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"David Wild's insights on the world of television are so acute that his articles on South Park have often been our sole source in analyzing what we have done, and what we should try to do next."

-- Trey Parker, co-creator of *South Park*

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*The Showrunners* is the ultimate channel-surf through one tumultuous television season as seen by those who know the industry best--the creative "geniuses" who, for better and worse, make TV what it is today.

With candid and revealing interviews and vivid, behind-the-scenes drama, longtime *Rolling Stone* journalist and *New York Times* bestselling author David Wild demonstrates that today's real TV stars aren't the high-profile actors but rather the select few writers and producers identified by the networks as bankable televisionaries. Wild offers a riotous, informative guided tour through that TV twilight zone where art and commerce meet, and often butt heads, in an increasingly Darwinian marketplace.

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The trio behind *Friends* attempts to juggle three shows while keeping America's night of television must-see-worthy.

Paul Simms, the young Harvard-educated comic talent behind *NewsRadio*, copes with the death of Phil Hartman and endures a season from hell.

Renegade *South Park* creators Trey Parker and Matt Stone, the ultimate bad boys of TV bathroom humor, go where others fear to flush.

The producers of the critically acclaimed *Cupid* ask the age-old question: What is the sound of one viewer clapping?

The team that gave us *Party of Five* takes their "Love" on the road with a new spin-off for Jennifer Love Hewitt.

Exiled *Saturday Night Live* eccentric Norm Macdonald hooks up with The Drew Carey Show creator, Bruce Helford, and finds out whether he's ready for prime time.

Two former *Seinfeld* scribes, Peter Mehlman and Larry Charles, find that there is life after *Seinfeld*--not that there's anything wrong with that.

*The Showrunners* is a fascinating group portrait of what it really takes, at century's end, to live and die in

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