

Breaking Bad Review

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On January 20, 2008, history was made. The first episode of arguably one of the greatest shows of all time aired on AMC. The show aired until September 29, 2013, at this point after five seasons and sixty-two episodes fans had grown attached to the show's main characters.

The protagonist, Walter Hartwell White, started the show at fifty years old. At this point, he was a broke high school chemistry teacher living with his wife, Skylar, and his son, Walter Jr. (Flynn). He knew after being diagnosed with cancer that he was not in love with the life he had created. He yearned for more, and when he went on a ride-a-long with his DEA brother-in-law he became interested in a life of crime after witnessing a meth lab being taken down. Walter was able to contact Jesse Pinkman, a former student of his. They worked together throughout the show's five seasons to build a methamphetamine empire.

Throughout the show, blood, sweat, and tears are shed. In the end, there was no happy ending. Without spoilers, both Jesse and Walter had suffered greatly.

Though a sad story, fans rave over the beautifully written episodes, characters, plot, and overall atmosphere of the show. Even critics seem to love the show, with a ninety-six percent rating on Rotten Tomatoes. The show had also received many awards throughout its run with over sixteen Emmys and many others.

The show gained popularity during its fourth and fifth seasons as more people over the world became invested with the characters. On top of this, during this time watching the show became easier, as it had moved to Netflix.

Overall, the show stands as one of the greatest of all time. It has even led to two sequels, *El Camino*, a movie based on Jesse after the plot of *Breaking Bad*, and *Better Call Saul*, a prequel series based on one of the show's side characters, Saul. Both of these sequels were critically acclaimed and loved by fans.

Our ranking here from the Tartan is a 9.6/10, meaning the show was definitely loved by our writers and editors.

