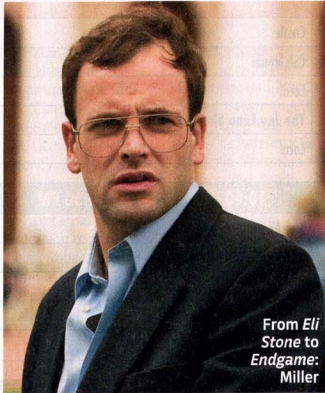


# TV GUIDE

## PBS



From *Eli Stone* to *Endgame*: Miller

Congress and the opposing National Party set off a spiraling chain of events loaded with suspense. Starring William Hurt, Jonny Lee Miller and Chiwetel Ejiofor, the film had its world premiere at the 2009 Sundance Film Festival.

♦♦**The Botany of Desire**

*Wednesday, 10/28*  
Based on Michael Pollan's best-selling book, this special—narrated by Frances McDormand—tackles the surprisingly intimate, complex relationship between humans and plants. Traveling across time and continents, we see how apples, tulips, marijuana and potatoes have evolved to serve the human desires for sweetness, beauty, intoxication and control.

♦♦**Becoming Human: Unearthing Our Earliest Ancestors** (*Nova*)

*Tuesdays, 11/3-11/17*  
Each segment of this three-part special delves into the life and death of a specific ancestor to humankind. Through these case studies, forensic anthropologists bring to life—with vivid animation—the journey from our earliest ancestors in Africa to the “behaviorally modern” humans we are today.

### Quick Takes

♦♦**Your Life, Your Money**  
*Wednesday, 9/9*  
Hosted by *Scrubs*' Donald Faison, this special offers compelling financial advice to young people from both experts and celebrities—Russell Simmons and Danity Kane singer D.Woods among the latter. The show uses real-life stories to demonstrate what to do—and what not to do—with money.

♦♦**Darwin's Darkest Hour**  
*(Nova) Tuesday, 10/6*  
This scripted drama from National Geographic Television spotlights Charles Darwin's tormented struggle to go public with his controversial theory of evolution. Starring *Lost*'s Henry Ian

Cusick as Darwin and Frances O'Connor as his wife, Emma, the film presents Darwin's big dilemma: forgo his life's work or take on the Church?

♦♦**Latin Music USA**  
*Mondays, 10/12-10/19*  
Latin music has influenced just about every form of popular music from jazz, rock and country to rhythm and blues—and this four-part documentary (narrated by Jimmy Smits) chronicles how.

♦♦**Endgame**  
*Sunday, 10/25*  
*Masterpiece Contemporary*, now hosted by *Doctor Who*'s David Tennant, returns with this political thriller about the final days of apartheid in South Africa. Covert negotiations between the African National



*Hour* (with Cusick and O'Connor) is Nat Geo's first scripted drama