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A novelization of three key episodes each of which features Buffy's English Watcher, Giles. Buffy Summers is hip, modern, and utterly immersed in pop culture. Rupert Giles is a traditional Englishman whose idea of bliss is a good book and a strong cup of tea. Difficult though it may be to come up with an odder couple, the duo have managed to avert their fair share of apocalypses. One thing they can't seem to conquer, however, is Buffy's bad birthday luck. At eighteen, she is subjected to a Watcher's Council Cruciamentum, a test of her ability to handle danger without the help of her Slayer powers. The rite, however, also tests Giles' attitude towards both his charge and his calling, and leaves their relationship on a rather different footing. One year on, when Buffy's friends throw her a surprise party for her nineteenth, Giles finds himself feeling useless and out of the loop, and an evening spent in the company of his one-time crony Ethan Rayne means that his problems are only just beginning. Giles are forced to re-examine the nature of blood ties and the definition of family - or risk losing a mutual loved one more important to them - and the fate of the world - than either ever imagined...Based on the episodes HELPLESS, A NEW MAN and BLOOD TIES.

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Tammy says

A novelization of three episodes with the slight slant of Giles's perspective in flashback mode and a contrived plot tying them together. A quick read that evokes some nostalgia for the show (ie. ohh, that was a good moment).

Rebecca says

Absolutely loved it. I know a lot of people seem to be disappointed with books that are just novelisations of episodes but I love them especially when they are well done like this one. When they are done right I can see the episodes in my head and it's great.

For this particular book it was three of the Buffy birthday episodes Season 3's Helpless, Season 4's A New Man and Season 5's Blood Ties.

All of tales are told from Gile's perspective of how he worries for Buffy every year as slayer's tend to not live long lives and Buffy's birthdays always seem to have some type of drama attached to them.

I loved it, all of the references to timelines etc were spot on and the episodes showed the dynamics of the relationship between all the charachters.

For me if you love Buffy, what's not to like?

bluetyson says

isbn,original

Andrea says

Basically just a novelization of three episodes -- if you've seen the episodes, you've seen most of the material here. Kind of disappointing.
