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GET THE SCOOP ON THE HIGHS AND IOWS OF SOME OF YOUR FAVORITE ACTORS SINCE THEY APPEARED ON BUFFY THE VAMPIRE SLAYER.

By Patty Adams Martinez

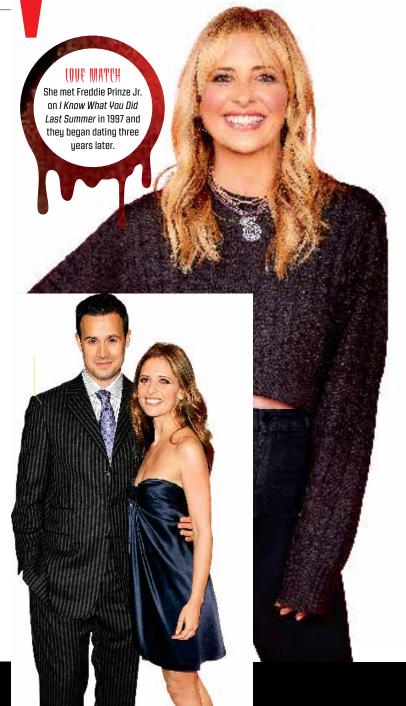
Sarah Michelle Gellar

After playing Buffy, the Chosen One (a role Gellar has referred to as "a feminist challenge to gender hierarchy"), the former All My Children star was in high demand. Less than a year after the series wrapped, Scooby-Doo 2: Monsters Unleashed (2004) premiered, co-starring Freddie Prinze Jr., her real-life husband since 2002. (The couple has two children, Charlotte and Rocky.) Seven months later came the terrifying horror film *The Grudge* (2004), followed by its sequel (2006).

The former child star also continued to work in TV, with some of her most notable appearances including playing troubled twins on The Ringer (2011-2012), starring alongside Robin Williams in The Crazy Ones (2013-2014) and voicing 13 episodes of Robot Chicken (2005–2018)—which was co-created by Buffy alum Seth Green—and seven episodes of 2021's Masters of the Universe: Revelation as sorceress Teela.

In addition to acting, Gellar co-founded Foodstirs an organic baking company that sells kits, mixes and "junk-free" baked goods—in 2015. Two years later, she released her first cookbook, Stirring Up Fun With Food, and is expanding her cookie, cake, brownie and donut business. Now that's what you call the sweet life!





The Buffalo, New York-born, Philadelphia-raised actor played Angel, a tortured vampire with a soul, on 167 episodes of television (first on Buffy the Vampire Slayer from 1997-1999 and later on the eponymous spinoff from 1999-2004). And he has starred on back-to-back shows ever since.

Boreanaz commanded the screen as cocky FBI agent Seeley Booth opposite Emily Deschanel's gentler, yet more socially awkward, forensic anthropologist and bestselling crime novelist, Temperance "Bones" Brennan, on the Fox series Bones. The characters eventually ended up married with two kids (although the children came first!) on the long-running drama that aired from 2005-2017. When the fan favorite came to an end, athletic Boreanaz (a former high school football player) was immediately cast as Navy SEAL Jason Hayes in CBS's SEAL Team, on which he currently stars (its fifth, and possibly last, season is currently streaming on Paramount+).

Thomas split from first wife Ingrid Quinn in 1999 after 1 marriage. He wed for model Jaime Bergma the couple share two Jaden and daughter F Boreanaz allegedly ha Rachel Uchitel (a nig who also infamously Tiger Woods) while his wife was pregnant with Bella. The TV star admitted his infidelity to People but did not name the woman with whom he was involved. Boreanaz said he and Bergman were privately working through the matter and that he only came forward publicly because the mistress was trying to extort him. While it a rocky time, the cou are still together toda





Considering his bad-boy vampire Spike was only supposed to have a short arc on Buffy the Vampire Slayer, James Marsters lucked out and ended up appearing in 96 episodes of Buffy, followed by 24 episodes of Angel. Since then, he has had a varied career with multiepisode storylines on the Doctor Who spinoff Torchwood (2008), Smallville (2005–2010), Hawaii Five-O (2010–2020), Witches of East End (2014) and Marvel's Runaways (2017–2019). He even played astronaut Buzz Aldrin in the History channel's Moonshot (2009), about the 1969 moon landing.

After the *Buffy* series finale, the Juilliard-trained actor and musician—who's released music with the band Ghost of the Robot as well as solo work—craved a return to the stage. In 2005, the California native put on his own abridged version of *Macbeth* in London, followed by a Q&A and acoustic performance; in 2011, Marsters appeared in an L.A. Theatre

Works radio production of *The Importance of Being Earnest*, in the part of Sir John Worthing.

Known for his distinctive voice, Marsters has narrated audiobook series for Jim Butcher's *The Dresden Files*, Cassandra Clare's *The Dark Artifices* and Clay and Susan Griffith's *Vampire Empire*. Not done with his character Spike, though, multitalented Marsters also wrote a graphic novel called *Spike: Into the Light* (published by Dark Horse in 2014).

Sadly, his personal life hasn't been as successful. In 2021,
Marsters' second wife, Patricia
Jasmin Rahman, filed for divorce.
He has a son, Sullivan, from his first marriage, to Liane Davidson, and in 2002 he adopted his niece, whom he considers his daughter (out of respect for her privacy, he doesn't speak much about her publicly).



Alyson Hannigan

Nearly five months after the series finale of *Buffy* aired, Alyson Hannigan—who played Willow—married Alexis Denisof (Watcher Wesley on *Buffy* and *Angel*). The pair are godparents to *Buffy* and *Angel* creator Joss Whedon's son Arden. And it wasn't long until the *American Pie* alum landed on another hit TV show, *How I Met Your Mother*, which ran from 2005–2014. She played Lily Aldrin opposite Jason Segal, who starred as her husband.

Since becoming a mom to daughters Satyana and Keeva, the actress has taken on a slew of family-friendly projects, like playing Dr. Ann Possible in 2019's Kim Possible movie, mom Phyllis in Disney+'s Flora & Ulysses (2021) and lending her voice to Claire Clancy in Disney Jr.'s Fancy Nancy (2018–present). The instantly recognizable redhead also does paid partnership posts on Instagram with big brands such as Betty Crocker and Walmart. She has even made a whole new career out of hosting, including The CW magic show Penn and Teller's Fool Us, and the Girl Scout Cookie Championship (2020) and Outrageous Pumpkins (2020–2021) on the Food Network.



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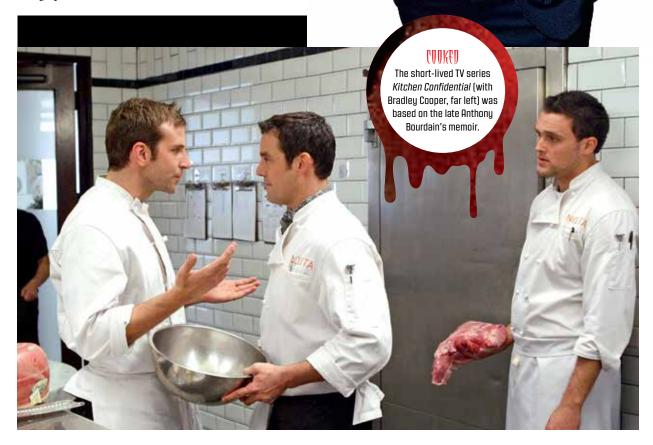
Nicholas Brendon

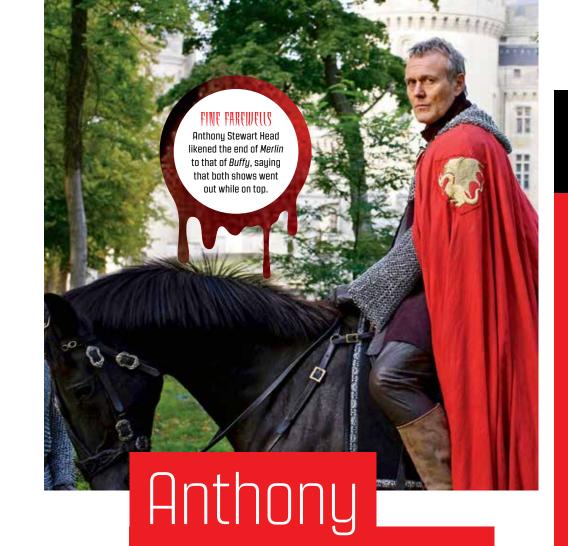
Sadly, the man who starred as the quirky, fun-loving Xander has been trapped in a different kind of hell since the show ended. Nicholas Brendon's first post-*Buffy* role was opposite Bradley Cooper in *Kitchen Confidential*, but the show lasted just one season (2005–2006). A four-episode arc on the *Grey's Anatomy* spinoff *Private Practice* (2010–2011) and 22 episodes of *Criminal Minds* (2007–2014) followed, but in recent years, the actor has also made headlines for his run-ins with the law.

In 2020, he struck a plea deal in order to avoid a possible four-year jail sentence for allegedly attacking his girlfriend. He is now facing charges in the Hoosier State stemming from an August 2021 arrest for allegedly obtaining prescription drugs illegally and lying to officers about his identity.

Over the years, Brendon has also been in and out of rehab for help with alcohol, drugs and depression. In 2015, he walked off the taping of *Dr. Phil* when the host brought up Brendon's arrests and traumatic childhood molestation. Though he admitted he had recently attempted suicide, he felt Dr. Phil wanted to push him too far. Afterward, he wrote on Facebook. "I felt that he wanted me to lay the darkest parts of myself on national TV...and I'm not willing to do that." In a statement, Dr. Phil said, "There was no drama, he simply chose to leave and did so in a respectful manner."

Despite these challenges, Brendon, who had spinal surgery in 2021, continues to act and also sells his oil paintings and autographed memorabilia.





StewartHead

The distinguished British gentleman who starred as Buffy's Watcher, Rupert Giles, studied at the London Academy of Music and Dramatic Art and had a long career in England (including playing Frank N. Furter in *The Rocky Horror Picture Show* on the West End). But before his time in Sunnydale, Anthony Stewart Head was mostly known in the U.S. for the 12-part soapstyle *Taster's Choice* commercials.

Head has been working consistently since *Buffy* ended. Among his most notable TV projects: playing the prime minister in the sketch comedy show *Little Britain* (2003–2006); a safecracker in the dramedy *The Invisibles* (2008); King Uther Pendragon in *Merlin* (2008–2012); Sen. David Whele in the sci-fi angels-versus-humans drama *Dominion*

(2014–2015); and as the easy-to-hate Rupert Mannion, a wealthy, womanizing football club owner on the feel-good dramedy *Ted Lasso*. He's recently starred on the big screen in the vampire thriller *Let the Wrong One In* and as an inept criminal in the comedy *Sideshow*.

The actor and singer lives in Bath, England, with his partner since 1982, Sarah Fisher. The pair have two daughters, Daisy and Emily. Both are actresses, with Daisy playing Genya in Netflix's fantasy series *Shadow and Bone* and Emily starring as Colette on BBC One's drama *The Syndicate*. Head—a huge animal lover—often retweets to help get the word out about British rescue organizations such as Battersea Dogs & Cats Home, People's Dispensary for Sick Animals and Dogs 4 Rescue.

BUFFY 25TH ANNIVERSARY REUNION

On Jan. 14, Clare Kramer (Glory), hosted a get-together on YouTube with James Marsters (Spike). Charisma Carpenter (Cordelia) Robia Scott (Jenny), Julie Benz (Darla) and Juliet Landau (Drusilla). Each had a theory on why the show has become more popular over the years. "It didn't suck!" quipped Marsters: "It was really, really good [and] it ended up mattering. For me, the theme is 'Don't give up.' And when you're able to deliver that message with humor and with just, just enough blood . . . it gets through.'

Carpenter pointed to Buffy herself. "We had a female, an unlikely superhero, somebody that all the odds were stacked against them," but who overcomes obstacles and just triumphs anyway. "It's a story of hope."

It started with the writing for Scott. "As soon as I read the script, I said...'it's really good.' And then I remember getting on set and thinking, 'Wow, the casting for this is perfect."

The alums all say they've experienced an outpouring of love from fans. "The best is when I hear that the show got someone through a difficult time." Marsters said.

"Often you hear people talk about how it brought their family together, or like they had a difficult teenage relationship with their parents, and it actually opened up conversations," Carpenter added.

Landau loved how accepting viewers were. "I wish the whole world was more like the fan community in terms of tolerance and love for other people." And that's a legacy to be proud of.

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PROVE YOUR SCOOBY GANG SMARTS WHEN IT COMES TO THE BIG BAD, THAT WHICH CANNOT BE NAMED, THE KEY AND SO MUCH MORE. WILL YOU SLAY LIKE THE CHOSEN ONES? FIND OUT.

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- 1. What was the name of the bar where Buffy and friends hung out?
- **A.** The Cave
- **B.** The Dungeon
- **C.** The Bronze D. After Dark
- 2. After Buffy died (very briefly) in Season 1, which Slayer was called to duty?
- A. Kendra
- B. Faith
- C. Amanda
- **D.** Sineya
- 3. Who first called Buffy's crew the Scooby Gang?
- A. Xander
- B. Oz
- C. Giles
- D. Buffy
- 4. Which is not a coupling that happened on the show?
- A. Xander and Cordelia
- B. Buffy and Spike
- C. Willow and Anya
- **D.** Giles and Jenny
- 5. Which of these was not a title of a Season 2 episode?
- A. "Reptile Boy"
- B. "Inca Mummy Girl"
- C. "What's My Line?"
- D. "Evil Genius"

- 6. Which of the following happens when Buffy and
- A. Buffy's mom walks in allowing countless demons
- **B.** Buffy and Angel's souls
- **C.** Angel loses his soul, turns into Angelus, and goes on a feeding frenzy with baddies Drusilla and Spike.
- 7. Who was set to make a cameo, but had to pull out
- D. In a WB network crossover event, Dawson's
- 8. Danny Strong, who played Jonathan Levinson of the Trio, went on to:
- A. Co-star on Gilmore Girls
- C. Win two Emmys
- **D.** All of the above

- Angel have sex in Season 2?
- on them and grounds her, to wreak havoc.
- are forever intertwined.
- **D.** Xander, who has always been in love with Buffy, freaks out and runs away.
- due to scheduling conflicts?
- A. Sarah Michelle Gellar's husband, Freddie Prinze Jr.
- **B.** Britney Spears
- **C.** SMG's Cruel Intentions co-star Selma Blair
- Creek star Katie Holmes

- **B.** Write for *Empire*
- D. Rupert Giles

- 9. Which band performs the
- Buffy theme song? **A.** Sprung Monkey
- B. Nerf Herder
- C. Dashboard Prophets D. 2 Unlimited
- 10. Which Buffy character did creator Joss Whedon originally envision as Black?
- **A.** Spike
- **B.** Faith Lehane
- C. Cordelia Chase

- 11. What happens once Glory and the Knights of Byzantium figure out that Dawn is the Key in Season 5? **A.** The mystical power of
- living energy inside the Key is drained, killing Dawn.
- **B.** The Scoobies escape town but are tracked down by the Knights of Byzantium. The gang fights them off, defeats Glory, and Dawn survives.
- **C.** Dawn sacrifices herself.

- **D.** Dawn is returned to the Order of Dagon, who continue to protect the Key as they have done since the 12th century.
- 12. Which is true about the Season 4 episode "Hush"?
- **A.** It only had 10 minutes of dialogue.
- **B.** Buffy and Riley had sex at a frat party.
- **C.** It earned the series its second Emmy nomination.

- **D.** The actors who played The Gentlemen were professional mimes.
- 13. How did William Pratt earn the nickname Spike?
- **A.** He always had spiky hair. **B.** He was known to torture victims with railroad spikes.
- **C.** His favorite attack dog was named Spike.
- **D.** He was turned into a vampire after someone spiked his drink.

loved pranking David Boreanaz. Which of these pranks did she not pull? A. She took a long break

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Know the Buffyverse?

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true Slayers will score

16 or higher without

- and tried to have a body double sub in for her without him realizing.
- **B.** She would sew her clothes together so he'd struggle to get them off
- during a love scene. **C.** She once dumped ice cream on him.
- **D.** She ate tuna fish before a kissing scene.
- 15. What was the name of the band that Oz played in?
- **A.** The Werewolves
- **B.** Dingoes Ate My Baby C. The Vamps
- **D.** The Wizard of Oz
- 16. How did Sarah Michelle Gellar hope to get out of doing the musical episode "Once More, With Feeling"?
- **A.** The network would have someone else sing her lines.
- B. A demon would steal Buffv's voice.
- **C.** Buffy would be the only one to hear the other characters sing.
- **D.** The Slayer would fall into a deep coma.
- 17. What causes Willow to transform into Dark Willow?
- **A.** After the death of Tara, she goes deep into dark magic and loses control. **B.** Tired of being a sidekick, she gains dark powers so

she can destroy Buffy.

C. The black magic she uses to stop Oz from turning into a werewolf backfires. D. Looking through a book of spells, she accidentally

reads one out loud that

turns her evil.

- 18. Which Season 3 episodes were postponed after the Columbine shootings?
- **A.** "Beauty and the Beasts" and "Homecoming"
- **B.** "Graduation Day, Part 1" and "Graduation Day, Part 2"
- **c.** "Graduation Day" Part 2 and "Earshot"
- **D.** "Anne" and "Enemies"
- 19. Who did not guest star on Buffy before making it big?
- **A.** Wentworth Miller of DC's Legend<mark>s of Tom</mark>orrow
- **B.** Six-time Oscar nominee Amy Adams
- **C.** Pedro Pascal of *Game of* Thrones fame
- **D.** Adam Brody of *The O.C.*
- 20. During Season 3's "Graduation" episodes, which of the following does *not* happe
- **A.** Mayor Wilkins turns into a snake-like demon.
- B. On Buffy's command, the entire graduating class drops their robes.
- **C.** The mayor transforms into the de<mark>mon Olvika</mark>n and eats Principal Snyder.
- **D.** The mayor dies when Buffy hits a detonator of explosives and blows up Sunnydale High. •

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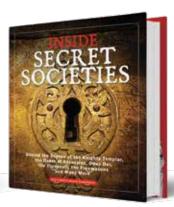


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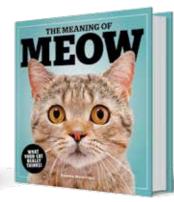
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