

Netflix to Release Four-Part "Gilmore Girls" Revival All at Once

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Netflix has announced they are releasing the highly-anticipated "Gilmore Girls" revival the way they release most of their content – all of it at once.

This should not be much of a shock to the show's fans or to anyone who has binge-watched a streaming service's content before. Like it or not, it has become the norm for an avid television consumer to watch 10 episodes of a show in one sitting, rather than to wait once a week for cable television to deliver an episode that may or may not have been worth it (who has time for disappointment?). However, the decision to stream all four parts of the "Gilmore Girls" revival at once brings up a valid point: people can spoil things, and people *will* spoil things.

Though Netflix is keeping with their streaming traditions, Amy Sherman-Palladino is not quite convinced it is the best choice. The show's creator is back on board to finish what she started all the way back in 2000.

According to the Huffington Post, Sherman-Palladino left the show before its final season due to a "contract dispute" when the WB was merging with CBS to become the CW. Sherman-Palladino had planned an entirely different ending than what the audiences saw on the series finale, and she is now fearful that with all the revival episodes released at once, her long-awaited "last four words" of the series will be spoiled before everyone can finish it.

In an interview with TVLine, Sherman-Palladino explained, "It's such a journey and it's such a build to the last four words... However, you don't always get what you want." But the fans *do* get their "Gilmore Girls" season eight that they have begged for, and one that they gained hope for when the "Stars Hollow" gang reunited for a "reunion panel" put on by the ATX Festival and Entertainment Weekly in 2015. And as it turns out, by keeping with their streaming ways, Netflix is only trying to please the show's fans.

Netflix Chief Content Officer Ted Sarandos told TVLine, "If we would not have [released them] all at once the fans would've killed us... I'm petrified of those fans; they are so passionate." He is also aware of what the release strategy will do for spoiling the ending for the viewers – but he adds, "people are also good at avoiding [spoilers]." The woes and trials of a fan living in this fast-paced internet age.

Releasing new content on a streaming platform has always had its pros and cons. There's a delicate balance between wanting it all, and benefiting from the suspense that waiting for an episode can deliver.

Sherman-Palladino agrees that she has to look on the bright side: "The good outweighs the bad in the sense that this is a wonderful place to create things and do things in a different way." Perhaps change *can* be good, and though this is a *new* way of checking in with everyone's favorite small town residents, fans can take comfort in knowing it will be the same beloved characters filling up every new scene with pop culture-infused banter that will still make viewers' heads spin.

Check out the Netflix four-part revival when it premieres (shocker: all at once!) on November 25, 2016.

Teaser Trailer: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fTnU5MG5Edw>

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