



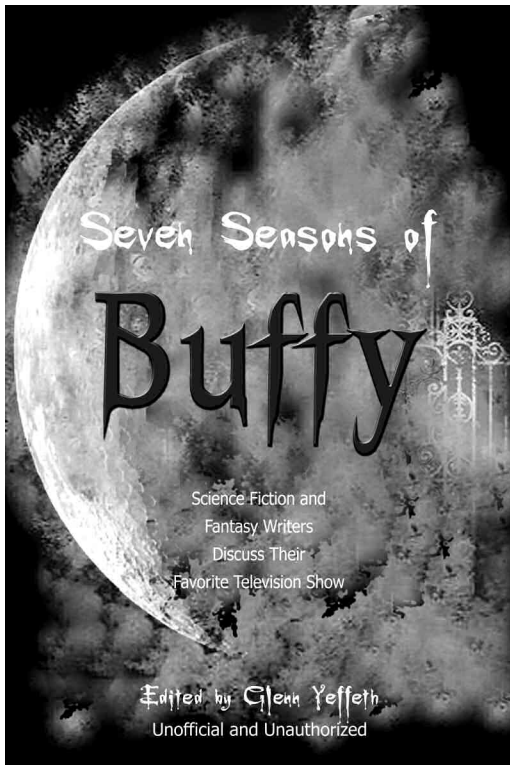
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Love Saves the World

Jean Lorrach's article on *Buffy* pinpoints the essence of cross-genre fiction – the power of love. Jean writes:

“Willow, in a paroxysm of grief over Tara’s senseless death, decides to destroy the world. For the first time, the traditional destructive force comes not from without, but from within the group. Jacqueline Lichtenberg, in her essay “The Power of Becoming,” has addressed the question of why Willow, who may have misused her powers before but was never a deliberate threat to innocent people, reacts in such an unexpected way. What I want to address is why the world is saved this time not by *Buffy*, not by the team destroying some outside evil, but by the power of love, in this instance represented in Xander. Only Xander, often considered the weakest of *Buffy*’s cohorts, can reach and persuade Willow, because he and Willow share a lifelong bond that is closer than that of traditional brother and sister.”

Jacqueline Lichtenberg’s article on *Buffy* labels it Great Literature because of the mixed-genres:

“How many characters on other TV shows do we learn to know, understand and love before they commit deliberate murder?”

“Murder is something only bad-guys do. The import of what Willow has done is not in the murder itself, but in the wellspring of personal emotion -- the deep and terrible love for Tara, the vast and unstoppable pain of that loss, and the righteous rage that loosed her Magic to take over and rule her. She used her Power for Personal Gain -- the gain being entirely emotional. . . .

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