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*Into every generation a Slayer is born...*

Nina and her twin sister, Artemis, are far from normal. It's hard to be when you grow up at the Watcher's Academy, which is a bit different from your average boarding school. Here teens are trained as guides for Slayers—girls gifted with supernatural strength to fight the forces of darkness. But while Nina's mother is a prominent member of the Watcher's Council, Nina has never embraced the violent Watcher lifestyle. Instead she follows her instincts to heal, carving out a place for herself as the school medic.

Until the day Nina's life changes forever.

Thanks to Buffy, the famous (and infamous) Slayer that Nina's father died protecting, Nina is not only the newest Chosen One—she's the last Slayer, ever. Period.

As Nina hones her skills with her Watcher-in-training, Leo, there's plenty to keep her occupied: a monster fighting ring, a demon who eats happiness, a shadowy figure that keeps popping up in Nina's dreams...

But it's not until bodies start turning up that Nina's new powers will truly be tested—because someone she loves might be next.

One thing is clear: Being Chosen is easy. Making choices is hard.

## Slayer Details

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# From Reader Review Slayer for online ebook

## Fafa's Book Corner says

Mini review:

Trigger warning: Mention of world ending, mention of fire, attempted murder, and seemingly neglectant parent. Up till the point I read.

DNF

I received this E-ARC via Simon and Schuster and Netgalley in exchange for an honest review.

Two years ago I attempted to read And I Darken by this author. It didn't work for me. Though I really liked her writing style and kept on eye on her works. Slayer sounded mildly interesting. Although I am not a Buffy fan (never watched the show and don't plan too). I figured it could still be good. Unfortunately it didn't work for me.

The beginning was really good! Something I've noticed with this author. I was hooked and intrigued! Then there was the first chapter. Nina apparently really hates Buffy and mentions so about 5 times in one page. Now I know that I've never seen the show, but this was still a huge turnoff for me. That and Nina just wasn't that interesting of a character.

There is some information about the world and the events of Buffy to go on. So it's not necessary to watch the tv show. Upon getting a good idea of the world I found that I wasn't that interested. I feel that I have read better worlds.

One thing I will give this book is that it's an easy read. I probably could have read the entire book. Also I did like the other characters. Just not Nina. There's good chance she will develop. I'm just not interested.

Overall this was personal. I do still recommend. This'll be great for Buffy fans.

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## Carrie says

Slayer by Kiersten White is the first book in the new young adult paranormal fantasy Slayer series. This series is a spin off and takes place in the same world of Buffy the Vampire Slayer after Buffy's time when a new Slayer is chosen as she begins to come into her powers.

Nina and Artemis are twin sisters that have grown up in the Watcher's Academy and couldn't be more different from one another. Artemis has always been the strong and dominant twin training to become the best of the best of the Watcher while Nina has always been the bit of an outsider finally finding her place at the academy as a healer.

However, when a hell hound attacks Nina and her friends she quickly dispatches of the demonic beast to the amazement of those around her. Nina finally admits that she has felt different for the past few months and it becomes obvious that Nina has been chosen to become the next Slayer gaining all of the abilities that come

with the job.

In my opinion Kiersten White has done a wonderful job balancing this new series with the iconic feel of the Buffyverse and inserting in her new characters and situations to continue the story. The book really can be read by anyone whether they were a long time fan with that same feel of the old or whether a new generation of fans who were never caught up in the original. There was just enough explanation of the world to allow new readers to be comfortable with the new characters and their story but also to set the stage of the classic for those that remember that feel too. Other than a few slow parts this one was a lot of fun and I'll be looking forward to seeing what is in store for the twins after the cliffhanger of an ending.

I received an advance copy from the publisher via Edelweiss.

For more reviews please visit <https://carriesbookreviews.com/>

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### **Melanie says**

*ARC received via #arcsfortrade on Twitter!*

Blog | Instagram | Twitter | Tumblr | Youtube | Twitch

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### **Yusra ? says**

a cover! a description!! everything i could ask for!!!!

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look at this queen writing so many books I LOVE IT AND I LOVE HER  
no but seriously  
I could read *anything* by her fsdjvshsv

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### **Noura Khalid (theperksofbeingnoura) says**

**Thank you Edelweiss and Simon Pulse for sending a review copy in exchange for an honest review**

Actual Rating: ★★ ★.5

**“Being chosen is easy. Making choices will break your heart.”**

When I found out this was going to be a think I squealed! I knew I had to add this to my TBR. And Simon and Schuster blessed me a few months ago with an ARC.

I took a bit long to finish this book but there is no denying that I was really enjoying it. It reminded me a bit of Vampire Academy. It was a bit slow and it took me a while to get into the story. Nina was an interesting main character. She was trying to discover who she really is and where she fits in the world. She was impulsive at times and I often wished I could tell her a few things, but she believed in herself more later on and I admired that. There was some Buffy trash talk though, and that really really annoyed me. It did change towards the end though.

The story was a tiny bit slow paced but there was some action in between and the last 100 pages were my favorite! That's when I felt like the action really picked up. I can see where this is going and I honestly really really enjoyed this book! Well, there are still books to come and I'm really intrigued to find out what will happen next. The story ended in a sort of cliffhanger and only the coming books will tell what happens.

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### **ambsreads says**

I'VE NEVER SEEN BUFFY BUT I WANT THIS SO BAD.

SHOULD I WATCH BUFFY TO READ THIS??? I HAVE NO IDEA I JUST LOVE KIERSTEN.

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### **MCMXCII says**

10/17/18 So this is supposed to be canon???? I have to catch up on the comic book continuation ASAP!

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I like you Kiersten. I really do. But do not fuck this up. When you evoke the name of Buffy, I expect greatness.

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### **destiny ? [howling libraries] says**

**Expected publication: 2019**

I feel extremely attacked right now

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### **Nadhira Satria says**

I'd read anything she writes even though I've never seen buffy and that I hate vampires.

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### **Emer says**

Did someone say new Buffy?!?!?!?!?!?

A spinoff YA series based on Buffy the Vampire Slayer....  
By Kiersten White?!?!???

Ehhhhhhh.... **ME WANT!!!!!!!!!!**

But I have to wait until ~~Autumn 2018~~ JANUARY 2019!!!!!!!!!!!!

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**????? ? says**

You know when you've had a bad day but then you read a book for three uninterrupted hours and absorb the personalities and problems of these fictional characters and suddenly you're doing much better? YEAH SAME

I guess now it's time to rewatch Buffy the Vampire Slayer in order to vaguely simulate companionship and a temporary sense of purpose!

**Full review to come!**

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**Sylvie says**

**THE BOOK HAS A COVER. I REPEAT THE BOOK HAS A COVER.**

Looks amazing, can't wait to be back in Buffy's world.

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**Helena Summers says**

Edit: Guys, the cover and the first two chapters are here! I'M FREAKING OUT!!!!  
<https://ew.com/books/2018/06/07/slaye...>

THERE'S GOING TO BE A BUFFY SPIN-OFF SERIES AND NO ONE TOLD ME??? HOW RUDE

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## Emily May says

*He's bobbing his head in time to music playing from headphones, and there's a book in his hands. I peer at it.*

*Nicholas Sparks. Doug really might be evil, then.*

So, huh, here's the thing: **I don't think I actually expected this to be good.**

Yeah, yeah, I posted excited Buffy gifs, and I tweeted Kiersten White like the crazed fangirl I am. But *this is Buffy* you're messing with here. Buffy truly helped me survive at some of the darkest times of my life. I've watched it over and over and over again. I've met the cast members. I am someone who *likes* many things, but how many things can I say I'm really a *fan* of? Um, like, one or two.

This book was a huge deal for me, and I expected that it just couldn't possibly ever sit comfortably up alongside my beloved Buffy. But I have to say it: **Kiersten White did a really great job.**

I think Slayer is definitely a book for those already pretty well-versed in the Slayer/Hellmouth mythos. It is virtually impossible to explain so many years (and seasons) of backstory without info-dumping throughout the whole book... so White mostly opts to keep it vague, but at the risk of making zero sense to newcomers to the Slayerverse.

I should also mention that this is set after certain events in the comic continuation, too. I wasn't sure I liked this at first because I've always been a little reluctant to view the comics as canon (they're fun fanfic to me, but that's all). Still, somehow, I think it works well here.

*"We know it's a demon."*

*"Right, but it's wearing a fucking Coldplay shirt. How evil can something wearing a Coldplay shirt be?"*

White is clearly a hardcore Buffy fan because **she absolutely nailed the quirky humour**. I snorted out loud (very attractively) multiple times while reading. The characters are adorable, and the author has taken some steps towards correcting the overall lack of diversity in Buffy. Cillian is British-Nigerian, and gay, dating smart and nerdy Rhys. The two of them bring so much warmth and laughter to this book. Artemis and Honora also have a very sexy, tension-filled relationship (I almost wish Artemis had been narrating!).

The actual narrator and newly-appointed Slayer is Artemis's timid sister Athena, or "Nina". Long lurking in her strong sister's shadow, everyone is pretty shocked when Nina is the one chosen. Now hellhounds are appearing left and right, and Nina's worried her mother might be up to something demonic. Occasionally, the narrative is broken up by a mysterious "hunter" perspective, too.

It's not all silliness, though. As true Buffy fans know, lurking under the campy jokes are darker themes about choices and belonging. As Nina comes to realize "Being chosen is easy. Making choices will break your heart." And speaking of hearts breaking:

*"The choice was to save the world-- or to save you. And I chose you."*

\*sobs\*

With classic BtVS elements like **family drama, moral struggles, pop culture references, and demons aplenty**, this is a really enjoyable story. Never has the end of the world been as fun as it is in the Slayerverse. Of course, the ending is suitably dramatic, and concludes with a spectacular reveal that has me dying for the sequel. Romance is suggested for the future, but isn't a huge part of this book.

A really pleasant surprise. Now off to binge-watch Buffy. Again.

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**Sabrina The Trash Queen says**

I HAVE VERY HIGH EXPECTATIONS FOR THIS.

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