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## AUTHOR INCLUDED IN THE SENTENCE:

**Format:** include page number(s) in parentheses at the end of the sentence



**In-Text Example:** According to DeCandido, Buffy "relies on Giles not only for adult support and coaching, but also for the research necessary to do that for which the Vampire Slayer has been chosen" (44).

### **Corresponding Works Cited Entry:**

DeCandido, Graceanne A. "Bibliographic Good vs. Evil in Buffy the Vampire Slayer." American Libraries Sept. 1999: 44-47. Print.

## AUTHOR NOT INCLUDED IN THE SENTENCE:

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**In-Text Example:** To help her fulfill her Slayer duties, Buffy can always turn to Giles (DeCandido 44).

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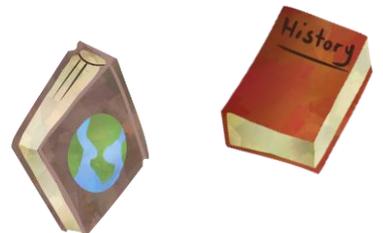
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**In-Text Example:** Jac Bayles wrote her MA dissertation in English Literature analyzing the monstrosity of the female characters in Buffy the Vampire Slayer ("Buffy Slays Academics").

### **Corresponding Works Cited Entry:**

"Buffy Slays Academics." BBC News Education. 7 Nov. 2001. BBC. Web. 8 July 2008 <<http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/education/1642829.stm>>.



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### **In-Text Example:**

"Buffy's tragic flaw, in the tradition of Sophocles, et al, would be her feelings, her emotions" (Masquerade).

### **Corresponding Works Cited Entry:**

Masquerade. "Moral Ambiguities." All Things Philosophical on Buffy the Vampire Slayer and Angel: The Series. 7 March 2005. Web. 9 July 2008 < <http://www.atpobtv.com/moram.html>>.



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Quotation marks at the beginning and end of textual evidence

Words EXACTLY as they appear in the text

“WORDS FROM THE TEXT”

Parenthesis at the beginning and end of citation

(LOWRY 52).

Author's last name

Page number

Period outside parenthesis

No period inside quotation marks (include question mark or exclamation point)