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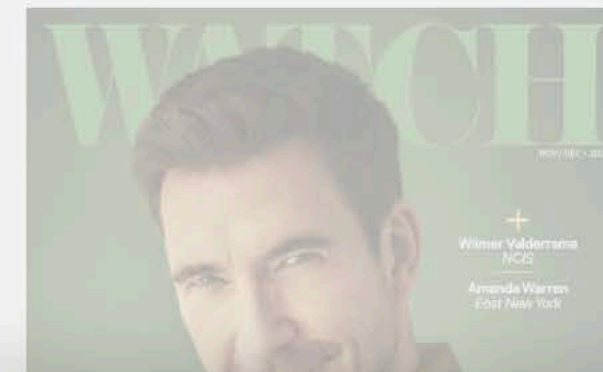
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(Left to right) Drake Rodger, Meg Donnelly, Nida Khurshid ,and Jojo Fleites look apprehensive as Meg lights their way.

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This prequel to *Supernatural* answers lingering questions about Sam and Dean's monster-fighting roots.

By Carrie Berk

Supernatural may have ended in 2020, but fans need not mourn the series. A prequel, *The Winchesters*, is on the way, bringing new stories to the popular franchise. In the original show, the Winchesters are hunters who preserve the balance of good and evil to protect humanity.

Premiering on The CW October 11th, the new series follows the parents of Sam and Dean Winchester, and it answers questions that *Supernatural* never addressed about the Winchester family history. Here are seven things to expect in the new series.

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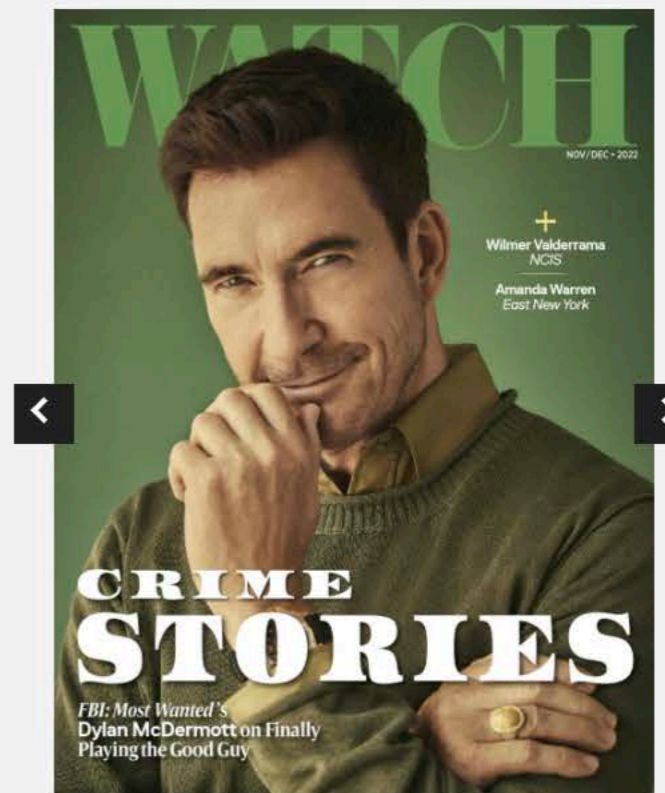


1. Sam and Dean's Parents Are Front and Center



Mary Campbell and John Winchester, the parents of Sam and Dean, catch sight of something off-screen.

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It stars **Drake Rodger** and **Meg Donnelly** as John Winchester and Mary Campbell, parents of Sam and Dean from *Supernatural*. Viewers might recognize Donnelly from *High School Musical: The Musical: The Series* and the TV movies *Zombies* and *Zombies 2*.

2. We Travel Back to the '70s



John returns from Vietnam, but his fighting days aren't over yet.



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It's set in 1972, shortly after John returns from Vietnam, and focuses on the story of how John and Mary met, got involved in monster-hunting, and fell in love while fighting evil.

3. A Monster-Hunting Legacy



Mary Campbell is on a mission to fight evil.



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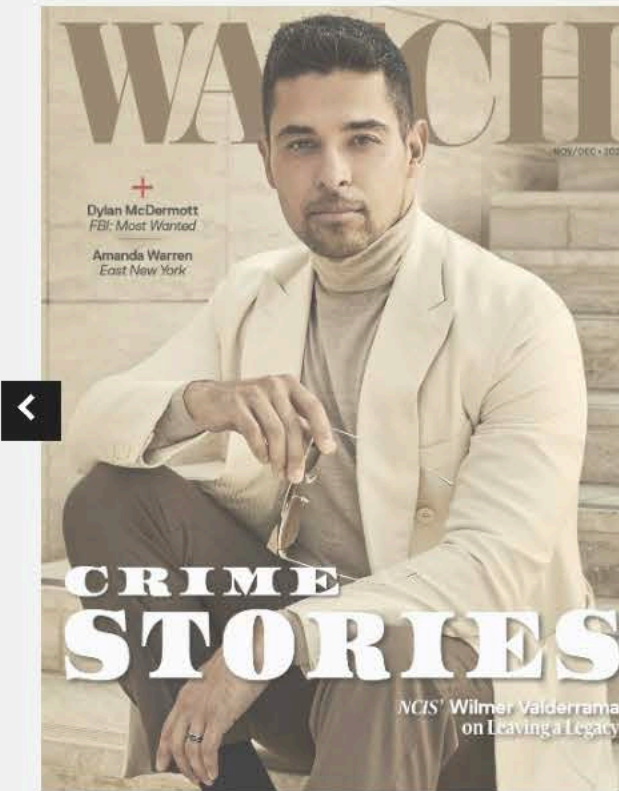
Monster-hunting is in Mary's blood. However, after losing a close friend, she considers quitting the family business. Her father's disappearance and John's arrival may convince her otherwise.

4. References to *Supernatural* Abound



Sam and Dean in the hit series *Supernatural*.

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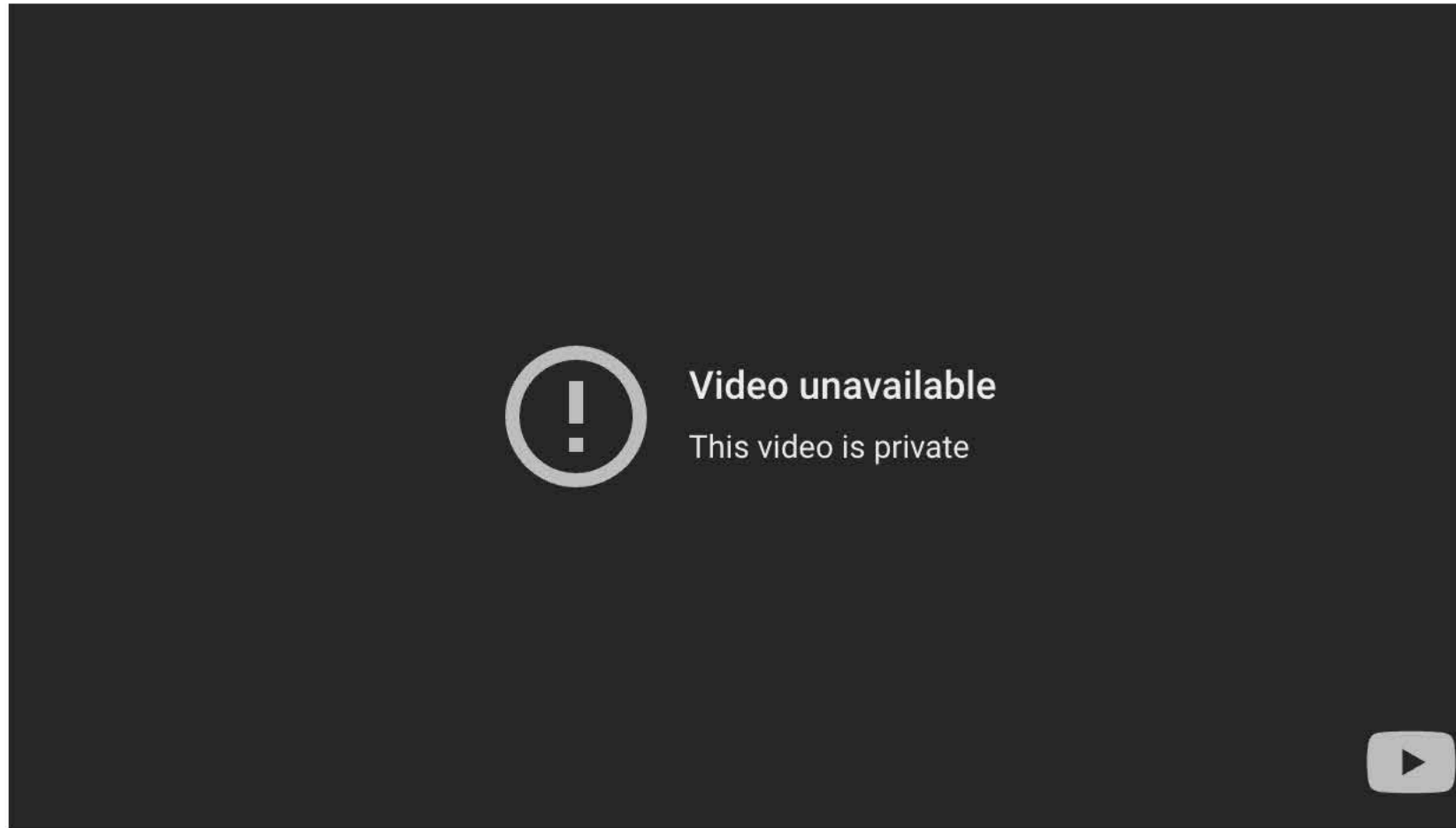
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There are several references to *Supernatural*, including the Men of Letters, humans with extensive knowledge about supernatural magic. Mary's journey to become a hunter also harks back to the original series. John and Mary's fathers are both missing, which also brought Sam and Dean together in *Supernatural*.

5. It's Crawling With Cryptids



Similar to its parent show, *The Winchesters* has its fair share of vampires, ghosts, werewolves, and demons. The trailer features a fist fight with a demon, a roaring creature, and more.



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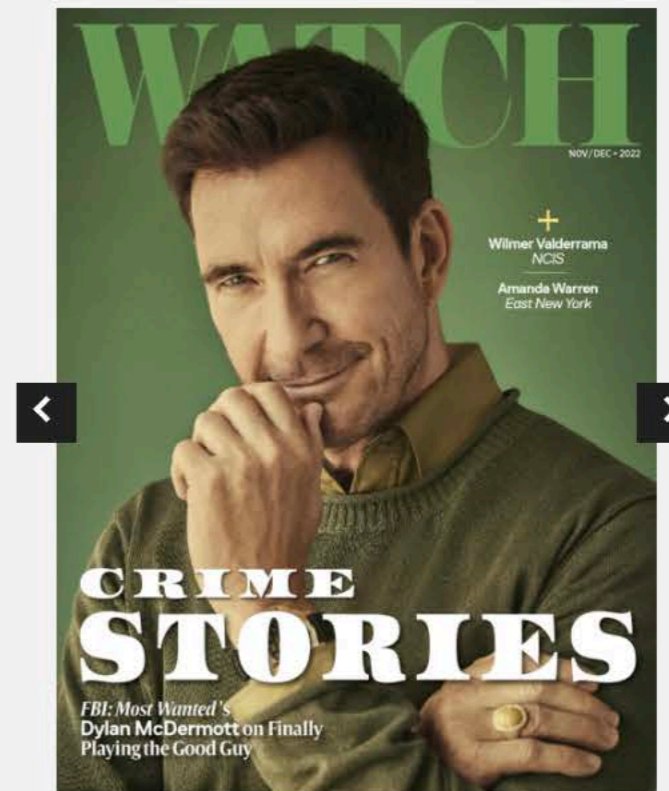


6. A Narrator We Know



Jensen Ackles, reprising his role as Dean Winchester, narrates the new series.

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The narrator may sound familiar. **Jensen Ackles** (“Dean”) narrates the new series and appears in its first episode. The spinoff was created by the production company he runs with his wife Danneel of Chaos Machine Productions. *Supernatural* writer Robbie Thompson is back for *The Winchesters* as well.

7. A Powerful Posse



Jojo Fleites as Carlos Cervantez and Nida Khurshid as Latika Desai join forces with John and Mary.



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John and Mary are joined by a monster-hunting posse: trainee hunter Latika Desai (**Nida Khurshid**), master fighter Carlos Cervantez (**Jojo Fleites**), and bookstore owner meets hunting supplies enthusiast Ada Monroe (**Demetria McKinney**). John's mother, Millie (**Bianca Kajlich**) also plays a key role in teaching her son about their dark family history.

The Winchesters premieres on October 11 at 8 p.m. ET/PT on The CW, with new episodes airing every Tuesday.

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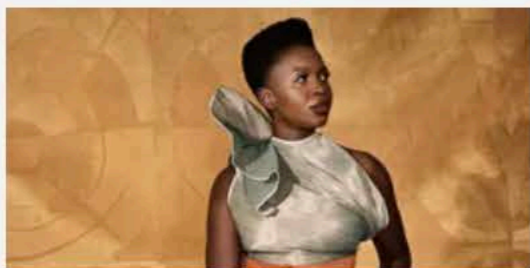


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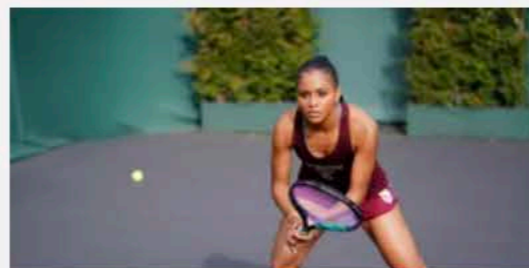
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