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SMALL-SCREEN GEMS



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Jennifer Hudson and Sheryl Lee Ralph star in *Smash*.

Nia Long | Showtime's *House of Lies*
Love Jones fans have waited 16 years for a Nia Long and Larenz Tate reunion; both will be recurring guest stars on the Don Cheadle-led comedy series.

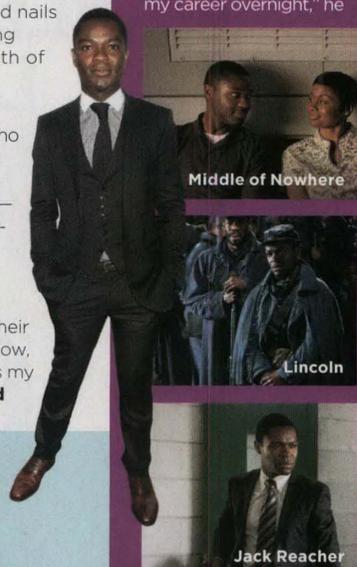
Meagan Good | NBC's *Deception*
Though *Gossip Girl* meets *Law & Order* seems like an iffy combination, Good nails it as an undercover FBI agent piecing together the truth behind the death of her childhood BFF.

Carmen Ejogo | ABC's *Zero Hour*
The *Sparkle* star is now an FBI agent who has to solve a mystery using clues from an ancient treasure map, find a missing woman and—as if that weren't enough—save humanity from destruction. Superwoman, indeed.

Sheryl Lee Ralph | NBC's *Smash*
Ralph plays Jennifer Hudson's "momager." According to Ralph, on their first day on set, Hudson declared, "Wow, two generations of *Dreamgirls*. This is my dream come true."
—Ayana Byrd

Hot Actor Alert: David Oyelowo

In the Beginning: Born in Oxford, England, to Nigerian parents
Hollywood Gold: "When Lee Daniels cast me as Dr. King in *Selma*, that changed my career overnight," he



Middle of Nowhere

Lincoln

Jack Reacher

says. "It was as if someone, somewhere, was saying that if this guy is worthy of playing Dr. King, then he's worthy of being in our movie." His casting did create a domino effect. Although *Selma* has been shelved due to financing, Oyelowo was tapped to costar with Tom Cruise as an FBI investigator in the new blockbuster

Jack Reacher
Family First: With four children from ages 1 to 10, the 36-year-old never spends more than two weeks apart from his wife and kids: "I want to be remembered as a father who was prepared every day to give his life for his children; that's what I believe fatherhood to be."
—Candice Frederick

Big Films, Big Stars

FROM STELLAR CASTS TO DARING ADAPTATIONS, THE MOVIES OF 2013 OFFER THESE CAN'T-MISS PERFORMANCES

Anthony Mackie | *Gangster Squad* Before Anthony Mackie dons wings as the Falcon in *Captain America: The Winter Soldier* next year, we'll cheer him on as a proud cop in 1940's Los Angeles who helps take down Mickey Cohen's crew.

Will and Jaden Smith | *After Earth* Real-life father and son Will and Jaden Smith play, well, futuristic father and son in this postapocalyptic adventure. Jaden is the heart of the movie as Kitai, a young soldier who must save his father. Zoë Kravitz also stars.

Chiwetel Ejiofor, Adepéro Oduye, Alfre Woodard and Quvenzhané Wallis | *Twelve Years a Slave* We can't decide what's more compelling about this epic: the incredible cast or how Black British director

Steve McQueen interprets the true story of a free Black man who's hoodwinked and sold into slavery.

Oprah Winfrey, Lenny Kravitz and Forest Whitaker | *The Butler* The film is based on Wil Haygood's *Washington Post* article about a White House butler who assisted eight presidents. Lee Daniels selected a dream team of actors, from Academy Award winners to new faces, such as the U.K.'s David Oyelowo (see sidebar, at right). Is there another Oscar nod in Mr. Daniels's future? —Cori Murray



Lee Daniels directs Oprah Winfrey in *The Butler*.