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Surfing Thru "Gilmore Girls"

Satisfying and yet annoying. Amy Sherman-Palladino and her husband Daniel clearly poured their heart and souls into this season finale (which almost counts as a series finale since they won't be back). And they delivered a solid, well-written, well-acted, well-directed show. So why the hell has the series been so spotty and even lackluster the last two years? Nice openers and closers, nice bit of whimsy (the crush of street musicians) that was kept properly in the background as just light filler rather than being a major storyline the way they've been indulging themselves. One off moment: Emily Gilmore saying Christopher and the woman she hoped to set him up with looked like a shampoo ad. Huh? And Emily should be a little more subtle. She's not a fool. Rory's scene with Logan's dad was also very good. Instead of being a cartoonish villain who won't even visit his potentially dying son in the hospital, he's very reasonable and direct. (Making Rory -- who's been a pill -- look more like a fool than ever.) And if these plot twists were GENUINE plot twists, I'd be very satisfied indeed. But they're not genuine plot twists: they're just artificial stumbling blocks until the show ends right where we know they expect it to end -- with Luke and Lorelai together. Rory is almost unrecognizable -- bitching to Logan's father instead of just being polite and moving on. Is she really angry that Logan's family expects to spend time with him on his college graduation day and the night before he leaves for London? That's absurd. She chose not to be with them (understandably) but then waiting for him is the price you pay. And why is this smart, witty, independent girl behaving like a floozie -- she's part of Logan's empty world instead of helping him escape it, which is what he always wanted. She hangs out with his friends, drinks a lot, and throws a big dumb party hours before he goes away instead of arranging to spend every minute with him alone? Dressed up in a costume, inviting tons of people you barely know, drinking away -- this is Rory? Nice final teary scene, though.

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