

## TELEVISION FIGHTING A WAR IN THE SHADOWS

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▶ Television has so many dramas mixing historical fact and fiction that you might have overlooked the impressive first season of one of the best, AMC's "Turn: Washington's Spies." On Monday, it returns with a two-hour Season 2 premiere, as lavish and well acted as ever and promising more intricate intrigues.

The series is inspired by the real-life story of Abraham Woodhull (Jamie Bell) and the Culper Ring, which spied for Gen. George Washington during the Revolutionary War. Season 1 found Abra-

ham struggling to keep his family life and his spying life separate, and it ended spectacularly with him killing a British ensign and then watching as his wife burned their house down in a hastily formed cover-up plan.

The plot only thickens in Season 2, with a new character added to the mix: Benedict Arnold, played by Owain Yeoman.

"If Season 1 was about the formation of America's first spy ring, Season 2 is about seeing that ring in action," Craig Silverstein, show runner and an executive producer for the series, says in a promotional video. "We get to see them participate in the shadow war."



Ian Kahn as Gen. George Washington in "Turn: Washington's Spies."

