara WebNovels</u>
- Blice WebNovels
- Here is a blog page where the author has assembled links to 95 older Korean novels and short stories that have passed into the public domain.
- Davinci archive of old Korean novels

o <u>우리민족끼리</u> webnovels from North Korea (*note that this website is illegal to access from South Korea*)

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Books

- A <u>collection of over a hundred Korean eBooks</u>, mostly self help and Chicken Soup for the Soul kinds of things for download
- There is <u>a Russian site</u> supporting fans and learners of Korean with a huuuuuge collection of all sort of textbooks, novels, manga, non-fiction, magazines, cookbooks, etc., etc., that can be downloaded (mostly PDF). <u>Z-Library</u> also has a large collection of ebooks in Korean available for download.
- <u>Ridibooks</u> online ebook retailer (accepts international credit cards), but Ridibooks' DRM is exceptionally strong, so realize that you will only be using these books inside Ridibooks' app or e-book products (<u>here</u> is a video about how to extract your highlights/notes)
- <u>Kyobo Book</u> is the biggest bookseller in Korea, but can be finicky with international accounts/cards
- Aladdin books is a chain of second-hand books, but they also sell ebooks
- <u>Hangeul Park</u> is a good source for most books aimed specifically at Korean learners

Blogs/Websites

- o Doomok's Blog of book reviews
- o 신동아, 한겨레21 and <u>월간조선</u> news magazines
- o 한국일보, 조선일보 news dailies
- <u>Naver News</u> and <u>Google News</u> provide continuously updated news feeds
- o <u>나무위키</u> is Korea's answer to Wikipedia <u>위키피디어</u>, and there is also <u>Wikidok</u> collected wikis
- o <u>Wikisource's Korean language</u> page
- o <u>Collected readings</u> on Marxism, Leninism, Communism
- o Cineaste web portal has many articles on general topics
- o <u>DVD Prime</u> has articles on tech products in addition to general topics
- The Science Times has articles on science topics

- Test the size of your Korean vocabulary
- o <u>Hanja Wiki</u> has articles in mixed-script
- Naver's news archive lets you look up old news articles by date, back to 1920!
- The Cultural Encyclopedia of the Korean People or the Encyclopedia of Korean Folk Culture can be used to look up and read about cultural topics
- Interested in Korean history? No better place to look than the government-sponsored <u>Korean history database</u>
- <u>DC Inside</u> and <u>Ilbe</u> portals, where many internet slang words and memes are made
- Online <u>questions and answers on legal topics</u>
- o <u>Donga</u> news site with society, culture and entertainment sections
- <u>Segve</u> entertainment news
- Dialogues
 - Korea Daily english section

Listening: Podcasts/Audiobooks

- Listening Services
 - Audioclip by NAVER is available on the App Store or on the Android store

 - o 팟티 is 팟빵's competitor, on the <u>App Store</u> and on the <u>Play Store</u>
- Personal Development:
 - o The 문학출출 channel on YouTube discusses and reviews books, including a series on how to understand classic works of fiction
- Nerd/Weeb content

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News

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Sports

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Talkshows

- o 지금이 사람 is an interview program from KBS hosted by 정관용 where he has a conversation with a guest about their field. Guests range from taxi drivers, to academics, to athletes, to actors and pretty much anyone in between.
- <u>링톡</u> is a podcast between two Koreans who talk about their experience learning foreign languages and answer questions from Korea listeners about language learning. One of the hosts introduced the podcast by saying, "여러분들의 사연을 바탕으로 공부에 고민거리를 보내주시면 물론 저희가 드릴 수 있는 작은 어드바이스도 드리고 저희의 경험을 함께 공유하고 싶어서 팟캐스트를 시작하게 되었어요! 고민이 아니더라도 영어나 스페인어를 배우면서 겪는 에피소드 같은것도 같이 얘기해보면 좋을거 너무 재미있을거 같고 이래저래 기대가 많이 됩니다! 그러니까 그야말로 어학용 소통의 장! 입니다! "
- o <u>수다일리스트-20대들의 폭발하는 웃음 지뢰!</u>
- o <u>사이:사람,사는,사랑이야기</u>
- o NCT의 night night!
- ㅇ 수다녀들
- Business

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• Paranormal, stranger than fiction

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Gardening

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Video by Genre/Interest

News/Documentary

- KBS News channel
- o <u>TVn</u> news channel
- YTN news channel
- o <u>EBS Documentary (EBS 다큐)</u> Network Documentaries and clips on youtube
- KBS documentaries on historical topics
- KBS documentaries on general topics
- o <u>개꿀리뷰</u> and <u>은근한 잡다한 지식</u> feature short documentary videos, similar to Today I Found Out
- The Bright Side's Korean language channel
- o <u>과학드림</u> and <u>Science Cookies</u> both have short videos on science topics
- o <u>Sugar World 슈가월드</u> is constantly uploading new videos on news, economics, business news, history and other popular topics. His speaking style is a little edgy so it's fun to watch.
- VOA Korean language page

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Talk Show

- Awesome Korea and its sister channel Awesome Story are channels where foreigners who live in Korea and study Korean talk about their experience
- o <u>이상한 언니들</u> Youtube talkshow where the female hosts give life advice to the viewers that call in with their problems.

Education

- This is Big Data is an English language learner who uses immersion and comprehensible input. He gives advice to other Koreans learning English. Most videos don't have subs, but his speech is extremely clear.
- △□□ was a famous TV anchor who quit at the height of her fame to pursue studies abroad. She has learned several languages and discusses language learning on her channel.

- o <u>항문천</u> makes videos on linguistics and languages. The content is similar to the English-language channel Langfocus. Most videos don't have subs.
- o <u>이상엽 (수학의신)</u> lectures about math. These include lecture series on <u>set theory</u>, <u>linear algebra</u>, and <u>analysis</u> as well as more informal lectures on topics like the <u>history of mathematics</u>. Some videos have subs.
- KOCW 대학공개강의 open courses
- K-MOOC online courses
- <u>늘배</u>움 online courses
- o <u>EBSi</u> and the <u>단꿈교육 공식 채널</u> feature online lectures for high school students on all high school subjects
- The following channels post videos on history-related topics:
 인문채널휴, 두선생의 역사공장, Lost Heritage, 효기심, 원유철 한국사 TV,
 역사술사

Various Entertainment Topics

- Comedy
 - i. <u>코미디빅리그</u> (Comedy Big League) Korean comedy channel, with tons of live sketch comedy, skits, and other funny comedy videos.
 - ii. <u>we</u> makes relatable or memey animated short skits, often on topics or events relevant to today. Subs are available in multiple languages.
 - iii. 교양만두 has educational comedy videos
 - iv. <u>키에커</u> used to make 병맛더빙 videos (which are kind of like anime abridged/funny redubs) but now makes original animated shorts. Slang is used quite often. Some of the popular videos have subtitles.
 - v. KBS N channel filled with comedic variety shows

vi. <u>HCU</u> will hide a camera in a public area and cause people nearby to overhear hilarious conversations. Videos are hard subbed.

Gaming

- i. <u>수</u>닭 Afreeca tv streamer who uploads stream highlights of mostly indie horror games. Laid back personality and nice voice.
- ii. <u>우주하마</u> is a Twitch streamer who plays popular games like Among Us. Hard-subbed.
- iii. <u>Here</u> is a playlist of 11 videos of a group of Korean people playing Dungeons and Dragons in Korean, starting with character generation and proceeding through the game
- iv. <u>코어 오브 아이디어</u> (core of ideas) Does live streams and puts together highlight videos as well as edited overviews and reviews of different video games.

Anime/Otaku

i. 덕양소 reviews and talks about anime

Self Help

i. <u>감성대디 Dennis</u>, a middle-aged father, talks about his experiences, such as his time in the US, and often gives advice

Culture

- i. <u>진용진</u> has a popular series called <u>그것을 알려드림</u> where he investigates a simple question, no matter how trivial, often telling you something you might not have known about Korea or just in general (maybe like TIL). Videos are hard-subbed.
- ii. <u>조승연의 탐구생활</u> is a series of video logs talking about different topics, especially recent cultural topics
- iii. <u>스물스물</u> has Cut/Buzzfeed-style videos usually on dating culture. Hard-subbed.
- iv. <u>Simon Choe</u> has uploaded many videos of the Channel A program Now I Go to Meet You 이제 만나러 갑니다 (shortened to

- "이만갑"), a long-running variety show where a panel and special guests who are defectors from North Korea come on to discuss aspects of life and culture in North Korea.
- v. <u>채널 휸 영화 들려주는 남자</u>, <u>신기누설: 영화를 그리다</u> and 리우군의 다락방 are channels that review movies
- vi. The 무속나라 channel explores all aspects of Korean shamanism

Food

- i. 요리왕비룡 Korean Food Cooking fun chef youtuber, who cooks great Korean dishes with frequent uploads. Narrates the recipe as he cooks the food
- ii. <u>백종원의 요리비책 Paik's Cuisine</u> the undisputed king of Korean Food television. Classic studio food show style videos.
- iii. <u>= III OF Cookpia</u> wonderful home style cooking show from a warm Ahjumma

Hobbies

- i. <u>쇼킴매직</u> has street magic videos along with some shows and explanations of how to do magic tricks
- iii. <u>그림쟁이-HongArt</u> offers videos teaching you how to paint, including some Korean dubs of Bob Ross painting videos
- iv. Learn about computer science / coding / web design over on these channels: 윤인성, 나도코딩, 생활코딩, while 테크보이 워니 has more meta videos about what life is like as a coder / web designer and whether you should become one
- v. ICT DIY 포럼 has videos about electronic DIY builds
- vi. <u>리블 (Geekble)</u> makes entertaining geeky DIY projects and experiments

Tech Topics

i. <u>MR엠알</u>, <u>ITSub잇섭</u> and <u>UNDERkg</u> review and discuss the latest tech gadgets

Travel

i. <u>김병만의 Adventure</u> travels around scuba diving, riding motorcycles, and flying to different locations.

Health Topics

- i. The <u>al 2 = channel explores workout strategies and approaches.</u>
- ii. <u>[헬스창고] 헬창TV</u> discusses all aspects of health and fitness in short videos
- iii. If you want an excuse to get up and moving, Teacher Sung Pyo will teach you how to salsa dance the easy way on his channel 성표쌤의 쉽게 배우는 살사댄스
- iv. 실리를 shares dubbed videos from the <u>Psych2Go</u> channel about psychology and mental health. It's not really rigorous evidence-based psychology, but it's entertaining and informative nonetheless.

True Crime

i. The <u>김복준 김윤희의 사건의뢰</u> channel has an ex-detective who discusses notable true crime cases

Vloggers

- i. <u>Sharky Korea</u> vlogs about tech products and topics
- ii. 고양이와 토끼 are a Japanese-Korean couple (한일커플). Videos are generally hard-subbed in Korean and Japanese while they both usually speak in Korean (the boyfriend doesn't know Japanese).
- iii. <u>신세경 sjkuksee</u> Actress known for her break-out role in High Kick: Through The Roof (Sitcom tv show). Often Cooks at home, or hangs out with her two dogs.

- iv. 실하윤TV is a vlog by the North Korean defector 심하윤, where she talks about her experiences in North Korea, defecting and on life in South Korea
- v. <u>Hyeri of Girl's Day</u>
- vi. <u>소행성612 주식방송</u> streams her adventures in the stock market every day and makes highlight videos.

Kpop

- i. <u>Doyouram Everyday K-Culture</u> kpop current events youtube channel with soft korean subs.
- ii. <u>Dingo Music</u>
- iii. Bling Bling
- iv. Eunice of DIA
- v. <u>GFriend</u>
- vi. Ohhabbang (Hayoung of Apink)
- vii. Oh My Girl
- viii. <u>UZZU Tape (WJSN BTS Series)</u>
- ix. Yeri Han Bang (Yeri of Red Velvet)
- x. <u>오락실 팡 Arcade Pang</u> fun videos made with kpop star guests in a variety of styles.

Arts and Crafts

- i. <u>사나고</u> makes videos that document himself making something with a 3D pen. English soft-subs and Korean hard-subs.
- ii. <u>슈르연구소</u> makes 3D printing and DIY videos.
- iii. <u>털몽치</u> makes knitting tutorials. No subs.
- iv. The <u>집꾸미기</u> channel will give you all kinds of ideas how to spruce up that living space with interior decorating ideas
- v. 물종다과 makes highly realistic, mouth-watering food models with clay, paint, and other artificial materials. Hard subs.
- Movies Recommendations (Korean alphabetical order)

- i. 0.0MHz 2019 Dir: 유선동 Horror webtoon turned into a movie. Terror strikes when amateur ghost hunters explore a haunted house in the countryside
- ii. The Power of Kangwon Province 강원도의 힘 1998 Dir: 홍상수 -Recently separated lovers have a series of close encounters at a popular mountain retreat
- iii. Innocence 결백 2020 Dir: 박상현 Based on a real-life story, the film focuses on Ahn Jung-in (Shin Hye-sun), a lawyer who decides to defend her mother after she is wrongly accused of killing someone at her husband's funeral
- iv. The Silenced 경성학교: 사라진 소녀들 2015 Dir: 이해영 외 A young girl is transferred to a mysterious boarding school, where several students have gone missing
- v. <u>Whale Hunting 고래사냥</u> 1984 Dir: 배창호 The shy Byung-tae has a crush on Mi-ran, a college student. He fails to win her over. Disheartened, Byung-tae runs away from home to go whale hunting.
- vi. *Masquerade* 광해, 왕이 된 남자 2012 Dir: 추창민 Though it places his own life in danger, a look-alike commoner secretly takes the place of a poisoned king to save his country from falling into chaos
- vii. The Man Standing Next 남산의 부장들 2020 Dir: 우민호 A re-telling of the assassination of President 박정희 by his head of intelligence in 1979
- viii. The Truth Beneath 비밀은 없다 2016 Dir: 이경미 A movie about a scandal and politics
- ix. *Time to Hunt* 사냥의 시간 2020 Dir: 윤성현 While planning a heist to escape a dystopian world, a group of young people attracts the attention of a vicious killer.
- x. The Whispering 속닥속닥 2018 Dir: 최상훈 Whispers and horror

- xi. Shiri 쉬리 1999 Dir: 강제규 A deadly assassin resurfaces while two Korean agents try to prevent a terrorist plot involving a liquid explosive
- xii. <u>Dooly the Little Dinosaur 아기공룡 둘리 얼음별 대모험</u> 1996 Dir: 임경원 Animated film about a little dinosaur. Frequent subject of memes among Koreans who grew up in the late 90
- xiii. Whispering Corridors 여고괴담 1998 Dir: 박기형 In an all-female high school in South Korea, the Jookran High School for Girls, a homeroom teacher Mrs. Park, nicknamed "Old Fox" due to her sadistic method of teaching, circles several points in the students' yearbooks and calls her new fellow teacher, (also her former student) Hur Eun-young, telling her that "Jin-ju, is definitely dead, but still attending school"
- xiv. Lovers' Concerto 연애소설 2002 Dir: 이한 A young man remembers the complex relationship he formed with two girls when they were all teenagers
- xv. Aimless Bullet 오발탄 1961 Dir: 유현목 Based on Yi Beom-seon's novel of the same name, a public accountant is stretched thin trying to make enough money to provide for his wife, his senile mother, his prostitute sister, his out-of-work brother, and two kids.
- xvi. The Hole 올가미 1997 Dir: 김성홍 A young woman struggles to survive her murderous mother-in-law
- xvii. Watching 왓칭 2019 Dir: 김성기 A horror thriller in which a kidnapped woman in a company parking lot tries to escape the surveillance that tightens her
- xviii. A Bedsore 욕창 2019 Dir: 심혜정 Chang-sik, a retired civil servant, lives with his wife, Na Gilsoon, who was struck by a cerebral haemorrhage a few years ago, and her caretaker, Yu Soo-ok, a Korean Chinese woman and illegal immigrant.
 - xix. Our Twisted Hero 우리들의 일그러진 영웅 1992 Dir: 박종원 Based on a famous novel of the same name by Yi Mun-yeol, this

film is a political allegory of Korea's transition from dictatorship to democracy. A fifth-grade classroom takes on a political structure which reflects Korea's history of coups and dictatorial regimes.

- xx. Tiny Light 작은 및 2020 Dir: 조민재 Jinmu starts to record things he should remember with a camera after hearing that he could lose his memory due to the prearranged brain surgery.

 Memories of family and his forgotten father ...
- xxi. Green Fish 초록물고기 1997 Dir: 이창동 Returning home and finding his town drastically changed, a former soldier falls in with gangsters
- xxii. Jazzy Misfits 초미의 관심사 2019 Dir: 남연우 An aspiring singer Sun-deok is visited by mother whom she hasn't spoken to in years. The abrupt encounter leads to the news of her younger sister Yu-ri, who had vanished with their savings. The mother-daughter team is now hunting for the missing girl and their money, poking around in Itaewon, the international hub of Seoul. Little do they know that soon they will be faced with Yu-ri's unlikely secrets.
- xxiii. Festival 축제 1996 Dir: 임권택 On the Korean Classic Film channel, this movie is frequently held up as an excellent aid to understanding Korean culture. Based on the novel of the same title by Lee Cheong-jun, famous writer, Lee Joon-seop, returns to his hometown to attend his mother's funeral. Lee's illegitimate niece, who has been ostracized from the family, has also returned home for the funeral. While the funeral ceremonies take place, various old family conflicts reassert themselves. During the action of the story, a parallel children's story written by Lee is read by the illegitimate niece. The story describes a grandmother who gives her life force to her growing granddaughter, resulting in the grandmother becoming gradually younger until she reverts into an infant and finally leaves for the next world.

- xxiv. Intruder 침입자 2020 Dir: 손원평 Yoo-jin returns home after having gone missing for 25 years. Their family gradually begins to change after her return, as her older brother Seo-jin grows suspicious and seeks to uncover his sister's secret, which leads him to a shocking truth.
- xxv. As One 코리아 2012 Dir: 문현성 Pingpong stars Hyun Jung-hwa of South Korea and Li Bun-hui of North Korea form a team and a friendship, then their team is suddenly split up. The two players vow to prove to the world that their team can surpass their nations' painful history.
- xxvi. The Closet 클로젯 2020 Dir: 김광빈 After losing his wife, a father tries to start over in a new home with his daughter. But things take a turn when strange noises trickle out of the closet, and his daughter goes missing.
- xxvii. The Brotherhood of War 태극기 휘날리며 2004 Dir: 강제규 When two brothers are forced to fight in the Korean War, the elder decides to take the riskiest missions if it will help shield the younger from battle
- xxviii. Tell Me Something 텔 미 썸딩 1999 Dir: 장윤현 A serial killer is terrorising Seoul and his trademark is to dismember the body, but leave a part of their previous victim mixed in with the remains. Disgraced detective Cho is assigned the case and finds the clues leading him to museum curator Su Yeon, whose beauty blinds men to her mysterious path
- xxix. Two Cops 투캅스 1993 Dir: 강우석 An easy-going corrupt detective is partnered up with a younger, more by-the-books detective. The two tries to influence each other in becoming like themselves but must cooperate when faced with a strange case.
- xxx. <u>The Night Before the Strike 파업전야</u> 1990 Dir: 장동홍 외 Banned upon its release The Night Before the Strike depicts the struggles of factory workers against their hostile employers.

xxxi. Fanfare 팡파레 - 2019 - Dir: 이돈구 - J, the mysterious woman, may well just be a phenomenon rather than an actual person. A minimal society squeezed within a tight space--this is the stage to express the director's perspective...

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