Born on his mother's birthday.

Graduated from Northwestern University.

Along with best friend & fellow actor Joey Slotnick, he helped found the Looking Glass Theater Company, based in Chicago, Illinois.

Before "Friends" (1994) Schwimmer competed against high-school friend Jonathan Silverman and actor Jon Cryer for a role in the TV pilot Couples (1994) (TV). Silverman won the role opposite Helen Slater, but ABC passed on the show. The producers later reconceived the show for singles and sold it to NBC as "Friends" (1994) in which Schwimmer was the first actor to be cast.

Called up a London talk show to deny false claims that cast members of "Friends" (1994) were demanding $1,000,000 each per episode. [April 2000]

Has worked extensively on the stage both as actor and director

Is on the board of directors of the Rape Foundation for the Rape Treatment Center of Santa Monica

Split up from Mili Avital in November 2001

Member of Delta Tau Delta International Fraternity

January 2003 - Premiered his play "Turnaround" at the 99-seat West Hollywood Coast theater. All of his "Friends" were in attendance.

He graduated Beverly Hills High School in 1984 and performed in stage productions there under the direction of John Ingle.

Went to the same High School as Angelina Jolie, Michael Klesic, Nicolas Cage, Lenny Kravitz, Jonathan Silverman, Gina Gershon, Rhonda Fleming, Jackie Cooper, Rob Reiner, Antonio Sabato Jr., Pauly Shore, Michael Tolkin, Betty White, Corbin Bernsen, Elizabeth Daily, Albert Brooks and Crispin Glover.

Both his parents, Arlene Coleman-Schwimmer and Arthur Schwimmer, had small parts in Since You've Been Gone (1998) (TV), which he directed.

David once said in an interview, he would like to become a public school teacher after "Friends" (1994) ended.

Has an older sister, Ellie Schwimmer.

Playing Michael in The Wonder Years, he rides a 500cc Triumph Daytona motorcycle. The same motorcycle, also seen in other episodes, is also seen mounted on the back of his character's Volkswagen van.

He is related to "So You Think You Can Dance" (2005) contestants Benji Schwimmer, Lacey Schwimmer & Heidi Groskreutz-Burns.

Ate only lox and bagels from Cassels Market in Margate, during the filming of Duane Hopwood (2005).

Was originally going to direct "The Persuaders" (2009) with George Clooney and Hugh Grant in the lead roles but the movie got scrapped.

Was so busy filming The Pallbearer (1996) that he missed Lisa Kudrow's wedding.

Turned down Ben Affleck's role in Chasing Amy (1997).

Turned down Will Smith's role in Men in Black (1997).

Allergic to cats.

Revealed that he had conflict with writers and cast members of "Friends" (1994).

He was awarded the 1991 Joseph Jefferson Award Citation for Director - Play for directing a stage adaptation of "The Jungle" at the Lookingglass Theatre Company in Chicago, Illinois.

Joy Gregory and he were nominated for a 2003 Joseph Jefferson Award for New Adaptation for "Race: How Blacks and Whites Think and Feel About" at the Lookingglass Theatre in Chicago, Illinois.

Lives in Los Angeles, California.

Became good friends with John Krasinski during the filming of Duane Hopwood (2005). Schwimmer attended Krasinski's July 2010 marriage to Emily Blunt.

With Andy Bellin, nominated for a 2010 Joseph Jefferson Award for New Work - Play for "Trust" at the Lookingglass Theatre in Chicago, Illinois.

David and his wife Zoe Buckman had their first child, a daughter named Cleo Buckman Schwimmer, on 8 May 2011. [May 23, 2011].

His wife Zoe Buckman gave birth to their daughter Cleo Buckman Schwimmer in New York (8 May 2011).