Spenser for Hire in Comparison with Lt. Columbo.

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For the battle for top cop in the entertainment universe we have an abundance of "fictional" detectives which were famous over the years dating back to the cherished Sherlock Holmes and Nero Wolfe. Modern-day private eyes or perhaps investigators such as tv personas such as Columbo featuring Peter Falk (1968-1978) and Spenser, For Hire starring Robert Urick (1985-1988) became cult heroes because of the amicable characters who portrayed them. Let's examine each personality and compare them as though it was a popularity contest and see exactly who might win the competition.

The trench coat, the car and the ever present cigar is what defined Columbo. Lieutenant Columbo was a LAPD (Los Angeles Police Department) homicide detective who appeared to bumble and falter his way through a situation yet mysteriously been able to have a superior success rate. Typically the style on the TV show Columbo seemed to be that nearly every show we'd watch the misdeed as well as who committed it inside the beginning short minutes of each show so that eliminated the "who-done-it" aspect. Detective Columbo kept us entertained and interested for his unusual methodology was so interesting it did not matter knowing who the culprit was.

Much of the persona we see in Columbo came from Peter Falk himself. We rarely found Columbo without his hat along with trench coat while he gone about dealing with offences and in the end, convincing the culprit to admit out of annoyance due to the bulldog kind tenacity of Columbo. They could not take it any more! The set of clothes for Lt. Columbo came from Peter Falk himself because he dressed in his personal apparel, including that trade mark trench coat. Mannerisms frequently were the idea of Falk as well. Watching him fumble in his pockets, retrieving the grocery list rather than evidence in a case made him appear a lot more genuine and also human. A clever little trick Columbo employed was to ask the culprit for a pencil or something, usually to distract them or put them of guard. Then he swooped in for the confession as well as conviction of numerous a murderer. As already stated, his success rate was high.

Fiction was indeed what inspired Columbo's character. Father Brown and a character from Crime & Punishment (Porfiry Petrovich) were some of the inspirations for Columbo's character, amongst others. Also an influence was obviously a character from the French suspense personality Inspector Fichet from Les Diaboliques in 1955. Whether it is a man or a woman, Lt. Columbo always got his 'man' and no matter who inspired his character, it was always interesting to watch!

Spensers' man was Hawk, and he was for hire. Spensers' character was based on novels from Robert B. Parker. It was a huge hit during the 80's. The location of the film shoots were in Boston, Massachusetts and this made it difficult to film because of the extreme winters, and also made it very expensive. Being a former Boxer, Spenser was also a good cook. He watched Julia Child on the tv in the kitchen's counter top as he cooked up her recipes. The 1966 Ford Mustang was one of his trademark vehicles he drove whilst catching criminals. Which may have been a tribute to Steve McQueen and the film Bullitt. With Spensers' personal preference for the Mustang, when the '66 model was destroyed he took no time in acquiring a brand new '87 model. In time he fully restored his'66 Mustang.

The right hand man of Spenser was Hawk. The biggest difference between the 2 characters was that Spencer was an ex-cop PI and Columbo was a LAPD detective. He would go to the police for help occasionally and often helps them address complex situations. Spenser had a sidekick of sorts that also helped to protect him. Avery Brooks played the role of Hawk, a big black intimidating man that was also his best friend. The producers tried to create a show for Hawk that didn't work after

Spenser was cancelled in 1989. Pity because that threatening character was the genuine "meat" of the Spenser series. You would never say this cool character could break your bones like matchsticks in defense of his friend Spenser.

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