

buffy: from slayer to styler

our favourite episodes



The Halloween episodes are always favourites of mine. But, one of my all-time faves is *Earshot*, when Buffy could hear what everyone was thinking. It was real and touching but, at the same time, hilarious – especially when Buffy found out what Giles and her mum got up to.

Kate, Entertainment Editor

We love *Buffy* because it's always full of surprises (Hello? Evil Angel, anyone?). Here's some of our faves that we never saw coming:

I loved *Hush*. That was the episode in season four where there was a spell cast over Sunnydale and nobody could speak. There was some great visual humour, plus it was when Buffy and Riley finally got together.

Christine, Junior Sub-Editor

I liked the episode when Buffy was invisible and she had sex with Spike. She was being naughty and it was so funny.

Brooke, Designer

Once More, With Feeling is one of my favourites – when everyone kept breaking into song and Buffy and Spike first kissed. I loved hearing all the cast sing and dance, especially SMG, who was surprisingly good, unlike poor Alyson Hannigan.

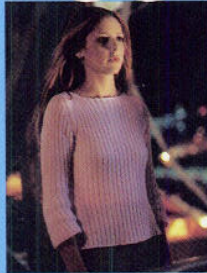
Jessica, News/Features Editor

the biggest shocks



Welcome Dawn

When we first heard Buffy was getting a little sister we were confused but, of course, the show didn't let us down. Dawn ended up being a fully-fledged member of the Scooby gang and, strangely, started to look like SMG. She's gone from brat to sword-fighting hero alongside Buffy.



Buffy Dies... Again

Buffy made the ultimate sacrifice in season six when she died to save the world. But, as all devoted *Buffy* fans know, this wasn't the first time she'd died to save humanity – she had a brief run in with the grim reaper back in the first season, but managed to recover without dramas.



When Good Angels Go Bad

Angel became the ultimate evil ex in season two, when Buffy decided to sleep with him. He experienced pure happiness which made him go a little mad, bad and definitely became someone you wouldn't want hanging around. After a lot of heartache and butt kicking, the gang successfully got Angel's soul back.



The Chosen One (plus a few others)

So, what's all this about being the chosen one? That went out the window when Buffy first died, which made slayer-in-waiting, Kendra, the next slayer. After Kendra was knocked off, then came bad-girl slayer, Faith (Eliza Dushku). In the most kick-ass finale in season seven, Buffy had Willow share the slayer power to all the potential slayers in the world, creating an army of slayers. Very cool.

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In the original, unscreened pilot, Willow was played by another actress who wasn't right for the role, so the producers asked Alyson Hannigan instead.

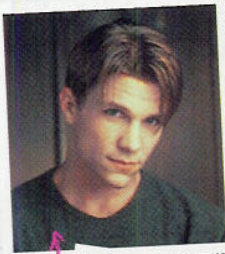
Sarah Michelle Gellar originally auditioned for the role of Cordelia.

The show's producers discovered Angel's alter ego, David Boreanaz, when he was in a park walking his dog.

Three of the *Buffy* actresses starred together in the movie *Bring It On*; Eliza Dushku (Faith), Clare Kramer (Glory) and Nicole Bilderback (she was only in one episode.)

Sarah Michelle Gellar has a brown belt in tae kwon do. Nicholas Brendon, who plays Xander, has an identical twin brother, Kelly. Kelly filled in for his brother for a few scenes when Nicholas was sick.

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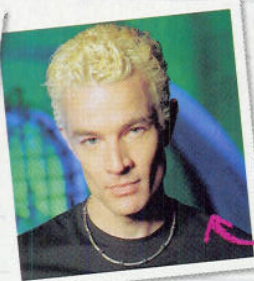
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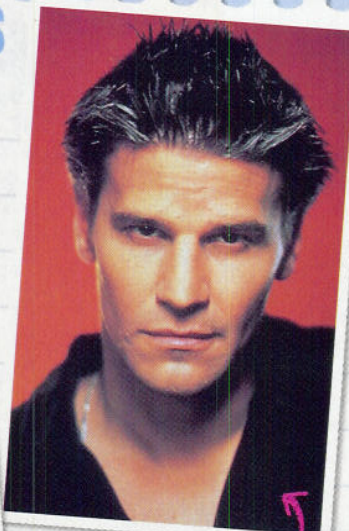
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