

The Best Television Shows of the 2008-2009 Season

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As you're no doubt aware, we here at PoopReading.com have been celebrating all the best that television had to offer during the 2008-2009 season. All four contributors produced their Ten Best lists (and heck, Mike's list of the shows he *doesn't* watch – "Lost," "It's Always Sunny in Philadelphia," "Dexter," "Weeds," "Life," "House," "Party Down," "Eastbound and Down," "Pushing Daisies," "Top Chef," "The Shield" and "How I Met Your Mother" – would have made a very serviceable Top 12 list in and of itself), and we've tallied up the results to give you, our dear reader(s?), the final, indisputable word on this year's best in TV.

Our lists, once again:

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10. "Worst Week"
9. "Top Chef"
8. "Chuck"
7. "How I Met Your Mother"
6. "The Office"
5. "House"
4. "The Shield"
3. "It's Always Sunny in Philadelphia"
2. "Dexter"
1. "30 Rock" Brandon
10. "South Park"
9. "Eastbound and Down"
8. "The Late Show with David Letterman"
7. "Party Down"
6. "The Office"
5. "Pushing Daisies"
4. "Mad Men"
3. "It's Always Sunny in Philadelphia"
2. "Lost"

1. "30 Rock" Jameson
10. "The Mentalist"
9. "The New Adventures of Old Christine"
8. "Life"
7. "The Colbert Report"
6. "Psych"
5. "The Office"
4. "House"
3. "Party Down"

2. "Dexter"

1. "30 Rock" Mike
10. "Scrubs"
9. "Pardon the Interruption"
8. "Charlie Rose"
7. "The Late Show with David Letterman"
6. "The Daily Show with Jon Stewart"
5. "The Colbert Report"
4. "Big Love"
3. "The Office"
2. "30 Rock"

1. "Mad Men" And now, based on a system whereby a show gets 10 points for appearing at the #1 spot on a list, nine points for #2, eight points for #3, and so on...

The Top Ten Shows of the 2008-2009 Television Season

10. (tie) "Big Love" (7 total points)
"The Late Show with David Letterman" (7 points)
"The Shield" (7 points)
9. "Lost" (9 points)
8. "The Colbert Report" (10 points)
7. "Party Down" (12 points)
6. "House" (13 points)

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5. "It's Always Sunny in Philadelphia" (16 points)
 4. "Mad Men" (17 points. It bears mentioning that on any other such list written by four TV connoisseurs of our status and renown, "Mad Men" would undoubtedly rank much higher. But, what are you gonna do?)
 3. "Dexter" (18 points)
 2. "The Office" (24 points)
 1. "30 Rock" (39 points; a near-perfect score, and one not likely to be topped. Not unless everybody else puts "Glee" at #1 next year, like I'm going to)
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