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In the wake of the Tholian attack that nearly cost him his life, Kyle Riker becomes the target of an apparent conspiracy within Starfleet Command. Forced off the Earth, and even beyond Federation territory, danger is never far off, not even a backwater world is safe.

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Nathan Burgoine says

A decent enough bit of Star Trek 'history,' this is one of the 'Lost Era' books, which take us to periods between the original series and prior to the Next Generation.

This book explores Kyle Riker (Will Riker's father), and the reasons he took off and left this son, what really happened at Starbase 311, and other bits of trek detritus, that, while making for a bit of a mind-candy style read, didn't quite have any... well... importance to them. I closed the book, annoyed at the forced cameos, and didn't really find much in it.

Now, if you're a Riker fan (of either generation), there's some fun to be had in exploring the Riker background(s), but other than that, there was nothing new here. Several supporting characters that I found interesting weren't really developed very far, and some of Riker's conflicts were a bit bland.

Still, from a purely mind-candy point of view, I shot through it in a 'don't have to think, enjoying this' way, bought and read nearly the same day.

Sarah Musser mcalister says

I really liked this book, because I really like Star Trek. I thought it was well written, and I liked the story. I would say that it's really two separate stories, though. There's one about Will Riker, and one about his dad. I liked both of them.

Noah says

Yep, so I like Star Trek. For some reason I'm embarrassed of this fact...perhaps rightly so, because when I do tell people they laugh. Well, I didn't read anything Star Trek at all in all of 2007, basically just so that I wouldn't have to post it on my xanga site.

Anyway, this one is from a fun little series that tells the stories of some of our favorite heroes in between the years of the original season and the next generation. Deny thy father is a bit weird though, because it tells parallel stories of Will and Kyle Riker in which they never actually encounter one another. Reading it made me request three different seasons so that I could watch episodes with Paul Rice, Kyle Riker, and Erik Pressman just to relive those story lines that introduced these characters who appear in the "prequel" book to fill in the back story.

Fun times.

Iain Parkes says

I registered a book at BookCrossing.com!
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Daniel Kukwa says

I enjoy Jeff Mariotte's writing style very much, and the "William" Riker half of this novel makes for a pleasant, if unexciting story. Certainly nothing blood-pumping happens until Riker's assignment to USS Pegasus.

However, there are two things impeding my ability to enjoy this novel. The first is that, no matter how smooth the writing, there's nothing interesting or fascinating about the "Kyle" Riker half of the novel. I just can't get worked up about him, no matter how much I might try. The second impediment is that I believe this book took the wrong approach. It should have ditched the Kyle Riker story, and taken William Riker's story up to the infamous mutiny on board the Pegasus...which would haunt the young Riker up to his time as first officer of the Enterprise. That is the novel I wish Mr. Mariotte's writing skill would have been harnessed to write from the outset.

Stephen says

Not a good book. The main characters are Will Riker and his father, Kyle. Neither of which were very interesting in this book. There's some conspiracy with the Tholians that I didn't get, and Will is at the academy. Clearly, this was a Lost Era for a reason.

Justin says

The first two thirds of the book were excellent. Young Will Riker grows and learns key lessons during the Academy and on his first assignment. Kyle Riker is on the run and has to figure out who tried to kill him. There is a long interlude where Kyle is on a planet hiding. Then he returns and "magically" figures things out all with a young Ensign Kathryn Janeway. Here's the problem with the last scene; an ensign with minimal security clearance presumably using Admiral Owen Paris' higher security clearance gets classified information and guessed correctly who burned him and why. At no point in the first 2/3 of the novel does Kyle reflect on his suspicions. Hmmmm....

That knocked my initial review of 4 stars to 3.

AJ says

Great addition to the Lost Era series. Just a notch or two below the first couple of books in the series. Great to get some insight into Kyle Riker and a young Will Riker. Can't wait to get into the rest of the series!

Craig says

A solid effort, but at times it felt like there were threads that were put out there, but not paid off in the end. I also felt that the ending was slightly rushed relative to the pace of the other parts of the book. But still a good read nevertheless.
