# Mythlore Reviewer Instructions

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If we provided it to you, the book you review is yours to keep if you wish. You may find that a book you have agreed to review is not, in your opinion, worth reviewing in full; in this case, please contact me and we will decide if it should go on to another reviewer, become a "briefly noted" review, or simply not be reviewed at all.

# FORMATTING

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*Buffy and the Heroine's Journey: Vampire Slayer as Feminine Chosen One.* Valerie Estelle Frankel. Jefferson NC: McFarland, 2012. 226 p. ISBN 9780786467921. \$35.00.

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While a completed review may be submitted at any time, reviews for the spring issue must be received before February 25 and for the fall issue before August 25. A proof of your review will be sent to you by the last week of March or September and should be reviewed in a timely fashion as the journal goes to press April 1 and October 1.

# SUBMITTING THE FINISHED REVIEW

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