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The film was released on [video on demand](#) on December 31, 2024 in the United States.^[222] It was released on [4K Blu-ray](#), [Blu-Ray](#), and [DVD](#) on February 4, 2025 by [Universal Pictures Home Entertainment](#). Both the digital and physical releases contain the theatrical and sing-along versions of the film along with bonus features such as extended and deleted scenes and behind-the-scenes featurettes.^{[223][224]} The film will be released on [Peacock](#) on March 21, 2025.^[225]

Reception

Box office

Pre-release

Tickets for *Wicked* went on sale on October 9, 2024, the day after [Paramount Pictures](#) released their tickets for *Gladiator II*. On October 10, [Fandango](#) reported that the film became the site's number 2 first-day ticket pre-seller of 2024, behind [Marvel Studios'](#) *Deadpool & Wolverine*, as well as the best PG-rated first-day ticket pre-seller of the year and the number 3 best PG-rated first-day ticket pre-seller of all time, behind *Frozen 2* and the 2019 remake of *The Lion King* (both from [Disney](#)).^[226] According to *Deadline Hollywood*, Quorum projected *Wicked* to gross \$67–74 million in its domestic opening weekend, while *Box Office Theory* projected it would gross \$96–150 million and *Boxoffice Pro* projected it would be \$100–125 million, topping the box office ahead of *Gladiator II*. Initial skepticism was directed towards the notion that musical films post-pandemic would not be profitable.^{[227][228][229]} By the week of its release, projections were raised to a \$165–200 million worldwide opening (and \$125–150 million domestically), with positive word-of-mouth and the film's awards season buzz cited as the reasons.^[230]



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In 1980s Indiana, a group of young friends witness supernatural forces and secret government exploits. As they search for answers, the children unravel a series of extraordinary mysteries.

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Writers: [Matt Duffer](#), [Ross Duffer](#), [Jessie Nickson-](#)

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Release

The first season consisted of eight one-hour-long episodes which were released worldwide on Netflix on July 15, 2016,^[82] in **Ultra HD 4K**. The second season, consisting of nine episodes, was released on October 27, 2017, in HDR.^{[83][84]} The third season once again consists of eight episodes,^[85] and was released on July 4, 2019.^[86] The fourth season, consisting of nine episodes, was released in two volumes on May 27 and July 1, 2022, respectively.^{[87][88][89]} In February 2022, Netflix renewed the series for a fifth and final season.^[90]

Shortly after the fourth season's release, viewers reported that Will's friends did not acknowledge his birthday in an episode of the season that took place on that day. The Duffers said in an interview that they could rectify the matter by changing its month, which they called "George Lucas-ing the situation", in reference to the **canon changes** that **George Lucas** had made to the original *Star Wars* trilogy to match what the prequel trilogy had added.^[91] Some viewers took this to imply that scenes from earlier seasons were also being edited, including one scene where Jonathan takes discreet pictures of a pool party that Steve, Nancy, and Barbara are holding. The writers stated that "no scenes from previous seasons have ever been cut or re-edited", including this scene.^[91]

Home media

The first season of *Stranger Things* was released on a Blu-ray/DVD combo pack exclusively to **Target** retailers on October 17, 2017, and the same for the 4K/Blu-ray combo pack on November 15, 2017, both of which includes vintage **CBS-FOX** VHS-inspired packaging.^{[92][93]} The second season received a similar release on November 6, 2018.^{[94][95]}

Reception

Audience viewership

Netflix did not initially reveal subscriber viewership numbers for their original series, and **Symphony Technology Group** compiled data for the season based on people using software on their phones that measures television viewing by detecting a program's sound. According to Symphony, within the first 35 days of release, *Stranger Things* averaged ratings of around 14.07 million adults between the ages of 18–49 in the United States. This made it the third most-watched season of Netflix original content in the U.S. at the time behind the first season of *Fuller House* and **fourth season** of *Orange Is the New Black*.^[96] In a September 2016 analysis, Netflix found that *Stranger Things* "hooked" viewers by the second episode of the first season, indicating that the second episode was "the first installment that led at least 70 percent of viewers who watched that episode to complete the entire first season of a show."^[97]

For the third season, Netflix revealed that the show had broken viewing records for Netflix, with 40.7 million households having watched the show in its first four days, and 18.2 million already



Winona Ryder (left) was nominated for Golden Globe Award, Satellite Award and Screen Actors Guild Award, while Millie Bobby Brown (right) was nominated for two Screen Actors Guild Awards in the same category and two **Primetime Emmy Awards**.

No mention
of Seasons
3 or 4—
because
they have
not been
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Our first deep dive into unauthorized DVDs—Grace and Frankie



Grace and Frankie

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Jane Fonda
Grace



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Frankie



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They're not friends, but when their husbands leave them for each other, proper **Grace** and eccentric **Frankie** begin to bond in this Emmy-nominated series.

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For as long as they have been rivals. Their relationship has been on a roller coaster, however, when they have fallen in love and married. As everything falls apart, the only thing that remains is their love.

First episode date:
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Nominations: [Primetime Emmy Awards](#)

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No mention of seasons 3-7—these have never been released

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Delivery: Physical **Media:** DVD- 3 discs **Rating:** NR **Length:** 389 minutes**Publisher:** Skydance Productions, LLC. **Production Year:** 2016 **Country:** United States**Director:** Tate Taylor, Tristram Shapeero, Dennie Gordon, Matt Shakman, Miguel Arteta, Andrew McCarthy, Julie Anne Robinson, Dean Parisol**Starring:** Jane Fonda, Lily Tomlin, Martin Sheen, Sam Waterston, June Diane Raphael, Brooklyn Decker, Ethan Embry, Baron Vaughn**Language:** ENGLISH **Subtitles:****Genre:** Comedy**Synopsis:**

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Starring: [Jane Fonda](#), [Lily Tomlin](#), [Sam Waterston](#)

Writer: [Marta Kauffman](#), [Howard J. Morris](#)

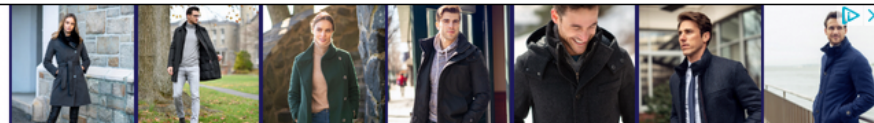
In Theaters: May 8, 2015

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After dedicating their lives to their families, Grace and Frankie find out their husbands have been having an affair for the last 20 years. Their lives have been intermingled with their husbands as business partners and their children growing up together, but they've barely tolerated each other all these years. Now they find themselves learning to share a home, developing a new and strong kinship with each other, questioning their past and future and navigating the relationships between their families as their ex-husbands have moved in together and are planning their married life, creating new dynamics within both families.

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imdb: 8.2

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Jane Fonda

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Sam Waterston

June Diane Raphael

Ethan Embry

Brooklyn Decker

Baron Vaughn

Overview

Grace and Frankie's husbands are business partners that come out of the closet after many years of a secret affair. Grace and Frankie become housemates, each with very different lifestyles. Their grown children adapt to this new parental situation as their fathers desire to marry. Grace and Frankie look to learn ways to adapt to being single as seniors. Grace and Frankie is a modern day seniors plot that focuses on current social dilemmas using a comic style. Current day issues addressed is the blending of conservative and liberal lifestyles, gay lifestyles, interracial families, senior dating, and woman in business.

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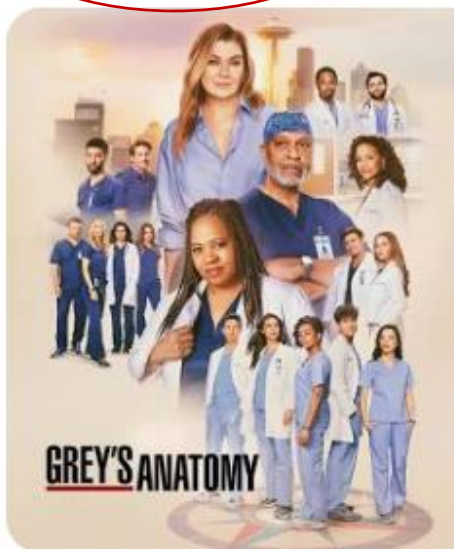
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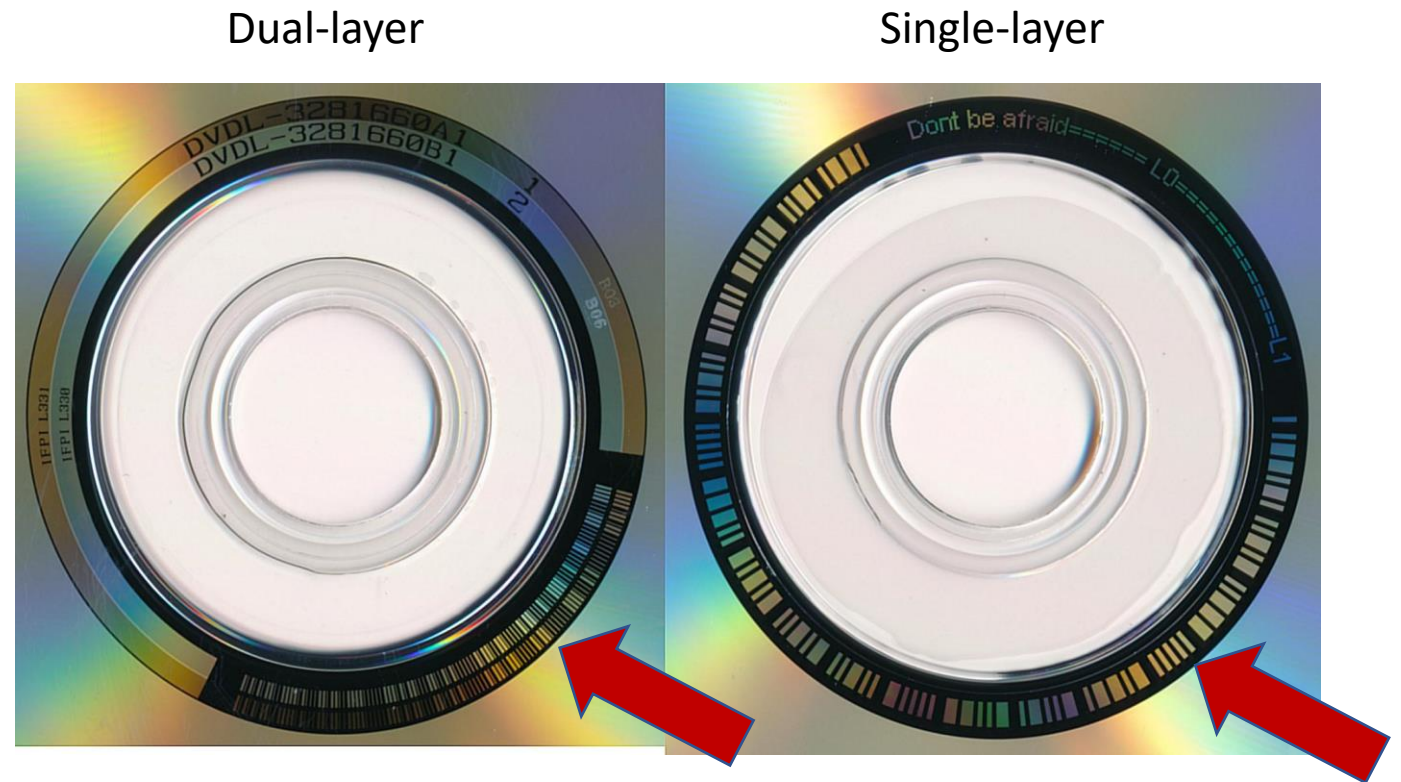


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- Some films are released only to DVD or Blu-ray and not both
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