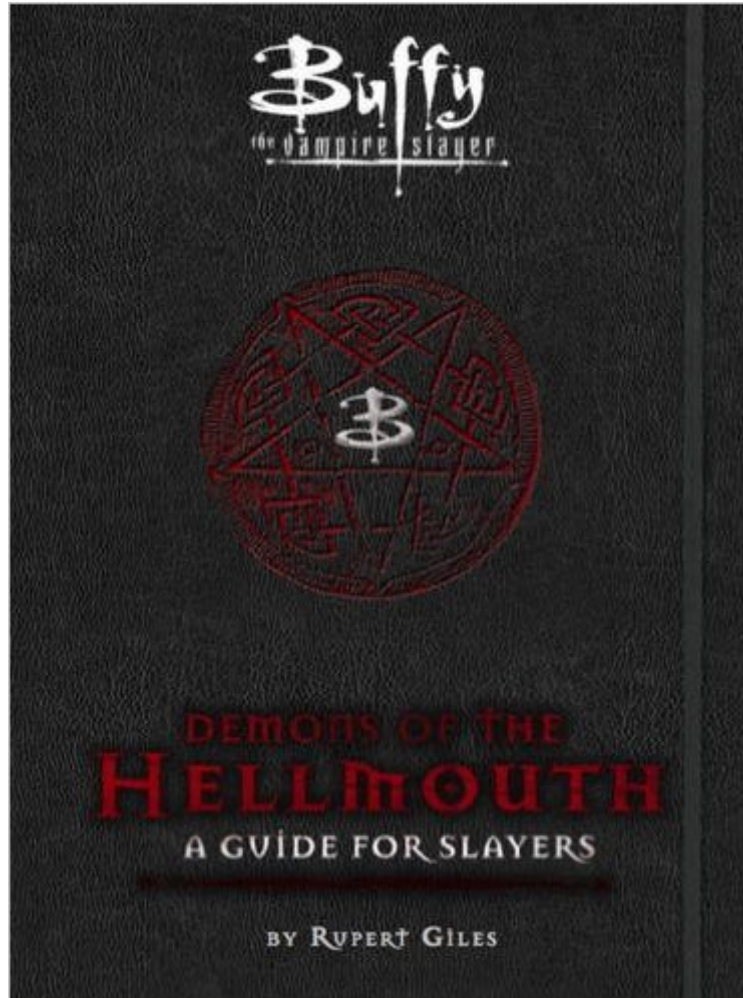


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Synopsis

Demons of the Hellmouth is a fully licensed guide to the vampires and other demons that flocked to the Sunnydale Hellmouth in Joss Whedon's cult TV series Buffy the Vampire Slayer. This in-universe illustrated guide is written by Rupert Giles, and also contains handwritten notes from Buffy and Willow. This unique book promises a diabolical romp through the highlights of the beloved show.

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Customer Reviews

What is it about Buffy the Vampire Slayer that continues to fascinate us, over a decade after the show went off of the air? Well, part of it is the wide array of interesting, frequently frightening, and occasionally thought-provoking villains. This book does an excellent job of spotlighting the various monsters and "Big Bads" from the show's seven television seasons, making it an invaluable research for Buffy scholars (yes, that's a thing!) and fans alike. But what keeps this from being a potentially dry academic work are the various scribbled margin notes, purportedly provided not only by Buffy, but also Willow, Giles, Xander and Faith, many of them hilarious. Ostensibly written by Rupert Giles, Buffy's Watcher, this is actually the work of Nancy Holder, arguably the preeminent Buffy author (in addition to having written many original BtVS novels, she's also done scholarly works, including "The Making of a Slayer"), and she captures just the right zestful flair. This is a fun book to read, as well as being informative. The icing on the cake is a very heartfelt forward written by Anthony Stewart Head, who portrayed Giles so memorably.

I have a few books for Buffy fans and this is by far my favorite. The pages are just so gorgeous. The information about each creature is basically what we learned in the show with a witty one liner here and there.

A fantastic book with lots of information and background to every villian of the series. And yes, it is nearly every. single. villain. from the show. From main characters, like Spike, Angel, Darla and Drusilla all the way to demons I didn't even remember seeing in the show, let alone remember their names, like the "Asphyx Demon" (from "Get it Done") and the "Glaryk Guhl Kashmas'nik Demon" (from "Normal Again"). It even lists all of the major Apocalypses the group has faced, and how they stopped them. The only thing I think I really don't care for is the notes written in the book. The book is set up as though it was actually written by Rupert Giles, and then it has notes written by Buffy, Willow, Faith and Xander in the margins of the book. But rather than the notes be things the characters would say, it's usually just the characters requoting things they've said in the show. (Ex. there's a page about Anya/Anyanka talking about her death in the series finale, and Xander writes the note "that's my girl, always doing the stupid thing..." because, that's what he said in the show already, so it's supposed to be cute I guess. I don't know, they're mostly fine, but some just feel really out-of-place, like they really wanted to use quotes from the show, but they don't really make sense in context, so they feel super forced.) Overall, it is an extremely thorough look into all the demons, vampires and other forces of darkness Buffy and her friends face over seven seasons of show. The book itself is extremely well made. It's hardcover and pages themselves are more on the side of cardstock than regular paper. Anthony Stewart Head even writes an intro to the book, in which he talks about how he got the role of Giles. I think Mr. Head explains this book best, though, in his intro. That this book is a wonderful way to "bring back many happy memories" of our favorite vampire slayer.

Got this for a gift, and now I have to turn around and get one for myself. You will love this if you're either a Buffy fan or a fan of these style of books. GREAT, beautiful photos inside. And the book is eye catching from the outside in person.

I bought this as a gift for a great friend of mine that is a fellow Buffy enthusiast. Not only did her eyes light up as she unwrapped it but we spent a good while flipping through the pages remembering the series.

I'm a huge Buffy fan and this is an awesome book! I really like the whole visual style of the book and the handwritten notes are cool. I'm really hoping they do a Demons of L.A. version for Angel because that would be the perfect companion book for this.

I've collected Buffy books from the beginning, this one covers everything it is definitely the best of the books that have come out for BTVS yet.

I'm glad to have it in my collection but it's not (for me) outstanding. "Written" by Giles, the footnotes from the gang are out of place. I can't see Giles letting them make marks all over his precious books. lol. The second thing that would've made it more 'from Giles' is if instead of screen shots from the show and marketing photos of the actors, we saw what would truly be in the research books throughout the series - sketches. Buffy didn't go around telling vampires and demons 'hold still so I can snap a photo for the book'. There is also no reference to the comics which are well into season 10 at this point. Off hand I'm not sure when this book was supposed to have been written in the timeline of Buffy - but it's obviously after the fall of Sunnydale. I wager it's before Angel kills Giles in Season 8 - but again, no reference. Which is a shame - so many BTVS fans still don't know the series lives on and it's a missed opportunity IMO to show the new storylines to fans young and old. Overall it's neat, decent information (Although I don't always 'hear' Giles - I think the POV switches to a more writers narrative and opinion rather than a matter of fact for future slayers", a must have for us BTVS fans. Had I seen it in person first, would've waited to find it second hand for less money.

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