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Review

"If you've been going through withdrawal since 'Breaking Bad' ended its TV run in 2013, here's a way to get a quick fix.

'Breaking Bad: The Official Book' (Sterling, \$19.95) is the ultimate fans' guide featuring a complete episode breakdown, hundreds of photos from the series and on the set, an extensive interview with showrunner Vince Gilligan, trivia (the Bad Chemistry Quiz offers posers like 'How many bodies have we seen dissolved in acid on screen?') and more.

The book, edited by film critic David Thomson, is broken down into seven chapters, starting with 'Elements Timeline,' which summarizes all five seasons of the show. 'Breaking Down Breaking Bad' takes a more analytic look at the series, including some of the show's influences, such as Brian De Palma's 'Scarface.' And 'Crystal Clear' is a visual treat that spotlights the show's striking cinematography.

There are also interviews with producers, a listing of the show's awards and nominations, interviews with the people who made all that 'Bad' music and many more Eureka moments." —*Newsday*

About the Author

David Thomson is an acclaimed author and film historian who has chronicled cinema's biggest celebrities. Considered one of the foremost film writers of our time, Thomson is a sought-after speaker and has been hailed as "the greatest living film critic and historian" by Benjamin Schwarz of the *Atlantic*. He is the author of *The New Biographical Dictionary of Film* (Knopf, now in its sixth edition) and *Hollywood: A Celebration* [DK], among other works. In early 2011, the *New Republic* named Thomson the columnist for its new online section, "At the Movies." He's also a contributor to the *New York Times, Film Comment, Movieline*, and Salon.com. Additionally, Thomson taught film studies at Dartmouth College and served on the selection committee for the New York Film Festival. He lives in San Francisco, CA.

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