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Dark-Draco says

This is probably the third time I have read this and as usual enjoyed it to a certain extent. The bits discussing the monsters as they appear in Buffy are great - quotes and pictures, with discussions on the characters and motivations. The other sections discussing the history and cultural impact of different 'monsters' can be a bit tedious. More often than not, it lapses into simple lists of titles, authors, actors and directors, which makes it a tough read. Other bits are better and more enjoyable. One that will be on my shelf for the foreseeable future.

Snogged says

I would say it was an entertaining weekend read, especially if you're a *Buffy* fan. I liked revisiting the monster characters that have been a part of the *Buffy* universe, though it was a bit disappointing that the book only covered the first four seasons. I also thought the interviews with the writers were nifty, albeit most of those were pretty short. Each section of the book had an essay on how the monster in question has permeated other aspects of pop culture. There was definitely interesting stuff in those essays, however, I found it a bit annoying that those essays dominated the sections they were in. I also found the essays got to be a bit repetitive since there's a lot of cross-overs between monsters. But I did learn some things I didn't know before (like HP Lovecraft's fear of sea monsters) so that was cool.

Angie says

If you're a Buffy fan and I am this is a great addition to your collection. It only goes up to season four but it's still good to own.

Carrie says

Might just start this over from the start, it's been awhile since I started it.

Tina Jones says

Only goes to season 4 and the in-depth sections on demons and vampires in pop culture seems like so much filler.

A Voracious Reader (a.k.a. Carol) says

3.5

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I'd like to start by saying I screwed up and bought this book (used) without paying close attention to the title. It's only for Seasons 1-4. I've looked but can't find a comprehensive guide to all of the Buffyverse monsters and that's a disappointment. There are also some editing issues. Anyway, as for this book, it is loaded with info, almost too much at times, that includes the mythology, folklore and popular culture of each section. The monsters are sorted into said sections: demons, vampires, magic users, primals, ghosts, the walking dead, bogeymen, invisible people and human monsters (Hello, Faith!). All of the info goes up to 1999 (there may be a few 2000 references, I can't recall), so it's now way out of date in regards to the popular culture sections. Supernatural, True Blood, Vampire Diaries or Walking Dead (etc.) aren't mentioned regarding the popular paranormal stuff that's so widely known today. But other than that it is a pretty good guide, limited as it is to Seasons 1-4, and I do recommend it for fans of Buffy.

Cara says

I loved Buffy as a kid and I just recently rewatched the entire series only to realize that I'd seen very little of the show (mostly season 2-4). It was truly a pleasure to watch it again from an adults perspective and really understand what was going on.

Now for the book, the detail was amazing, as were the pictures. Too bad the whole thing wasn't in color, but that didn't really bother me.

While I understand why they published it during the fourth season because it was so popular, I wish it was of the complete series, because so much happened in the last 3 seasons.

I loved hearing where they got their ideas and what they thought of them, but I must say it was a tad long-winded in the explanations for the many books and movies that they drew inspiration from thus why I gave it 4 stars instead of 5. Really I'd give it 4.5

Greg says

Okay, so this is obviously a total guilty pleasure. I actually put this one off for awhile figuring I wouldn't really enjoy it but surprisingly it was really good. It was a neat revisit to some of the plot points from the show but also some neat interviews with the writers. The sections tracing the history of each type of "monster" in culture and media was very cool. I thought they went a little overboard parsing the different

types of monsters and that got a little distracting after awhile but overall I liked it.

Hunter R. says

Love the props on hors of giles demon!!!!

Garrett says

This book catalogs the vampires, demons, and monsters features on the first four seasons of Buffy! It's packed with information about each individual creature, as well as their mythological and literary roots. It's interesting to read about each one, as well as discover facts you didn't know about these beings. It's the perfect book to flip through to find out more about your favorite villains Buffy and her Scooby Gang must slay, as well as to find out the inspiration behind each individual creature!
