
review

‘Breaking Bad’ prequel not at all disappppointing

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He never gets it right. James McGill tries and tries, but he just can’t get it right.

“Breaking Bad” fans know McGill better as shady lawyer, Saul. Before he was Saul, he was James McGill. Now he has his own show, “Better Call Saul.”

For those of you who live under a rock and never saw “Breaking Bad,” an AMC hit which ran for five years until 2013, it’s a show about a chemistry teacher who is diagnosed with cancer. Walter White starts to cook meth with one of his students, so he can leave his family money when he dies. However, he beats the big “C” and becomes a drug lord.

When I first heard there was going to be a spin-off of “Breaking Bad,” I wasn’t too thrilled. Spin-offs have to rival the original or exceed in every way. “Better Call Saul” does exactly that with the help of “Breaking Bad” creator Vince Gilligan.

Actor Robert John “Bob” Odenkirk continues in the role of Saul. He did a phenomenal job in “Breaking Bad” and fans can expect nothing less with “Better Call Saul.”



Two minutes in, and I was hooked. In the very first scene, shot in black and white with no audio, we see how far an aged Saul has fallen

since the events of “Breaking Bad.”

The story is just as elaborate. It gives James a past with the use of flashbacks in every other episode.

In his past, James served some jail time, then went to work at a law firm mailroom in an attempt to straighten out his life. He becomes a lawyer and tries to work at a law firm with his brother. While James loves his brother, who is actually allergic to electricity, it doesn’t always play the other way.

It would be cruel to give away what happens in the finale, but trust me, the writers know how to throw a curve ball. The finale put “Better Call Saul” into my top 10 favorite TV shows list.

“Breaking Bad” fans won’t be disappointed. A few of the characters “Bad” fans grew to love or hate have not been abandoned in this sequel. Mike, my favorite character, takes a lead role in “Better Call Saul.” I was so sad when Mike died so seeing him alive made me extremely happy.

What makes me even happier is that the show has been renewed for a second season, complete with 13 episodes. Unfortunately fans will have to wait until 2016, but “Saul” is worth the wait.