

Ghosted : The unanswered questions

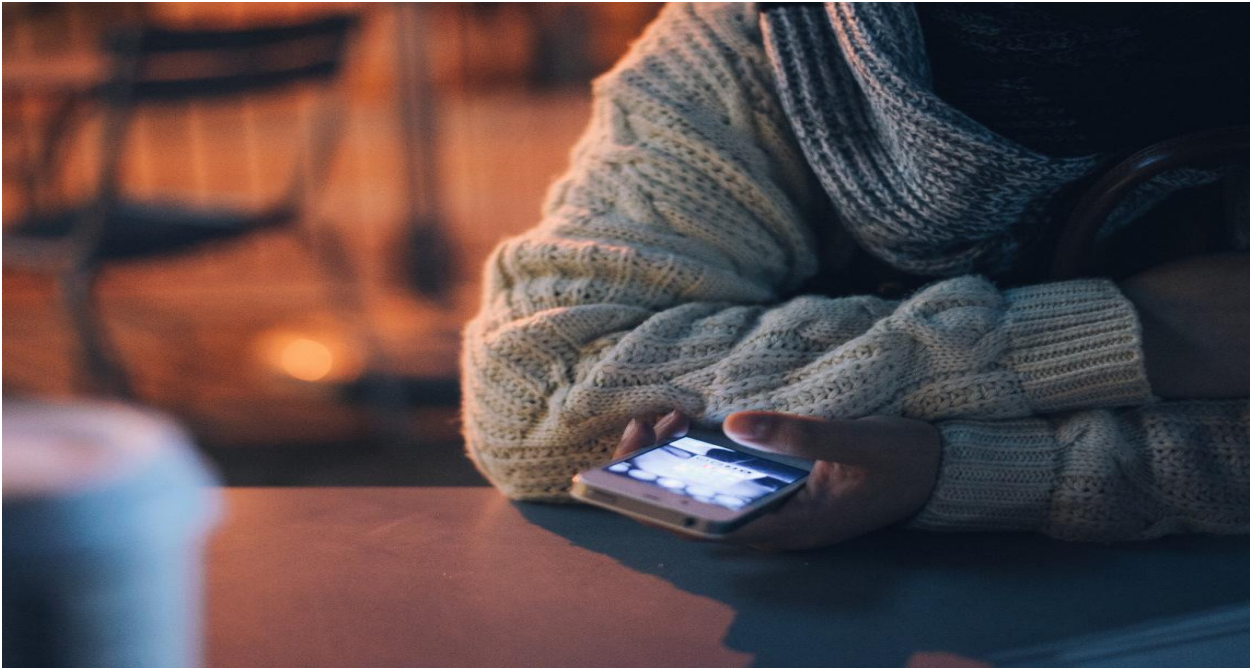


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Ever dated someone and thought things were going in the right direction? Then one day, out of the blue, you stop getting phone calls or text messages from this person, and when you try to communicate with them, they stop responding. Well, welcome to ghosting: when someone you're dating cuts you off completely without any explanation. In other words, being cold and not caring about the other person's feelings.

Millennials have the pressures of school and getting a career. We tend to focus on ourselves, and when it comes to dating, that's a different story. At times, the best option is not to respond to the messages or calls and hopes they will get the clue. The older people get, you'd think they're mature enough to have an honest adult conversation.

Everyone has their personal story of being ghosted, and here is mine. I met this guy in April of 2015, but I didn't start hanging out with him until that summer. During summer 2015, we both had our own issues to deal with and nothing progressed that year. Even though we didn't see each other for about ten months, from time to time, I initiated communication and

texted him to see how he was doing. Everything changed this year at a friend's graduation party in May. We both crossed paths once more and I took advantage of it. As the previous history between us taught me, things never ended how I wanted, but I took the risk once more. I was just happy to get one more opportunity. He was my summer and all I wanted. Then fall came along and things were about to change, and I wasn't ready, but then again, no one can really be prepared to be ghosted.

On a Sunday night I text him about a concert he said yes to months prior, but I got no answer. I made nothing of it. A couple days later I send another text message and get no response once more. I made excuses as to why he wasn't responding. The reality of it is he has the option to ignore me, and he did. The hardest part of being ghosted is the unanswered questions. I've dated guys who weren't interested anymore, but I'd get my closure. In this case I still don't know what went wrong, but none of that is relevant anymore. When someone decides to ghost you it says more about their character than yours.

If you've gone through something like this, I understand it can be difficult to get a grasp of the situation. You question yourself and why this person didn't care enough about you or why they act like you never existed in their lives. Why this person didn't at least have the decency to call or text to let you know this wasn't going to work anymore. I don't believe that this is my fault, and this isn't your fault either. If they were willing to ignore you and make you feel this way, that person didn't have your best interest. You don't need that type of person in your life.

The next step is moving on. I always look at the bright side of situations and focus on the people who appreciate me. If he ever ends up reading this article, I want you to know that I hope no one ever does this to you, and you never do this to anyone else again.