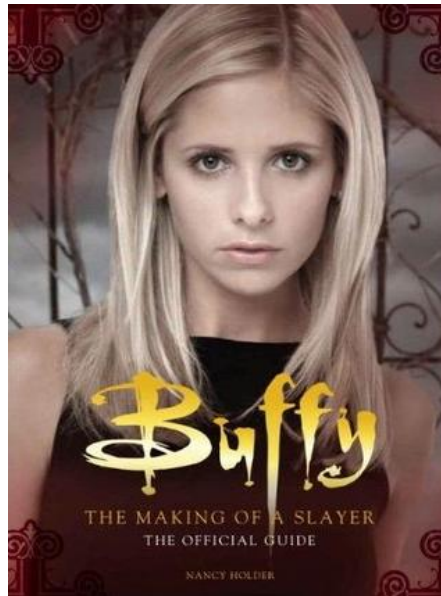




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Celebrating the 15th anniversary of Joss Whedon's Buffy the Vampire Slayer TV series, this lavishly produced book is the first authorized, fully illustrated retrospective of the hit show. Offering in-depth commentary on the making of the series, the book explores the characters and mythology of the Buffy universe and follows the evolution of all seven seasons. Die-hard Whedon fans will also find insider information on his involvement in other projects, including Angel, Firefly, and more. Housed in a foil-stamped slipcase, this volume features more than 120 images, including rare behind-the-scenes photos, sketches, props and memorabilia from the Twentieth Century Fox archives, along with stills from the most pivotal on-screen moments. Tucked in the inside cover of the case is an envelope holding "Slayer Lore: Texts and Magicks for the Battle." These 13 removable pieces are replicas of the ancient spells and prophecies the characters used on-screen to defeat vampires, demons, and other monsters, making this the ultimate treasure-trove for every Buffy fan.

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Jennifer says

If you are a Buffy fan, but not a hardcore fan (binge-fests, watched all the extras on all the dvds, in a FB Buffy group) this book is enjoyable. Hardcore fans know all this stuff-or at least most of it. It is overpriced, so borrow it, get it used, or use whatever way you use to get books cheap or free.

Isis says

I picked this up yesterday from Dark Delicacies and had it signed by the author, Nancy Holder (very nice woman). Amber Benson (Tara from Buffy), Camden Toy (one of the men behind the monster makeup on Buffy), and Todd McIntosh (one of the main makeup men on Buffy). Then I brought it home and read the book over the course of the next couple hours.

The book is highly informative, well written, and easy to get into. I couldn't put it down! Not only is the book broken down by following Buffy's life throughout the course of the show, there are also several pages that go into detail about the writers and their process, pictures of makeup that was done during the show, and even a giant map of Sunnydale! If you're a Buffy fan, get this book NOW! You won't regret it.

The book comes in a magnetic case that also holds a folder with several replicated props from the show.

Anyways, the packaging is beautiful, the book is incredible, and you're missing out if you're a Buffy fan and don't have it yet!

Luke says

Buffy: The Making of a Slayer by Nancy Holder is an official guide to the television series that ended nine years ago. This book was written and published in celebration for the 15th anniversary (at the time it was written). And it was written by Nancy Holder who has written many tie-ins to the series, solo and co-written work.

I was thrilled at the announcement of this book. I knew all too well that it wouldn't let me down. And I was as right as you could get. I read in less than a day, because this guide was so gripping that it wouldn't release me until I had finished it. But what I didn't know about this book, which made it even more better, was the introduction written by Amber Benson, who played Tara in the show.

I just realized that it says "Expected Publication Date: 11th December, 2012." Maybe the library were able to get copies before the release date. Maybe it was released earlier in my country. But, I have to say, I am so lucky to have gotten it before the publication date.

This was an excellent guide. It is the best guide I have read for Buffy. I cannot wait to own it. I definitely cannot wait to relive this book again.

Alexa says

I have read pretty much everything about Buffy the Vampire Slayer, but I was really excited when this book came out because I am fan of Nancy Holder and her novels. I bought it on pre-order and I was so excited to get it in the mail.

First of all, the packaging is beautiful. The volume looks extremely expensive and it comes with a folder of amazing reproduced documents from the show like pages from the Watcher's Diary, Willow's hand-written spell she uses to restore Angel's soul and blue-prints of Sunnydale High among many others. All of these documents also have the episode they appeared in on the back which is really helpful.

Also, the book has really valuable information about the show. For example, I never knew that the role of Willow had been given to another actress, but the WB specifically asked Joss to recast and that is how Allyson Hannigan got the role.

This edition really is the end all book about Buffy the Vampire Slayer. Even if you think that you know the show, the reproductions of the documents alone are worth the price.

Jenni says

Over all, an enjoyable read. In addition to the information about the "Buffy" series, there are a few tidbits about other projects Joss Whedon has worked on. Great bonuses, if you love all of his work (as I do), but may be confusing for any folks who haven't followed his career. Some of the additional information will or has quickly dated itself (such as current projects of "Buffy" alumni), but that's not why a fan would pick up this volume.

The bonus information is great, though not all necessarily that new, as much of it can be found in DVD commentary and interviews, but there are some great images and the envelope of extras is certainly fun.

In addition, the presentation of both the book and extras is gorgeous and will look phenomenal displayed on any shelf.

Shannon Sweeney says

Let me sing my love for this book from the hilltops!

This is an excerpt of the full review at [The Fault in Our Blogs](#) (there are pictures of this decadent book at the link as well)

Okay, so because of Capstone research, I'm currently waist-deep in Buffy literature and scholarship. This was a sort of afterthought which I added to my cart on Amazon when I saw it recommended for me. And I'll be honest, I didn't really read the description or synopsis. I just knew that I needed to know all I could about the making of the television show in order for my paper to work out well, and that this was likely the most

comprehensive authorized guide. When the book came in, I was awestruck. It's gorgeous beyond belief. I almost started crying at the post office.

Definitely has the feel of one of Giles's most prized possessions. It's luxurious and hefty. Let's crack open the cover and take a look inside:

Right inside the front cover, there is this "Slayer Lore" envelope, which contains replicas of Buffyverse texts from the show, which are labeled on the back with the episode it appears in and its use.

These pieces are printed in high quality, on pages of various sizes, shapes, and formats. Some of the texts I recognized immediately, like the floor plans of Sunnydale City Hall, others I felt like I was just discovering for the first time, having overlooked them in the course of the show in favor of noticing other things. They are really cool additions to this collective guide to Buffy. I was antsy while they were out though, because I kept imagining my mug of tea spilling on them or something. Too pretty to mess up in that way.

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Anne-Lise says

Coup de cœur!

Anna says

First off all this book was visually gorgeous - at least if you got the same version as me - housed in a red case formed as a leather book in itself, it has a black cover embossed with a silver Buffy logo and a great Buffy quote on the back. I absolutely loved this. I also loved all the extra little "reproductions" of documents from the series - of course, they couldn't exactly be matched in genuine *texture*, but still, they provided lots of new little details about the Buffyverse I hadn't noticed before.

As for inside the book, the great design continued - glitted paper, pretty border graphics and quality cast photos (given the obsessiveness of Buffy fandom, there probably isn't any that you haven't seen before, but it's still nice).

To sum up - visually and quality-wise I'd give this book 5 stars, however...

When I read the undertitle of "the making of a slayer", I had expected a look behind the scenes of production and into Joss' brain - more explantion of the choices in writing and directing, such as - why did they cast Sarah Michelle Gellar as Buffy instead of Cordelia, the role she initially auditioned for? What made *her* the slayer? Interviews with cast and writers that could answer questions of that ilk were unfortunately lacking, and any quotes were taken from second hand sources.

What the bulk of this book really is, is a glorified recap of the seven seasons with some minimal behind the scenes trivia and tidbit peppered throughout, but nothing that you wouldn't be able to look up anywhere else (like the Buffy wikia!)

When you catch yourself reading several paragraphs that sum up episodes in the style of "Then Buffy said this and Xander did this" - you can't help but feel a bit cheated.

The undertitle should really have been "Episode Guide", but as it stands I think it's disappointing. Still I enjoyed some parts of reading this - as a fan I can't help to, because I did get to feel nostalgia for Buffy - and that's why I give it three stars after all. And if you're a diehard Buffy fan, you might as well pick it up for the extras or just because. But just be aware of what it really is.

Two last points:

*It has a really good index of the Buffy comics in the back that highlights what comics are canon and what comics are not - mighty helpful if you decide to read through the lot. Positive.

*The author seems to have a weird issue with Spuffy/fans, which crops up several times throughout the book in wording and references to some fan vendetta (liek one time a Spuffy fan totally drew a fan art picture of Spuffy that was pre-raphelite like and romantic even tho Spike was totally evil omg!!!!)

it's just super off-putting - leave that to your livejournal posts instead of professional works, so that's a NEGATIVE.

Jenn says

Basically if you're a Buffy fan then this book is for you - but make sure you get the special package edition. The casing and visual aspect are astounding! It comes with an extra packet full of reprinted spells, drawings, and ancient texts all from the prop department and all from main episodes of the show. Some of the information wasn't all too new to me since I've been obsessed with this show since it ended, but there was tidbits here and there that I had no idea of and just gobbled them up. Annnd now I want to rewatch the entire show.

Kristin says

A worthy read for Buffy fans, rich with insight and interesting facts. A bit too much plot summation for my preference, but gorgeous photos and sketches and a trove of backstory.

Michael Alexander Henke says

I was working at Electronics Boutique when a new game arrived, Buffy the Vampire Slayer. I joined in with the rest of the employees, poking fun about how they made a game from something so lame as Buffy. I decided to sign the game out for a few days, so I could see just how bad it really was. A week later I had purchased Seasons 1 and 2 of the show on DVD.

The title of this book is a bit of a misnomer. While there is some making of and behind the scenes stuff, the majority of the book as a synopsis and overview of the 7 seasons of the show. It's been a long time since I actually watched it, so I found that to be just fine.

Svenja says

A great overview of Buffy The Vampire Slayer, with lots of background info and fun facts. I'm especially thrilled about the listings of the comics set in the Buffyverse, in chronological order and whether they are

considered canon or not.

Alyssa says

I really enjoyed this book but there were a few issues that held it back from five stars. Firstly, by the end of the book it felt more like a plot summary than a behind the scenes which has left me with a bad taste in my mouth (and completely undermines the fantastic first half). Secondly, the book's structure consists of each chapter having an overarching explanation/analysis of an aspect of Buffy. Then individual spreads looking at special aspects e.g. 'Hush' are spliced in. But they are spliced at the oddest moments, often leaving sentences unfinished on the explanation pages. This bugged me. Overall it is a great book for anyone interested in Buffy and I would highly recommend!

Hanaa says

I'm the biggest mess in the world. I cried throughout the entire book.

Loucy says

Pour les fans de la série ! J'en fais partie et j'ai adoré.
