

The one where people continue to watch *Friends*

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The TV sitcom *Friends* has been a hit since 1994, with people obsessed with the characters: Chandler, Joey, Ross, Phoebe, Rachel, and Monica. The characters all have very different personalities and people usually relate to one of them. This makes them feel a lot more connected to the show. The show was just picked up by Nick at Night once again for millions to keep enjoying. Other companies still play it as well such as TBS. It has been noticed that the show has been watched by a younger audience lately. This is helping families get to spend time together watching a show that they all enjoy. It has been over 25 years since the first episode came out on TV. People continue to rewatch what they were watching in their childhoods and get to relive that feeling.

When Nikki Morton started watching *Friends*, she was a young teenager and she finished the show when it ended in 2004. She said, "It was a show that me and my sister could watch together for hours." For many people the show was something they could watch with their friends and family and all enjoy. She remembers Monica Geller as her favorite character because the character has OCD in the show and she said, "I was happy to see that I wasn't the only person like that." She also liked the drama between the couples in the friend group. Mrs. Morton's view on younger generations continuing to watch *Friends* is, "I love to see that the show is being as enjoyed as much as me and my siblings enjoyed it." She continues to watch the show on Nick at Night occasionally and to love it.

A teenager, Payge Silvis, also got caught up in the show *Friends* about two years ago on Netflix. She watched a few episodes on Nick at Night and she then decided to watch the show in

order on Netflix. She says, "I watched it straight through twice. I loved it so much!" Her favorite character is Rachel Green, because, "I love Jennifer Aniston, she is my #1 celebrity crush." Jennifer Aniston plays Rachel Green in the show. Silvis owns the entire series on DVD now though so that if it ever comes off air she will forever have it. She says she would tell people that haven't watched it, "It is easily one of the funniest heartfelt shows and there is a lesson in every episode. It never gets old." She easily felt like she connected with the show because it had her dream group of friends. She adds that, "she wishes that she could have watched it when it first came out." This is definitely a show she will never forget.

Nick at Night has allowed people to continue to watch this funny, romantic, heartwarming show. Mrs. Morton and Payge Silvis are very thankful that Nick at Night has given other people an opportunity to see what they have both loved. Hopefully, *Friends* will be watched by many more new people for years to come.