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Celebrate 50 years of one of the longest running and beloved sci-fi franchises with *The Star Trek Book*. This comprehensive guide to the series delves into the myriad worlds and different dimensions visited by the crew of the U.S.S. Enterprise.

Discover the amazing science of Star Trek and how it has influenced real-world technology such as flip phones. Featuring informative and analytical text combined with exciting photography and infographics throughout, *The Star Trek Book* is broken down into main categories such as science and technology, Starfleet, allies and enemies, and more.

Perfect for fans of the various *Star Trek* TV series, including *The Next Generation*, *Deep Space Nine*, *Voyager*, and *Enterprise*, *The Star Trek Book* details everything you need to know about 50 years of excitement and adventure on the final frontier.

## **The Star Trek Book: Strange New Worlds Boldly Explained Details**

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# From Reader Review The Star Trek Book: Strange New Worlds Boldly Explained for online ebook

**Mike says**

It was great. I even learned things I did not know about the myriad Star Trek episodes.

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**Alejandro says**

**Best "Star Trek" reference book so far!!!**

## **REFERENCE BOOKS... THE FINAL FRONTIER**

I have an absurd quantity of *Star Trek* reference books, and while of course, I haven't them all, I think that I can be so *boldly* to tell that this reference book is without a doubt the best and coolest reference book about *Star Trek* so far (2018).

Reference books about active media franchises, obviously are almost outdated at the moment of publication, but in defense of this one in particular, since it was published in 2016, it contains since the first *Original Series* until the film *Star Trek: Into Darkness* soooo...

...at this particular moment, it only lacks the info about the movie *Star Trek Beyond* and the first season of *Star Trek: Discovery*...

...true, it isn't complete, but at this moment, certainly is the most complete reference material that you can find printed on paper...

...and since it's a DK Publishing book, also you can buy it in a quite accessible price, taking in account that it's a hardcover (including dust cover) edition, with prestige paper, in full color each page!

## **BEAM ME UP!**

An interesting (and quite *logical*) thing that it was done in this reference book was that they accomodate the info in a "chronological" order, inside of the fiction of the franchise, I mean that since *Star Trek: Enterprise* is a prequel to the *Original Series*, you find first the information about Captain Jonathan Archer and his crew before of the exploits of Captain James T. Kirk, and so on.

When they touched a topic or event related to the "Kelvin Timeline" (Abramsverse), they counted how it happened in the original timeline and right after how those same events unfolded in the other timeline, to have a full scope of both parallel universes.

You find first a chapter, recounting of how the United Federation of Planets and Starfleet were formed, along with the key alien races involved in the consolidation of those organizations, along with key situations like the Mirror Universe and the Kelvin Timeline.

Then, you'll have a following chapter offering dossiers of each Starfleet crewmember of each TV series, along with the starships and/or station (sadly with some omissions like Saavik and Ro Laren (oh well, nothing is perfect)).

Third chapter you read about villains of the franchise along with their allies, and including pivotal space battles and wars, like Khaaaaaan!, the Klingons, the Romulans, the Cardassians, the Dominion, the Borg, the Species 8472, the Bajorans, the Ferengi, etc... along with the Battle of Wolf 359, the Earth-Romulan War, the Dominion War, etc...

Fourth chapter is dedicated to the futuristic (and many times, visionary) technology used on the franchise, Warp engines, transporters, communicators, universal translator, holodecks, phasers, cloaking device, etc...

Finally, a chapter about certain aliens that aren't quite "normal" and/or isn't easy to fit them as friends or foes of the Federation, like "Q", the the Talosians, the Metrons, the Prophets, the Nacene, the Guardian of Forever, etc...

In each chapter, each topic counts with full color photos along with text boxes, quotes, and even exclusive diagrams.

Moreover, you'll find a glossary explaining of that technobabble that you get to love when you become a Trekker.

This is a must-have book for any Trekker and a wonderful piece for any new fan interested to know the past history of the iconic sci-fi franchise.

***Engage!***

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## **James says**

Overall good book outlining the Star Trek universe. Very detailed and includes the alternative timeline encompassing the JJ Abrams movie. However, the Star Trek Compendium is better, although it was written 20 years ago so it doesn't include anything recent.

After reading it I wanted to go back and re-watch all the old DS9 and Voyager eps. I had forgot How much I enjoyed those stories and characters.

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## **Dan says**

Even for a hardcore fan like myself, who has basically every fact from every series and film in the Star Trek

universe memorized, The Star Trek Book nonetheless will have a place on my bookshelf. Beautifully laid out and featuring gorgeous full-color photos and illustrations, this book is perfect for the newbie to Star Trek, as well as the more seasoned fans. A few years ago, a friend of mine who had seen the 2009 Star Trek film wanted to get into the rest of the Trek universe. I gave her a copy of Star Trek 101 by Terry J. Erdmann and Paula M. Block. While I still really like that book, I think that if it were around at the time, I would have included The Star Trek Book as well. The overview of the Star Trek universe that it provides is simply unparalleled. A great gift for trekkies, trekkers, and trek-curious alike!

Full review: <http://treklit.blogspot.com/2016/07/t...>

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### **Leesil Morgan says**

Informative, fun, and full of really cool stuff. It was so good I got copies for my two best friends.

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### **Lisa says**

AWESOME!!! This is such a great collection for any Star Trek fan. The book includes all of the series and includes and explains everything that you can imagine. This makes me want to go out and buy this myself.

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### **Ramona says**

So enjoyable with the pictures, descriptions, characterizations, little known facts, tie-ins for each series. Would have liked to have seen more on the characters from Star Trek: Enterprise and Voyager. Timeline graphs were great. It is amazing how a series like this becomes like your neighbor and you don't want them to ever move away...but they do...get on with their lives...new adventures, retirement or the inevitability...their passing away. We miss those characters, always hoping they will be resurrected some how! Thanks for taking us out there. Beam me up, Scotty! Never said by Scotty, but so apropos! This book could have had hundreds more pages, and I still would have checked it out!

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### **Christian says**

Una clara y concisa mini enciclopedia de todo lo referente al universo Star Trek.

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### **James Bowker says**

#### **Great reference material**

An excellent companion to the series episodes and movies. This will be useful to new and die-hard fans of Star Trek, with detailed summaries of the key planets, species, ships and historical events.

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## **Terynce says**

I don't think I learned anything after finishing this book. Normally, even with books I dislike, I learn something new or have some positive takeaway. The pictures were nice, but there really wasn't any new information. I expected to gain some additional knowledge about something, but that didn't happen. There was a graphic showing the split in the timeline that then compared the two. That helped visualize some of the differences, but I think most dedicated fans already understood those events.

Imagine the depth of the Star Trek universe and the time it encompasses. Now, distill that to 300 pages. Info is necessarily shallow. I don't recall any one topic receiving more than 4 pages. Four pages to depict Klingons. Four pages for Vulcans. Maybe two for Picard.

If you are more than a causal fan, you probably don't need to read this.

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## **Roger says**

I was given The Star Trek Book as a gift, and as it is essentially a reference work I have been reading a few pages a day for a while now. I just wrapped this up and I must say that in the main I enjoyed the experience. I was amazed at the great number of spelling errors. DK is a respected publisher but they really need to use a real editor instead of "spell check" on their books. I now have a much better understanding of the "Kelvin" timeline (the new ST timeline established in the JJ Abrams films) than I did before. Also I do not now need to watch Voyager or Enterprise so this is really a win-win for me. When Star Trek Discovery is released later this year this book will immediately be obsolete, but such is life.

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## **Aaron says**

In a single book, Ruditis has done a nice job of updating and merging the former Star Trek Timeline and Star Trek Encyclopedia books in a single volume. Each chapter presents information with a macropedia format that pulls together information from all of the various series and movies that have come out to date. While this does mean that most of the information is not new, it is a refreshing and interesting format to access the information. It really does fill a niche as the above mentioned titles are far out of date, missing information from most recent incarnations of Trek.

The entries are definitely more general in presentation, but they are presented more in a general narrative format than being single micropedia entries as seen in the Star Trek Encyclopedia. In some ways, this makes for much easier reading even if it doesn't include as much fine detail.

This is definitely a must read for fans, and it could probably be helpful for anyone reading up to prepare for the new online series being prepared to air on CBS streaming service next spring.

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## **Kristina Moses says**

The book had great detailed information about the entire Star Trek universe using information from all the shows and movies. I felt it was a great refresher since it's been a while since I've watched the older shows. It's also great how it helps put everything from the various shows together in one timeline (even including the alternate timelines xD )

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## **Doram Jacoby says**

I bought this book on offer so haven't spent much and still I find myself disappointed.

Firstly, the book should be read as a small encyclopedia and not read through as a novel. It is full of repetitions and repeats from other subjects and sometimes repeats within the same chapter/subject.

Secondly, I'm not sure about the audience this book is targeting.

If it's meant for long time fans of the show than it's really too superficial to be interesting.

If it's meant for new fans who want to learn more than it's full of major spoilers that are not interesting or relevant out of context.

They'll be better off watching the source.

Thirdly, It's not very well written, has more than a few small inaccuracies and is written like small summaries of the TV episodes/ films and not as if written historically from the future, as it claims.

It's not an awful book but there are much better ones.

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## **Sophie Crane says**

For a small book, the team at DK have again managed to fit in a lot of detail.

Covering the Original Series from the 1960s up to the most recent Scott Bakula lead Enterprise TV series along with the 10 motion pictures and the JJ Abrams reboots they're all here.

Full of detail and pictures this is a must have for any Star Trek fan, or anyone new to the wonderful Star Trek universe seeking to get background on the rich diversity that the last 50 years has brought from this high quality franchise.

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