

LUNA NOZAWA'S REIGN FINALLY ENDS ON "BOLD AND BEAUTIFUL!"

By Danny Jones

HOLLYWOOD—There are storylines that can be fun, and then there are storylines in the soap opera arena that simply frustrate you to the core. Can you guess which soap opera I'm referring to? I'm talking about "The Bold and the Beautiful." Gosh, they have beaten this narrative of Luna Nozawa like a dead horse, so much to the point that it has annoyed me to the core.

Look, Luna being revealed as the culprit that murdered Tom and Hollis and then later kidnapped Steffy and was ready to kill her also was fun. You know what wasn't fun: learning she was Finn's daughter that he never knew. It was like twist on-top of twist, as the audience soon discovered that Luna was pardoned from prison for committing 2 murders because Bill Spencer felt sorry for her. Make it make sense.

Luna loses it and goes on a rampage, nearly kidnapping Hayes, actually kidnapping his teacher and then pulling a gun on Sheila and Steffy. Sheila was shot, and Liam was shot. The audience finally thought the end was near when Luna was pronounced dead. Wait for it, she was NOT because Dr. Li decided to try to give her niece another shot at redemption from keeping her alive. Would Luna turn over a new leaf. Nope. She drugged and raped Will getting pregnant with his child in the process.

This led to Luna FINALLY getting thrown behind bars where the audience thought that was the end of her, but nope. She found a way to escape prison and went straight to Will begging for forgiveness. Will was livid, and so was Electra. People have already said this so it's not a stretch, but no one cares about the relationship between Will



Photo courtesy of Akira Hojo.

and Electra. The chemistry is NOT EXPLODING on the small screen despite the writers seeming to think otherwise.

Long story short, the hunt for Luna began and she fell over a cliff and into the water. She is presumed dead. Do you know what that means in the soap opera world? Luna Nozawa is not dead, the soap is just taking a break from the character, until she returns in the future. You should likely expect her to probably be caring a baby as well. Luna is a great liar so that tale about her miscarrying the baby with Will? Yeah, I don't know if I buy that? Would you?

Why am I bringing this up? It feels like "The Bold and the Beautiful" is seriously strug-

gling in the narrative department. The same storylines feel like they are being recycled over and over and over again.

First it was Luna, now it's likely to be Brooke, Ridge and Taylor with a mix of Deacon. Why? Taylor and Deacon have shared a few kisses and moments, and we all know Sheila is possessive as hell.

She has history with Taylor Hayes, history that almost left Taylor and Brooke dead because of Sheila shooting them. Do I want to see crazy Sheila unleashed again? Yeah, why? There are a lack of villains on daytime TV and the villains that we do have are of a new age, where they have to be 'reformed' from bad to good. I don't want to see that I want a

villain who is an actual villain and refuses to adhere to the norms, and if anything, they embrace their villainy to a point that is so riveting it makes TV must-see.

I'm not even about to chat about Liam and Hope because that was so unbelievable. One minute you're engaged to Carter and like 2 seconds later you've cut off the engagement, professed your love to Liam and now you guys are engaged? Yeah, I wanted to see those two back together, but c'mon, the writing here was just so sloppy and bad. Maybe we need some new characters in the mix to shake the plots up a bit and bring excitement back to a soap opera that used to be so much fun to watch.

HOW MUCH LIGHT DO YOU REALLY NEED?

By Staff

UNITED STATES—Shopping for lighting used to be all about watts. Today, most fixtures and bulbs are LED, and the more important number on the box is lumens. Lumens tell you how much light you actually get, not how much power the bulb uses. Once you know how to read that number, it becomes much easier to choose fixtures that are bright enough without feeling harsh.

This guide breaks down lumens in plain language and gives practical ranges for common rooms, so you can plan lighting that fits real life at home.

What Are Lumens, Exactly? Lumens measure the total amount of visible light from a bulb or fixture. More lumens mean a brighter light source, fewer lumens mean a dimmer one. For example:

- A small LED night light might be around 20-50 lumens.

- A typical LED bulb for lamps might be 600-800 lumens.

- A strong LED for task work might be 1,000 lumens or more.

Instead of asking "How many watts do I need?", it is better to ask "How many lumens do I need in this room?"

Step 1: Know Your Room Size

The easiest way to estimate how much light you need is to: Measure the length and width of the room in feet.

- Multiply those numbers to get the square footage.

For example, a 12 ft by 15 ft living room is:

12 x 15 = 180 square feet

Once you know the area, you can apply a simple lumen range for that type of room.

Step 2: Use Simple Lumen Ranges By Room Type

Every room has a different job. A kitchen where you chop vegetables and read labels needs more light than a bedroom where you wind down at night. Below are practical ranges that work well in most homes. They assume a mix of ceiling lights, wall lights, and lamps, not just one fixture.

Living Room
Recommended total: roughly 10-20 lumens per square foot

For the 180 sq ft living room example:
180 x 10-20 lumens = 1,800-3,600 total lumens



Photo courtesy of Seus Lighting.

That total might come from:

- One main ceiling fixture around 1,200-2,000 lumens, plus
- Two or three lamps adding another 600-1,000 lumens each.

Kitchen (General Area)
Recommended total: roughly 20-30 lumens per square foot

For a 10 ft by 12 ft kitchen (120 sq ft):
120 x 20-30 lumens = 2,400-3,600 total lumens

This usually comes from recessed lights or a central fixture plus under cabinet lighting and maybe a pendant or two.

Kitchen Island Or Work Surface
Recommended task level: often closer to 35-50 lumens per square foot directly over the work area

You do not need this level across the whole room, only where you chop, prepare, and cook.

Dining Room
Recommended total: roughly 10-20 lumens per square foot

Use the higher end of the range if walls and furniture are dark. A dimmer is very helpful here so you can brighten for homework or board games and lower the level for meals.

Bedroom
Recommended total: roughly 10-20 lumens per square foot

Bedrooms do not need the same intensity as a kitchen. Many people prefer a softer, layered approach:

- A modest ceiling light for cleaning and getting dressed.
- Bedside lamps or wall lights for reading.
- Optional accent light in a corner or near a chair.

Bathroom
Recommended total: roughly 20-30 lumens per square

foot

In bathrooms, the key is lighting the face well for grooming and makeup. That often means:

- A bright vanity light at eye level or above the mirror.
- A separate ceiling light or recessed lights for general brightness.

Hallways And Entryways
Recommended total: roughly 5-15 lumens per square foot

These areas do not need task level brightness, but they should not feel like tunnels either. Slightly brighter entries help a home feel more welcoming, especially for guests and buyers.

Step 3: Adjust For Your Home's Real Conditions
The ranges above are starting points. You can adjust up or down depending on:

- Wall color: Dark walls absorb more light, so you may want the higher end of the range.
- Ceiling height: Very high ceilings usually need more total lumens to feel balanced.
- Natural light: Rooms with big windows can get by with fewer lumens during the day but still need a solid plan for evening.
- Age and eyesight: People who read and work a lot at home or who prefer stronger light may want a bit more in key rooms.

Step 4: Think In Layers, Not One Fixture
The total lumens for a room should come from several sources, not just a single ceiling light. A typical mix might be:

- Ceiling fixture: Provides overall brightness.
- Lamps: Add comfortable light near seating and beds.
- Wall lights or under cabinet lighting: Add task and accent light where needed.

If you know your target lumen range, you can choose a main fixture that covers a good portion and then fill the rest with lamps and accent pieces.

Step 5: Use Dimmers To Give Each Room Range

Even with the right lumen levels, you will not want maximum brightness at every moment. A dimmer lets you treat your total lumens like the upper limit and then adjust downward:

- Fuller brightness for cleaning, cooking, and projects.
- Medium levels for everyday use.
- Lower levels at night for relaxing or watching TV.

With dimmable LED fixtures and a sensible lumen plan, each room can handle both task work and quiet evenings without feeling either washed out or underlit.

Quick Lumen Planning Checklist
Before buying your next fixture or bulb, run through this short list:

1. Measure the room and calculate square footage.
2. Pick a lumen range that fits the room type (living, kitchen, bedroom, bath, hallway).
3. Decide how much of that total will come from the main ceiling light.
4. Add lamps and wall lights to reach the remaining lumens in a comfortable way.
5. Choose bulb color temperatures that match your goals: warmer for relaxing, slightly cooler for tasks.
6. Include dimmers where possible so you can fine tune levels day to day.

Ready To Put Your Lumen Plan To Use?
Understanding lumens turns lighting from guesswork into a simple, repeatable process. Once you know how much light you need and how you want it to feel, choosing fixtures and bulbs becomes far easier. You can apply these ranges to any room in your home and build a setup that looks good, functions well, and fits your routine.

If you are planning new fixtures along with better bulbs, you can find inspiration and options at Seus Lighting for chandeliers and lights. A clear lumen plan combined with well chosen pieces helps each room feel balanced from the switch on.

TRYING SOMETHING NEW: READING

By Danny Jones

UNITED STATES—As of late, I have been doing my absolute best to find ways to find inner peace. How can that best be done? Doing something that provides you an escape. For me that used to be movie watching, but that's a problem as of late because I'm always distracted. I can only watch a movie without a distraction at a movie theater. As soon as I try to watch movie at home, someone wants something, people are text messaging me to death; I can't enjoy the movie like I would hope.

With that said, I'm doing something I never expected, I've started reading actual books again. I swore I would never do this. Why? I majored in English as an undergraduate in college. I read so many books, whenever someone asked me if I'm reading anything I would respond: "I've done enough reading in my life that I don't have to ever read again."

It really is the truth. How so? Imagine taking 5 English classes in a single semester and for each course, you have



Photo courtesy of Blaz Photo.

AT LEAST 5 novels if not more to read. I think one semester had a total of like 35 books I had to read between all of my classes; that was just one semester, now span that over 4 years, a lot of reading America.

However, a new book about one of my favorite TV shows is the prompt for this. I have been eagerly waiting for this book to come out for the past 3 to 4 months. Why? Who better to talk about a show I desperately enjoy than an expert about the series. The book is being released on Tuesday, No-

vember 5 and as a result I cannot wait to crack this book open and start reading. I'm referring to "Behind the Mirror: Inside the World of Big Brother."

This reality series has been a guilty pleasure of mine since season 1. I have watched every single season, even the ones that were dreadful and I have no clue how I got thru them. I am referring to "Big Brother 15," "Big Brother 19," "Big Brother 21" and the God awful "Big Brother 22." Rarely do books allow me to transport

into their actual world, so I'm truly hoping this read of this book does just that. Where I become so enveloped into a book all the outside noise completely disappears for an hour, two hours or however long it takes me to finish reading the book.

Can I read a book in one sitting? Yes, but it has a hook that grabs me and refuses to let go. If it doesn't do that, there is not much I can do America. I hate trying to push myself to read a book, so if the book is an easy read, plus an escape that is a double whammy for me. I can immerse myself in that world and visually imagine the words with actual pictures in my mind that is an exhilarating feeling.

Gosh, if you would have told me 10 years ago, I would be reading books again. I would be laughing in your face. However, you can never knock something until you try it. Don't worry, I will do a full review of "Behind the Mirror: Inside the World of Big Brother" once I complete the book for all our readers.

ROAD TRIP READY: AMERICA'S LUCKIEST RV PARKS

By Danny Jones

UNITED STATES—RV travel walks a line between routine and chance. You pick a park for the hookups and the view, then discover the lounge has a decent band and the casino next door is livelier than expected. A fresh data look at casino-adjacent RV parks tries to quantify that spark by tracking how often guests mention luck and happiness. The result reads like a ready-made itinerary for anyone who enjoys a short stroll from campground to casino.

The idea is simple enough. If reviewers repeatedly use words like luck, lucky, and happy, maybe the vibe delivers more often than not. It is not a crystal ball for jackpots; it is a mood meter, and that can be just as useful when you are planning a route and chasing a good night.

Understanding the Lucky Review Percentage

Researchers at Gambling.com, an affiliate that recommends reputable online casinos, analyzed Tripadvisor reviews for 46 RV parks located beside or within easy reach of US casinos. They searched for words such as luck, lucky, and happy, then calculated the share of each park's reviews that used those terms. That share is the Lucky Review Percentage, a fast proxy for where the good times seem to cluster.

No metric captures the whole experience, and this one doesn't either. It does not tell you about table limits, kitchen hours, or whether your neighbor keeps the generator quiet.

There is a small-town rhythm here that suits RV life. Daylight hours lean easily toward bikeable riverfront paths and museum stops, then the neon hum comes on after dinner. It is not flashy, it is close, and the reviews keep circling back to that sense of something going right.

Chasing Pack: Konocti Vista and Black Oak
Konocti Vista RV Park and the RV Park at Black Oak Casino Resort take second and third. Both land in the low teens on the luck-language scale, a strong showing, just not quite Century's gap-making pace. They pull for different reasons. One folds into lake mornings and wine-country afternoons. The other plays well with foothill hikes and a tidy casino floor.

What they share is a repeatable feeling. Reviewers mention friendly staff, better-than-expected plates, and short walks that make an early night simple. If you are stitching a Western swing, these two make sturdy corner posts.

Depth in the Middle
Angel of the Winds Casino Resort ranks fourth at just under 10%, a clean, efficient

stop with a good spread of dining options and a reputation for helpful staff. Desert View RV Resort follows at fifth and leans into open skies and quiet hours that hold.

Spirit Mountain and 12 Tribes Omak take sixth and seventh, both a shade over eight percent. These are the parks that make a route feel smooth. Not headline makers, just well-run bases where the walk to the floor is short, and the returns to the rig is shorter, and mornings arrive without fuss.

Closing out the top 10
Wildhorse Resort & Casino RV Park checks in at eighth. Wind Eagle View at Fort McDowell lands ninth. Tenth is a three-way tie among Little River Casino Resort RV Park, the RV Park at Rolling Hills Casino and Resort, and Nevada Treasure RV Resort. All sit around the seven percent mark, which is another way of saying the language of luck is present, only softer around the edges.

For planners, that still matters. A cluster of seven percent parks along your path can be more practical than a detour to a top two, especially if you value quiet and easy parking over a larger floor.

Notable Near Miss: Wind Creek Atmore
Just outside the Top 10, Wind Creek Atmore posts the highest raw count of luck-keywords across the sample. The property is expansive, with more than 1,700 games, a spa, an outdoor amphitheater, family-friendly amenities, movies, and ice cream. The percentage share did not match the leader, but volume indicates buzz. If you want energy, put a pin here.

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Photo courtesy of Hanson Lu.

9. Wind Eagle View RV Resort Asah Gweh Out-o at Fort McDowell (AZ) 7.5%

10. Little River / Rolling Hills / Nevada Treasure (tie) 7.4%

The No.1 Luckiest RV Park in the US

The leader sits beside a riverboat on the Mississippi. Century posts a Lucky Review Percentage in the mid twenties, comfortably clear of the field. The casino footprint is focused, with more than 500 machines and nine tables, including roulette, craps, and blackjack.

Convenience is a big part of the pull. Park up, take a short walk to play, then return to a quiet site by the water.

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lock your dates.
How to use the ranking system

The Lucky Review Percentage does not replace your taste; it adds context. If your route already runs through the Midwest, penciling in Century makes sense. Heading west, Black Oak pairs neatly with national parks and small town diners. If you are mapping a Pacific Northwest loop, Angel of the Winds and Wildhorse help you string together nights with short, safe walks to the floor.

Treat the list like a nudge, not a rulebook. The best RV trips collect detours. The best camp coffee often comes after a little noise and a good sleep.

Regional notes on the luckiest RV parks
Midwest: Century's river setting pairs well with bikeable riverfronts and small museums. Expect humid evenings in summer and crisp shoulder seasons that make campfire nights easy.

California: Konocti Vista and Black Oak can slot into wine country drives or foothill hikes. Check elevation, fire restrictions, and whether you want a pull-through before you book.

Pacific Northwest: Angel of the Winds and Wildhorse fit a loop that includes both coast and desert. The weather swings quickly. Build flex days into your route so luck has time to show up.

Data Caveats
A percentage built on keywords will not capture table limits, drink comps, or your own run of cards. It does capture mood over time, which is what most of us are looking for when we plan a trip we want to enjoy.

If a park you love didn't make the Top 10, that could be due to sample size, seasonality, or simple variance in how people write reviews. Read the list as signal, not scripture, then layer in your non-negotiables.

Planning checklist
Set a budget for the floor. Pick a quiet section of the park. Confirm pet rules.

Check the walk or shuttle to the casino, especially at night.
Block one flex day. The best stories tend to arrive when you are not rushing.

Source: America's Luckiest RV Parks, Gambling.com research.

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