

A SPOILER-FREE GUIDE TO THE RWBY EXPERIENCE

- When you decide you like the show, please consider purchasing a Crunchyroll Premium Membership if you are using an adblocker, rather than watching it free with ads on Crunchyroll or the RoosterTeeth website.
 - The YouTube algorithm will give you videos with spoiler thumbnails if you start looking for RWBY stuff anywhere connected to YouTube. I got a major Volume 7 spoiler while I was still on Volume 5 because I was watching along with reactors (ie: watch volume, watch reactors, repeat).
- I created this watch order guide because I went into the series blind and I missed all the little side tidbits, and I regret not being able to get that chance to see it all on the first viewing.... I also couldn't sleep & was bored.
- **If you are a reactor, there are some info/tips on the last page of the document that you may want to check out (you can react to whole episodes on YouTube without fearing a copyright strike!).**
- ***This watch-order guide is spoiler-free, but not necessarily geared towards going in fully blind. You can kind of make the guide more blind by scrolling down and just hitting up the links.***

Welcome to Beacon! We have cookies!

RWBY is an American animated show from an independent studio, RoosterTeeth, that begins with 4 young women who are training to become monster hunters at a collegiate-level academy. [You can watch this show for free on RoosterTeeth's site](#) and on [Crunchyroll](#).

Do I need to be an anime fan to like RWBY? Absolutely not! I have barely watched any animated shows in the past, and now RWBY is one of my favourite things. From what I understand, it's not your typical anime.

What's important to pay attention to in RWBY? Everything. Nothing in RWBY is there by accident or coincidence. You will find no throw-aways here, and you will miss things.

What's so cool about RWBY? Why should I watch it?? The animation & voice acting gets better every season. The music is crazy awesome, from songs to score. It is dripping in lore, and the amount of foreshadowing will make your head spin. It is very low in overtly sexual fan-service (at worst is a KPop safety short style, and I maybe noticed that a couple times). Not to mention: it's full of heart, funny, surprising, evokes emotion, is not afraid of hard topics, and might even make you use your brain. Fun fact: The female singer you will hear began singing for the show at about age 13, and the songs you hear were lyricized, composed and played by her dad. They provide 95% of the songs with vocals for the entire show even through the most recent volumes.

Who shouldn't watch RWBY? Young children, as outright stated by the creators. It is rated for as low as age 14 in most countries, but goes as high as age 18+ elsewhere. I recommend checking the [IMBD Parents guide for RWBY](#) if you will be letting your child watch this show; just be mindful that the parent's guide is 100% spoilers.

Are there subtitles? Yes. The spoken language in the show is English (and limited volumes available dubbed in Japanese on Crunchyroll), and subtitles are available in 5 languages on the Rooster Teeth site. These include: English, Spanish, French, German, and Portuguese. Be aware that subtitles on the Rooster Teeth site have a tendency to appear slightly before the dialogue is spoken. The subtitles on CrunchyRoll run at a more accurate time, but I am not aware of which languages they offer as I have only seen subtitles on the CrunchyRoll site via reactors. Transcription errors in subtitles have been spotted on both sites, but for the majority they are well done.

1. Red, White, Black, & Yellow Trailers (combined) -- <https://youtu.be/qGdjuMSVnwM>
 - a. These take place several months before the show starts and are more like character shorts. The events are canon and do not use footage shown in the show; however, the fight scenes are intended to show what they could turn into as the characters gain experience. The red and white trailers were animated by one man in his spare time as proof of concept and the series was immediately picked up by RoosterTeeth upon seeing it.

2. Volume 1 [Aired 18 July 2013 - 07 November 2013]

- a. By episode: <https://roosterteeth.com/series/rwby?season=1> (also available on crunchyroll.com)
Or full volume in one video: <https://roosterteeth.com/watch/rwby-complete-volume-1>
 - i. Total runtime of 1:53:59
- b. Created on a small budget with a small team, this volume mostly has short episodes that are split into two parts called Chapters.
 - i. Chapter 1, 2 & 3, 4 & 5, 6 & 7, Chapter 8, 9 & 10, 11 & 12, 13 & 14, Chapter 15, Chapter 16
 - There is an after-credit scene at the end of the volume finale
 - Fun Fact: as few as 6 animators worked on this volume. Some of the voice actors & actresses included office staff, animators, writers, etc.
 - ii. Lyric video playlist by Silvia Dragoness for the Volume 1 soundtrack (watch post-finale) -- <https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLAVEC4I7eT2rzhVx6fLe73pg-Te3vtuVB>
 - The songs in RWBY can help you understand the emotions characters are feeling, but nothing is canon unless it is stated or shown on the actual show (as stated by the songwriter). These are more like "light canon." Additionally, keep in mind that any art you see in the videos is likely fan art and not official.

3. Volume 2 [Aired 24 July 2014 - 30 October 2014]

- a. By episode: <https://roosterteeth.com/series/rwby?season=2> (also available on crunchyroll.com)
Or full volume in one video: <https://roosterteeth.com/watch/rwby-complete-volume-2>
 - i. Total runtime of 2:32:06
- b. Show becomes episodic (no more two-parters). Once again there is an after-credit scene at the end of the volume finale.
- c. Side series called "World of Remnant" is introduced. It is an expanded world-building series of shorts that is very useful to refer to. The thumbnails for this series on the RoosterTeeth website are not necessarily related to RWBY (or could be spoilery, who knows?!), unfortunately, so I have included copy & paste direct links with the watch order below following the order of what would have been their original air dates (sourced from <https://www.thetvdb.com/series/rwby/allseasons/official>). If you are watching on Crunchyroll the WoR videos, I believe, are listed like Chapter 4.5 instead of being a separate series.
 - i. After Volume 2, Chapter 4 -- <https://roosterteeth.com/watch/rwby-season-2-rwby-volume-2-world-of-remnant-1>
 - ii. After V2, C7 -- <https://roosterteeth.com/watch/rwby-bonus-24>
 - iii. After V2, C10 -- <https://roosterteeth.com/watch/rwby-bonus-25>
 - iv. After V2, C11 -- <https://roosterteeth.com/watch/rwby-world-of-remnant-season-1-4>
- d. Lyric video playlist by Silvia Dragoness for the Volume 2 soundtrack (watch post-finale) -- https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLAVEC4I7eT2o_uNlKlyZTWO_2lOu6ZQoH
- e. Death Battle (after V2,C4) -- <https://roosterteeth.com/watch/death-battle-season-2-29>
- f. Volume 2 alternate take bonus video (watch after V2,C7) -- <https://fb.watch/4Wnbnr1O8Rp/>

4. Volume 3 [Aired 24 October 2015 -13 February 2016]

- a. By episode: <https://roosterteeth.com/series/rwby?season=3> (also available on crunchyroll.com)
Or full volume in 2 parts: <https://roosterteeth.com/watch/rwby-complete-volume-3-part-1> and <https://roosterteeth.com/watch/rwby-complete-volume-3-part-2>
 - i. Total runtime of 2:58:06
- b. Episodic with a post-credit scene at the end of the volume finale.
- c. World of Remnant videos:
 - i. Before Volume 3, Chapter 1 -- <https://roosterteeth.com/watch/rwby-bonus-26>
 - ii. After V3, C3 -- <https://roosterteeth.com/watch/rwby-bonus-27>
 - iii. After V3, C6 -- <https://roosterteeth.com/watch/rwby-bonus-28>
 - iv. After V3, C9 -- <https://roosterteeth.com/watch/rwby-bonus-29>
- d. Lyric video playlist by Silvia Dragoness for the Volume 3 soundtrack (watch post-finale) -- <https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLAVEC4I7eT2qxqFG7WhQkiYcdxfAWVPNb>

5. Monty Oum Tribute Video -- https://youtu.be/_465XaHoiGs
 - a. Monty Oum unexpectedly passed away during pre-/early production of volume 3. The majority of his final animation work can be seen in Volume 3 (the rest appears in Volume 6); however the last time he voices a character is in season 2. He was heavily involved in the series beyond just the animation, including being involved in the writing. He still receives writing credits in following volumes as the team is still using his storyline.
6. RWBY CHIBI Season 1 -- <https://roosterteeth.com/series/rwby-chibi>
 - a. Optional *non-canon* side-series of comedy shorts starring the characters of RWBY that was created to refine the animation team's skills in the new animation engine. Not only is it super cute, it takes the comedy you get in RWBY and dials it up to 11. It may be optional, but it is also absolutely not to be missed!
7. RWBY: Grimm Eclipse (Released July 5, 2016)
 - a. A 4-Player, online co-op game based on the show. The storyline in this game is separate from the show's.
8. Volume 4 [Aired 22 October 2016 - 04 February 2017]
 - a. By episode: <https://roosterteeth.com/series/rwby?season=4> (also available on crunchyroll.com)
Or full volume in 2 parts: <https://roosterteeth.com/watch/rwby-complete-volume-4-part-1> and <https://roosterteeth.com/watch/rwby-complete-volume-4-part-2>
 - i. Total runtime of 3:14:58
 - b. Before Volume 4, Chapter 1 there is a character short -- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=M0WeiG2-HRQ>
 - c. Episodic with a post-credit scene at the end of the volume finale. You will see a big change to the animation quality with the engine change starting at this volume with it going from more of a video game style to a modern anime style.
 - d. World of Remnant videos (omitted direct links to do minor spoilers in thumbnails):
 - i. Before Volume 4, Chapter 1 there are four World of Remnant videos --
 - <https://roosterteeth.com/watch/rwby-bonus-30>
 - <https://roosterteeth.com/watch/rwby-bonus-31>
 - <https://roosterteeth.com/watch/rwby-bonus-32>
 - <https://roosterteeth.com/watch/rwby-bonus-33>
 - ii. After V4, C3 -- <https://roosterteeth.com/watch/rwby-bonus-34>
 - iii. After V4, C4 -- <https://roosterteeth.com/watch/rwby-bonus-35>
 - iv. After V4, C6 -- <https://roosterteeth.com/watch/rwby-bonus-36>
 - v. After V4, C9 -- <https://roosterteeth.com/watch/rwby-bonus-37>
 - e. Lyric video playlist by Silvia Dragoness for the Volume 4 soundtrack (watch post-finale) -- <https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLAVEC4I7eT2qniefl59NSujEohrvFSvkX>
9. RWBY CHIBI Season 2 -- <https://roosterteeth.com/series/rwby-chibi?season=2>
10. Volume 5 [Aired 14 October 2017 - 20 January 2018]
 - a. By episode: <https://roosterteeth.com/series/rwby?season=5> (also available on crunchyroll.com)
Or full volume in 2 parts: <https://roosterteeth.com/watch/rwby-complete-volume-5-part-1> and <https://roosterteeth.com/watch/rwby-complete-volume-5-part-2>
 - i. Total runtime of 3:42:36
 - b. Before Volume 5, Chapter 1 there are three character shorts --
 - i. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bZAS_rzgCE0
 - ii. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mTJzFCebdvQ>
 - iii. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7Sn8BGKOV6Q>
 - c. Episodic with a post-credit scene at the end of the volume finale.
 - d. Lyric video playlist by Silvia Dragoness for the Volume 5 soundtrack (watch post-finale) -- https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLAVEC4I7eT2rCjBFpf4RXqEhn6Waz1m_f

11. RWBY CHIBI Season 3 -- <https://roosterteeth.com/series/rwby-chibi?season=3>
12. Volume 6 [Aired 27 October 2018 - 26 January 2019]
 - a. By Episode: <https://roosterteeth.com/series/rwby?season=6> (also available on crunchyroll.com)
Combined episodes with runtime not yet available
 - b. Before Volume 6, Chapter 1 there is one character short --
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fPD8XTJzqjY>
 - c. Episodic with a post-credit scene at the end of the volume finale.
 - d. Lyric video playlist by Silvia Dragoness for the Volume 6 soundtrack (watch post-finale) --
<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLAVEC4I7eT2oxSJVxoyWAcAL2NirdGLtR>
 - e. Death Battle (at end of volume) --
<https://roosterteeth.com/watch/death-battle-season-6-weiss-vs-mitsuru-rwby-vs-persona>
13. RWBY: After the Fall [Released 25 June 2019]
 - a. Book - Chronicles the journey of a different set of students.
14. Volume 7 [Aired 02 November 2019 - 01 February 2020]
 - a. By episode: <https://roosterteeth.com/series/rwby?season=7> (also available on crunchyroll.com)
Combined episodes with runtime not yet available
 - b. Episodic. Only season to date that does not have a finale post-credit scene.
 - c. Lyric video playlist by Silvia Dragoness for the Volume 7 soundtrack (watch post-finale) --
<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLAVEC4I7eT2ozqzhiqpEhEM-mtL9ZiHod>
15. RWBY: Before the Dawn [Released 21 July 2020]
 - a. Book - Sequel to After the Fall
16. RWBY: Fair Tales of Remnant [Released 15 September 2020]
 - a. Book - Features original fairy tales from the world of Remnant
17. Volume 8 [Aired 07 November 2020 - 27 March 2021]
 - a. By episode: <https://roosterteeth.com/series/rwby?season=8> (also available on crunchyroll.com)
Combined episodes with runtime not yet available
 - b. Episodic with a post-credit scene at the end of the volume finale.
 - c. Lyric video playlist by TheCobe-Lee for the Volume 8 soundtrack (watch post-finale) --
https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLBxhu-55x1we0jK8sD_8Re8q0a0BrbFsq
 - d. Death Battle (at end of volume) -- <https://roosterteeth.com/watch/death-battle-season-8-5>
18. RWBY: Roman Holiday [Released 07 September 2021]
 - a. Book - Prequel set a very long time before the start of RWBY
19. RWBY: Fairy Tales - <https://roosterteeth.com/series/rwby-fairy-tales>
 - a. Optional side-series that brings the RWBY: Fairy Tales of Remnant book to life
20. RWBY: Ice Queendom - Season 1 [Aired July 3rd, 2022 - September 18, 2022 on Crunchyroll]
 - a. Described as “canon adjacent”, it is a Japanese version of the show. Is available dubbed in English.
21. RWBY: Grimm Eclipse [Released November 15, 2022]
 - a. Side-scrolling, 2D Combat game that takes place during an in-canon storyline.
22. Volume 9 [Aired February 18, 2023 - April 22, 2023 on Crunchyroll]
 - a. Exclusively on Crunchyroll Premium until mid 2024.
 - b. Composer Jeff Williams has retired and passed on the main composer torch to his daughter, RWBY singer Casey Williams.

23. RWBY Chibi Season 4 (mini-episodes)

- a. Aired as part of the Neon Konbini show, but now being uploaded to YouTube. You can find a playlist at <https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLyGdanym3TkfMPtzu08ld36cRvD4ztn2D>

24. Justice League x RWBY: Super Heroes and Huntsman, Part One [Released April 25, 2023]

- a. Has not been confirmed as to whether this movie is canon or canon-adjacent.
- b. Can be bought on DVD or on Amazon Prime Video.

25. Justice League x RWBY: Super Heroes and Huntsman, Part Two [Released October 17, 2023]

- a. Has not been confirmed as to whether this movie is canon or canon-adjacent.
- b. Can be bought on DVD or on Amazon Prime Video.

26. Go back and start from the beginning, and be amazed at all the things you missed!

- a. Fun way of re-watching this series is checking out [RWBY reactions on youtube](#). Often they will see things you didn't on their first watch, and there are always things that can be learned from the comment sections. Besides, you'll need something to do while waiting for the next volume to air!!
 - i. Re-enable ads for this as it will help support RoosterTeeth!

IMPORTANT NOTES FOR REACTORS

RoosterTeeth is a reactor-friendly company. They allow reactors to upload full episode reactions to places like YouTube. It's extremely generous of them, compared to the hoops reactors have to go through for most shows. I'm sure you're thinking that it's too good to be true, but you can go ahead and pinch yourself - you're not dreaming.

What makes you qualified to give these tips? Nothing. These are just tips I've gleaned from watching 50+ reactors on YouTube since I started watching the show in late 2020 (nothing else to do in 2020/early 2021, right?). The ones who have less problems getting their episodes unblocked appear to follow a lot of the tips below.

- Do not cut up, obscure, or lower the volume of the episodes. It's unnecessary for these reactions and RoosterTeeth prefers that you air their entire episode from start to finish (including credits!). That being said, viewers should also hear your commentary clearly, and you must have commentary in your videos.
 - Yes, you can react to the soundtrack! It's practically expected of you by the fans at this point. Most reactors do so by using lyric videos, and they are linked above under each volume. The fans can be particular about who created the lyric videos you watch due to mistakes in the lyrics of videos created by other people. You don't need to edit these reactions either.
- Watch the show from [Crunchyroll](#), the [RoosterTeeth website](#) or [YouTube channel](#), Not a random YouTube channel or re-upload site.
- Your face should be equal to or larger than the size of the RWBY footage.
- You need to put the following disclaimer in your description for each RWBY reaction video (although many seem to miss doing this, it is supposedly expected):
 - This reaction video is not endorsed by Rooster Teeth in any way. Views, opinions, thoughts are all my/our own. Rooster Teeth and RWBY are trade names or registered trademarks of Rooster Teeth Productions, LLC. © Rooster Teeth Productions, LLC.
- In your description for each RWBY video you should also put the link to that episode. It is also appreciated if you point out that link in your intro and remind people to support the official release and watch it there first.
- A thank you to Rooster Teeth for allowing full reactions to be posted on YouTube is always appreciated.
- The auto-blocking system on YouTube is very heavy handed. If you dispute the block it should be cleared by RoosterTeeth as soon as they are able to do so. Keep in mind that they do not work weekends and there are approximately 2 people who work on clearing YouTube blocks, and they do not work weekends or holidays (including an extended break over Christmas). Additionally, they can be extra slow to unblock episodes during RTX, which is the company's annual gaming & internet convention. Give yourself a buffer (post as unlisted first or use the premiere function) and expect that you may have to wait for your video to be published, especially when there are episodes of a new volume being released.

- RWBY videos will be claimed by RoosterTeeth on YouTube, meaning that they get the revenue for it, as is right and fair. Use Patreon for your revenue by posting early reactions there for your patrons.
- You can email fanprojects@roosterteeth.com as a last resort if you feel your video has been blocked for too long of a timeframe.
- Spoilers are rampant on YouTube. Spoiler channels will post short (10s) clips to get around the blocking system and they put the spoiler in the title text where it won't be obscured. You will likely need to be quick on it when an episode releases.
- Strongly consider recruiting moderators for your comment sections. Like many shows, there is a small faction of people who delight in spoiling RWBY for others.... And sometimes well-meaning fans can be a little too heavy handed with hints.
 - Having a pinned comment with your spoiler policy on each video is also a good idea.
- DimiDawg runs a RWBY reaction Discord server that is geared towards reactors, and is also frequented by many fans. It's a fantastic place to interact with your audience and other reactors. If you have questions, the people there would be happy to help. You can join the server at <https://discord.gg/vuRgwOdzaW> (link should never expire - but you can email me at sims2squared@gmail.com for a link if this doesn't work for you), just be aware that some Discord sections of this server may allow spoilers! DimiDawg will let you know where not to go.

You can review Rooster Teeth's official guidelines at

<https://support.roosterteeth.com/hc/en-us/articles/360045358831-Content-Usage-Guidelines>