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"Once you have their money, never give it back." -- #1 "Anything worth doing is worth doing for money." -- #13

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Tess says

The 285 Rules of Acquisition are crucial for any good Ferengi businessman to know by heart. Quark, for a modest fee, has written many of them down for us to learn, along with the historical connection to the creation of each Rule.

A funny read, great for any Star Trek fan, especially fans of DS9. Sadly, not all 285 Rules are actually published anywhere, but feel free to make up your own.

David says

I registered a book at BookCrossing.com!

<http://www.BookCrossing.com/journal/10330693>

Amory Blaine says

Legends of the Ferengi feels exactly like its species: amusing in short bursts and grating in larger doses. The book is full of assorted lists, letters, instructions, and anecdotes, each representing a different Rule of Acquisition. Not all the rules are included, but there are enough to remind us that the Ferengi are a greedy, sexist, xenophobic culture consistently played for laughs. But the joke's on us: as Quark glibly reminds us on the final page, "Deep down, everyone's a Ferengi."

Dann says

A wonderful piece of meta fiction, Star Trek: Deep Space Nine – Legends of the Ferengi is incredibly fun and entertaining. The book is essentially a collection of short stories and fables that either illustrate, or are the basis for, the Ferengi Rules of Acquisition. And while they're "told to" Quark by series producer Ira Steven Behr and writer Robert Hewitt Wolfe, they're not cannon and aren't supposed to be taken seriously. By listing Quark as the author the reader is told right upfront the sort of tongue-in-cheek kind of humor that they're in for. The stories are really just a clever lark that plays off of the goofiness of the Ferengi. Worth its weight in latinum, Star Trek: Deep Space Nine – Legends of the Ferengi explores the lighter side of Trek and delivers a lot of laughs.

Autumn says

This book was great. :)

John Barclay says

A very silly book. Basically a lot of jokes strung together using the Rules of Acquisition as a hook. Lots of fun, but not really anything more. The Ferengi are such a poorly thought out race that they really only serve as comic relief, which is the point of this book.

David says

YOU MUST GET THE AUDIOBOOK. I'm not kidding. It's a jewel.

Matt Randall says

This was a fun little book full of Ferengi legends, stories, random memos, notes, and even one of Quark's second grade reports, all of which are used to illustrate different Ferengi Rules of Acquisition. It's nothing too deep, but it's a nice book to keep on your bedside table since you can pick it up, read a few of the entries, and then put it down. I don't think I'd pay \$12 for it, but I picked it up at a Half-Price Books and feel like I got my money's worth out of it. Definitely a good read if you love Quark and the Ferengi.

Jen says

Tales of the Ferengi, as told by Quark. I have this on audiobook, so it is narrated by Armin... I mean Quark. Quark tells tales of the Ferengi to you and tries to sell you things. I loved every moment of my nostalgia.

Alex says

Ok thought it was a lot of fun. I'm glad there are reviews advising readers to get this book.

Claire Gilligan says

The *Legends of the Ferengi* itself was great fun! Music and sound effects were too loud, but the stories themselves, plus Armin Shimmerman's narration, were brilliant.

However! Learning that nearly half the audiobook was a surprise TOS story? Not cool, guys! Much improved by Leonard Nimoy narrating parts, but come on! Truth in advertising, Audible! :(

Tony says

For me this book was hit and miss. It's handy to have the rules written down in one place, and the book is often funny, clever, and even genuinely insightful, but it is also often unfunny, creepy (the sexism of the ferengi is less amusing without the skilled actors to back it up), and dated. That being said, if you are a big fan of the ferengi on DS9 it is worth checking out or keeping for reference. As for entertainment value though, I would recommend the audiobook version over this. It is technically abridged, which I usually hate, but this is not a novel with any plot and what little was left out was not some of the better material, and the very funny performance of Armin Shimerman (same actor who played Quark) lifts the material to greater heights, not to mention the music, sound effects, additional voices from Shimerman, material unique to the audio version, and at least one additional actor.

If you're open to a non-traditional reading experience I recommend what I did: listen to the audiobook and then skim through the original for remaining material, although if you're not a completist like me, you may be able to do the audio version only, which is available through hoopla digital if your library is using the service.

Emma says

Oh this did make me chuckle. Just having re-watched DS9, Quark's voice was fresh in my mind while reading this. A nice little read but it didn't include the (unofficial) rule #286 :

"When Morn leaves, it's all over"

Kristina Moses says

I found it extremely funny. To the point that I embarrassingly started laughing out loud at work while everyone else was being completely silent ? One of my favorite quotes from the book: "They used to say beware Romulans bearing gifts. Nowadays it's beware exiled members of the Obsidian Order who offer to hem your trousers"

Rob says

Though there are lots of bit of wisdom in this book, please if you are still human do not make the rules of acquisition your new religion. This book is amusing, maybe not for young impressionable children. This is a good read.
