

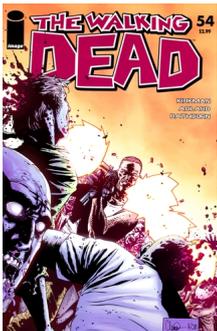
## Robert Kirkman talks "THE WALKING DEAD"

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Robert Kirkman, creator of the now wildly popular comic THE WALKING DEAD—currently being turned into an AMC original series with the help of THE GREEN MILE's Frank Darabont—recently spoke about the upcoming series, his own involvement and what fans can expect when the show hits cable in October. Check out some of what he had to say below...



[Ain't It Cool](#) News spoke to Kirkman, who revealed that not only will he be credited as creator, but count on him to do some heavy scripting for the series as well. As a matter of fact, the scribe penned THE WALKING DEAD's fourth show in the initial season's six episode run. "They are going to be shooting all summer for the first six episodes. Frank is in Atlanta right now doing prep, so he's kind of hard at it. They start shooting in, I think, a week," Kirkman says. "I'm actually writing the fourth episode, so I've been spending time in the writer's room and working with them plumbing out the season. I just turned in my outline for the fourth episode a week or so ago. I'm going to be pretty involved in the series up to the point of actually writing a few episodes here and there."

In regards to just how far the zombie carnage will extend on AMC, which is undoubtedly what WALKING DEAD and genre fans alike are itching to find out, Kirkman has some good news. "I think the best way to put it is if you have ever watched BREAKING BAD," he says. "They push the limit in BREAKING BAD quite often. There's severed heads on the back of turtles, there's liquefied bodies falling through ceilings, somebody just got their head blown off recently. I don't want to spoil anything, but there's very graphic nasty stuff that's on BREAKING BAD all of the time, and the thing that I was very excited to learn about AMC is that there is no limitation to

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how much of that you can have per episode or per hour or per minute. Anything you have seen in BREAKING BAD we can do every minute of our show. And then also there's a lot of things you can get away with, because they are zombies, so you will be seeing all kinds of cool stuff that you would expect to see in THE WALKING DEAD: THE TV SHOW. So while it isn't a pay cable channel, I think that people are still going to get what they want."

By now, most know that the ample blood the series' getting ready to spill will be handled by legendary makeup FX house KNB. Of Greg Nicotero's contributions, the writer says, "Nicotero has already been doing makeup tests on all of the zombies, and there's a bite test that I've seen. There's a head shot test... So there's all kinds of cool stuff that he's already done on the show that just looks amazing." He also adds that the zombies are very similar in tone and look to Charlie Adlard's illustrations in the original comic.

For much more on THE WALKING DEAD, including why it won't be in black & white like the book, check out Aint It Cool's [full Kirkman interview](#) and keep your eye on Fango for upcoming coverage.

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