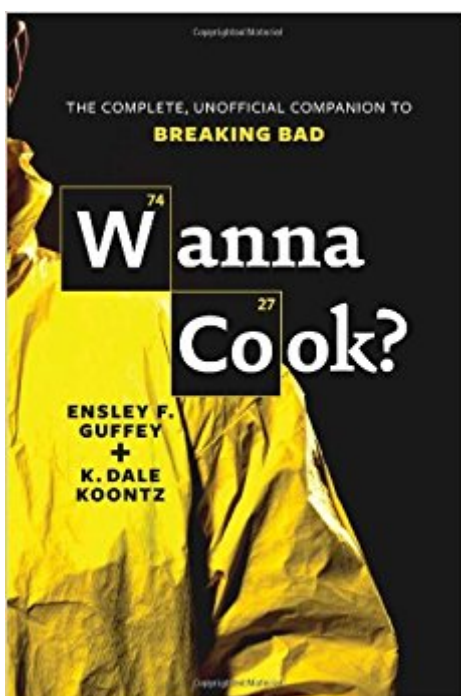


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Wanna Cook?: The Complete, Unofficial Companion To Breaking Bad



Synopsis

“I am not in danger . . . I am the danger.” With those words, Breaking Bad’s Walter White solidified himself as TV’s greatest antihero. *Wanna Cook?* explores the most critically lauded series on television with analyses of the individual episodes and ongoing storylines. From details like stark settings, intricate camerawork, and jarring music to the larger themes, including the roles of violence, place, self-change, legal ethics, and fan reactions, this companion book is perfect for those diehards who have watched the Emmy Award-winning series multiple times as well as for new viewers. *Wanna Cook?* elucidates without spoiling, and illuminates without nit-picking. A must-have for any fan’s collection.

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“Impressively comprehensive, a solid work recommended to devotees of Breaking Bad.” Publishers Weekly “This unofficial companion book is essential for fans of Breaking Bad and for those who want to learn more about what some have called the greatest television show.” Library Journal “Wanna Cook?” succeeds in no small part by being not only an excellent guide to fans of the show, but also a well-researched, authoritative and most importantly, entertaining re-examination of one of the best shows in the history of television.” Forces of Geek “The Only Guide You Will Ever Need” | Reading through the book, which grabbed me like a fiction bestseller, I constantly felt the need to pull out my DVDs and watch again as I read. This is literally a companion guide that needs to go right next to your complete series, and

be thumbed through, bookmarked and read as you view the show. *Wanna Cook?* is an interactive treasure you will read again and again, just like the show requires multiple viewings. I cannot recommend this book enough. • Biff Bam Pop!

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I approached this book with great trepidation, thinking it might be yet another quickie cash-in. Thankfully, this is everything I hoped it would be, and so much more. Not only is it a handy and informative episode guide, this hefty tome also delivers several insightful essays on what will soon be universally regarded as *The Greatest Television Show In The History of The Medium*. I cannot comprehend ANY fan of the show being disappointed with this well-researched, beautifully-assembled companion to *Breaking Bad*. Highly-recommended.

I thoroughly enjoyed this book. I am fascinated about hidden meanings and other people's take on what is happening in each episode. I was a latecomer to the series, I watched all 5 seasons in a month on Netflix. Each time I watched an episode I read the accompanying chapter. Each chapter assumes that is where you have watched up until and does not have spoilers. Then there are a few chapters that relate to the series as a whole and these have spoilers, so you simply read them after you're done with the series. Fun and comprehensive.

The book came out long after *Breaking Bad* wrapped last year, but I am delighted with it, and like the previous reviewer, it made me want to watch the series again, and I am doing so. The author breaks down each episode with interesting details, but very few spoilers. In addition to notable insights into each episode, it provides fascinating information on such subjects as chemistry, air traffic controlling, law enforcement, health insurance and so forth. It seems to be well-researched and informed, and is quite humorous in places. If you love *Breaking Bad*, you will Love this book!!

Great reviews and insight into each episode without giving too many spoilers (though some of the essays between the episodes might give away stuff so careful if you have not seen the whole

series.) There are a few suppositions by the author I disagree with but overall a great companion piece to go along with the best television program ever.

Got this for my wife who is obsessed with Breaking Bad. The book is not just a repeat of the series but offers some off the wall information concerning events, characters and places in the series. Lots of off the wall information and a great companion (as indicated in the books title) for any Breaking Bad nut.

I was looking for something a little deeper but I still enjoyed it. It's basically just an episode guide with a few essays mixed in, but the writing is quality. Definitely recommend unless you're a freak like me who wants to see every single little detail analyzed. In that case, Breaking Blue is the way to go.

Great companion to the series. Points out lots of little things I miss. Not a blow by blow synopsis of the action but rather an analysis of the script, camera angles, psychological aspects, character studies, etc. Makes the series even more enjoyable (if that's possible). If you're a Vince Gilligan fan you gotta have it.

If you are one of those people who realize that BREAKING BAD was THE greatest television drama ever produced, then this book is for you. There are other books out there but this one is the most detailed and informative and entertaining of all. A must for BREAKING BAD officianados.

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