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The Physics Of The Buffyverse



Synopsis

Physics with a Buffy the Vampire Slayer pop-culture chaser In the tradition of the bestselling *The Physics of Star Trek*, acclaimed science writer Jennifer Ouellette explains fundamental concepts in the physical sciences through examples culled from the hit TV shows *Buffy the Vampire Slayer* and its spin-off, *Angel*. The weird and wonderful world of the Buffyverse[®] where the melding of magic and science is an everyday occurrence[®] provides a fantastical jumping-off point for looking at complex theories of biology, chemistry, and theoretical physics. From surreal vampires, demons, and interdimensional portals to energy conservation, black holes, and string theory, *The Physics of the Buffyverse* is serious (and palatable) science for the rest of us.

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Customer Reviews

First, the seller: Quick, competent response. The book arrived promptly; securely and protectively packaged. I'm 100% satisfied with the seller's service. Second, the book. Oh my! Oh yes! The book is exactly what the title suggests, an intelligent, skeptical but ultimately supportive description of how the Science does, or at least could work in the Universe (capital U) of Buffy Summers' Sunnydale and (Bonus!) Angel's Los Angeles. Author Jennifer Oulettes writes brilliantly; she presents specific situations, conditions, actions and possible paradoxes of events in the "Buffy/Angel-verses" and then provides delightfully readable, engaging and comprehensible descriptions of the physics that may support the science of the fiction. Make no mistake, Oulettes is not an apologist; she does not stretch the fabric of reality (pun intended) to accommodate the scripts. But she does a great job of writing to the contradictions, where they exist. And while she does so, she commits to her audience.

Oulette is (probably) a fan. She is most certainly a physicist who respects BtVS' fans and importantly, the Mutant Enemy Production's writing team's efforts to provide more than a modicum of hard science to underpin their plot devices. The physics explained in "The Physics of the Buffyverse" will not satisfy every physics knowledgeable fan of the Buffy and Angel milieu, that is not the book's intent. The ambition behind "The Physics of the Buffyverse" is to simultaneously enhance the viewing experience while introducing legitimate physics to any discourse about the shows. I'm a BtVS fan: Today, more than a decade after Buffy made the choice to save the world at the price of destroying Sunnydale, I still laugh, gasp, clap and cry when I re-watch the show.

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