

Stranger Things Finale: Did Things End Up Being Rightside Up?

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the Stranger Things ending is when one of the main characters, Eleven (also known as Jane), ultimately sacrifices herself to save her friends and the city of Hawkins, Indiana. Many readers were distraught by the Duffer brothers (the directors of Stranger Things) making this choice, as Eleven had been such a crucial character to the show and has worked her way into becoming the favorite character of many fans. While heartbreaking for many fans, Eleven's death reinforces the show's central theme of love and selflessness.

"The finale reminds us why we fell in love with these kids in the first place"

On a more positive note, the ending of the final episode brings the characters back to something more familiar: playing Dungeons and Dragons. Key components of the show, like the upside down, demogorgons, Vecna, and more, were all named after fictional characters and places of the game Dungeons and Dragons.

When Mike, Will, Lucas, Dustin, and Max were done playing their final round of the game, Mike's younger sister Holly and her friends stormed into the base-

ment, yelling "You said you'd be done an hour ago!" This ending is bittersweet, as it shows that the original characters are closing their chapters, while the younger characters are just beginning.

Throughout its final season, the show also leans heavily into nostalgia, reminding viewers how far these characters have come. Flashbacks to earlier seasons, familiar music cues, and recreated shots from past episodes create a sense of reflection. These choices feel intentional.

The Duffer Brothers highlight the passage of time, both for the characters and for the audience who grew up alongside them. By slowing down to acknowledge the

and what it has become. After fighting off supernatural villains for the final time, the team finally feels safe in the city of Hawkins. They graduate high school and pursue their dreams.

Ultimately, the finale of Stranger Things is best described as touching rather than flawed. Viewers are left with a powerful mix of sorrow and hope, reminding them why the show lasted almost 10 years. Although the ending may not satisfy every expectation, it provides meaningful closure by honoring the characters' endless sacrifices, growth, and friendships.



After 5 seasons, 42 episodes, and almost 10 years, the hit Netflix TV show Stranger Things has come to an end. For years fans watched the supernatural mysteries of Hawkins, Indiana unfold while growing attached to the show and the cast itself. Not surprisingly, Many fans had their own opinions about the ending, whether they were good or bad.

Some people felt that the ending was rushed and unsatisfying, while others feel that the ending was perfect and fitting. So, was the conclusion of Stranger Things an emotional cin-

Critical reviews of Stranger Things also gave mixed reviews, with Script Magazine saying both, "The writing this season often feels messy and over-explained," and "Visually and technically, the season is impressive.

The finale offers several striking set pieces, and the production value is undeniably massive." The contrast from both fans and critics shows how diverse and versatile the show was, as there was something for everyone to like and dislike. Although many people disliked specific parts of it, there is a lot to like about the finale.

One of the most controversial moments of

journey, the finale encourages viewers to think about what Hawkins once was

ELEVEN AND VECNA Ready to face their final duel with one another.
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