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## Robson Arms – The Complete First Season

Picture: C+    Sound: C+  
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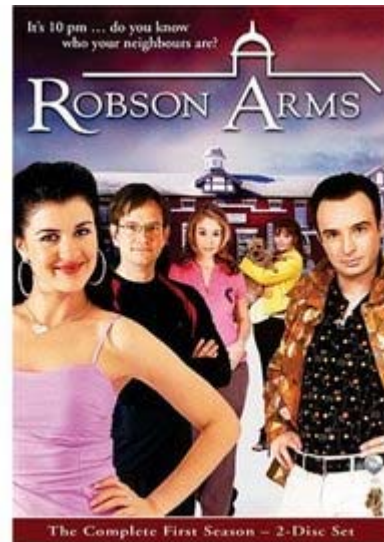
Usually, we see U.S. TV situation comedies imitating previous bad series or trying to recapture shows from other countries. When watching the Canadian series **Robson Arms – The Complete First Season** from 2004 on DVD, was like watching a very odd reproduction of NBC's so-called "must see TV" night, but with somewhat more likable people. Unfortunately, that was just not enough.

I knew actors Mark McKinney, William B. Davis, Kevin McNulty and of course, Margot Kidder, but Fred Ewanuick and Gabrielle Miller are supposedly big Canadian TV stars. The cast is actually not bad, but the material is almost formulaic in its predictability and even though the precocious kids say more sexually explicit things, they are still obnoxious and make the whole affair unrealistic.

That leads to no real laughs and very few smiles as the residents get to know each other and scandal ensues. However, this U.S.-styled show is apparently a hit in Canada and now BBC Home Video wants to make it popular in the U.S. with its initial DVD release. There are only 13 half-hour shows here, but it establishes everything the show is about. For the most interested only.

The anamorphically enhanced 1.78 X 1 image is a little soft and its HD shooting could not be more than 1080i at best. The Dolby Digital 2.0 Stereo is simple, lack surrounds and is not that rich. Extras include previews for the first two seasons, select commentary tracks with the creators and a breakdown of the opening.

- Nicholas Sheffo



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