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## Why cult hit Stranger Things is a must watch: Netflix we owe you our lives!

If you're still a stranger to this show, where have you been?

Having the title of [most streamed show of 2022](#) tells you all you need to know about this cult hit by [The Duffer Brothers](#). With its first episode airing in 2016, this show has had a loyal following ever since, with its final season currently being filmed. This show will star some of your favourite actors and I assure you this can be binged in one week!

I've curated a list of 5 reasons for why you need to watch this show before Season 5 airs in 2025.

### 1.Nostalgia no like other

Stranger Things arguably achieved its cult status through its nostalgic appeal. Set in a suburban American town in the 1980s, Stranger Things will transport you right back to that time. There are multiple references throughout that really heighten this 80s era vibe such as the fashion and soundtrack, with big hit 'running up that hill' [reaching the charts again in 2022](#) following the popular scene whereby Max is cursed by Vecna and the only thing that can successfully snap her back into reality is her favourite music. Whilst this relates more to the shows mainstream reach, it's certainly still a cult hit with its hardcore fanbase.

There are also multiple links to cult classic movies, my personal favourite being [The Goonies](#) bike scene, both depictions see a friendship group go cycling in order to find something. The scene in



Stranger Things where they are trying to find their missing friend Will Byers parallels the scene in The Goonies where the group of friends are looking for treasure.

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## 2. The Sci-fi/mystical genre will have you hooked

Stranger Things has a storyline for everyone, whether that be the sci-fi element of the mystical creatures or the love stories that take place between various characters. This coming-of-age series will have you hooked with its horror and pillow gripping scenes. I remember being on the edge of my seat anticipating Eleven and One's dramatic head-to-head during season four.

Although the series is sci-fi heavy with the creation of an entirely new universe full of mysterious, deadly creatures, the escapism element of the show is still there. You will truly find yourself becoming entranced as multiple episodes pass you by.



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## 3.It is Quality TV

There is no denying that when Netflix put there all into a show, it has fans mesmerised. The production value for Stranger Things even takes the Netflix top spot, being the most [‘expensive Netflix original as of 2023’](#). The scenes capture your attention with their brilliance as the special effects and Elevens’ powers are crafted so well that they appear to be extremely realistic.

The creation of Jamie Campbell Bower’s Vecna, the upside down and the mind lair, to a name a few, are some of season four’s special FX masterpieces, earning them an Emmy award for [‘outstanding prosthetic makeup’](#) and their third nomination in a row for [‘outstanding visual effects’](#).

You may be surprised to know that Vecna’s costume took [7.5 hours to apply](#) each time he appeared in a scene, which The Duffer Brother’s revealed was [25 consecutive days](#). This uncovers a lot about



the integrity of the show as the producers want to give their committed fans a truly immersive experience, putting a lot of money and hours into production.

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## 4. It has created a community

The universe of Stranger Things has taken over our own universe, with many fans now attending conventions and designating reddit pages and websites to the show. It's dedicated and passionate fanbase is not something you will want to miss out on.

Although its cult following is now entering mainstream media and taking over pop culture as a result



of the show's success, there is still an intimate relationship between the show and its fans. You will feel a part of a community when you watch this show; you can definitely debate in the Twitter comments about this one.

The pop culture element is also fun to witness, there is no doubt we've all come across an Eleven knocking at our door on

Halloween saying, 'trick or treat'.

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## 5. The Cast

Last but certainly not least, the cast contribute a significant amount to the show's cult following, making it an incredible show. This was evidenced early on when Stranger Things achieved an [Emmy for their casting in season one](#).

This show has seen stars redirecting the course of their career, such as Winona Ryder who plays Joyce Byers. This was Ryder's [TV debut](#) as Joyce who made season one the emotional rollercoaster it was, playing the devastated mother who had lost her son. The Christmas lights scene being one of the biggest stand-out moments of that season.

Stranger Things has also promoted new up and coming actors such as Millie Bobby Brown, although not her first appearance in Hollywood, it is arguably this show that has elevated her to being the star she is now. Considering that she was only 12 years old when she first portrayed the character of Eleven, she nailed the role. In fact, she was so dedicated, she shaved her hair off! I can't say my 12-year-old self would have been so brave.

There is also this fantastic relationship between characters both on and off screen, my personal favourite being Dustin and Steve's bromance. Their comedic timing is impeccable and their love for one another is heartwarming. Following season 2 airing, [Netflix revealed](#) this was never planned yet just stemmed naturally from their friendship off screen. AWW.

The dynamic between Millie Bobby Brown and Noah Schnapp in their personal lives is also very endearing, with several clips from their Instagram lives going viral for their hilarious interactions. This element to the show is really refreshing for fans to see and relate to, bringing them even closer to the show and its cast, cementing the show's status as a modern cult classic.



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While the rest of the world is keenly awaiting the release of season five, this is the chance for everyone else to catch up. If you don't feel inclined to watch it after this then maybe it's just not the show for you, but the hype surrounding this cult hit is there for a reason!



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