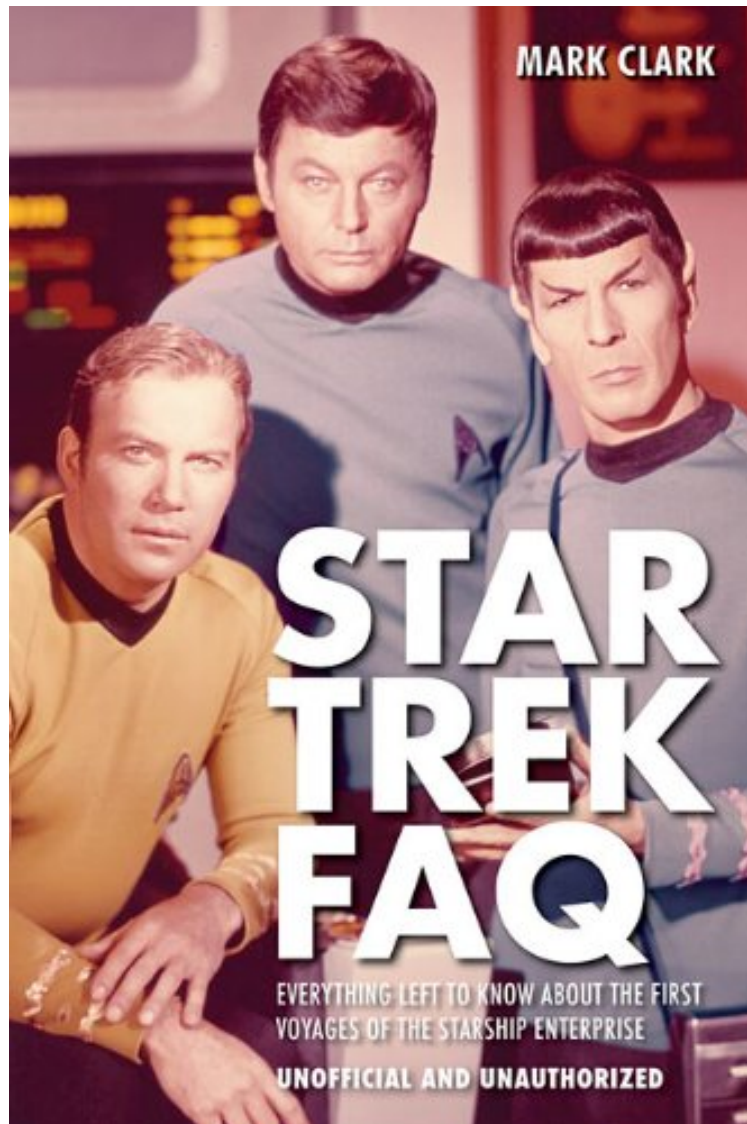


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(FAQ). This book is not endorsed, sponsored, or affiliated with CBS Studios Inc., Paramount Pictures, or the "Star Trek" franchise. Star Trek FAQ tells the complete story of Star Trek , from the before the beginning (the books, films, and TV shows that inspired producer Gene Roddenberry to create Star Trek) until after the end (when the show emerged as a cultural phenomenon in syndication), and including dramatic behind-the-scenes stories (e.g., Leonard Nimoy's struggle with alcoholism and actress Grace Lee Whitney's controversial firing) often omitted from "authorized" histories of the program. Along with in-depth looks at the pre- and post- Trek careers of the show's iconic leads, Star Trek FAQ includes profiles of guest stars and "redshirt" extras alike, as well as the many writers, technicians, and artisans whose efforts enabled Star Trek to take flight. The book also explores the show's unprecedented resurgence in the 1970s with chapters devoted to early Star Trek fiction, merchandising, and the short-lived animated series. Combining a wealth of fascinating information about every facet of the show's production with original analysis of Star Trek 's enduring appeal and cultural influence, Star Trek FAQ goes where no Star Trek book has gone before.

From the AuthorI wroteStar Trek FAQ,in part,becausethere are so many other Trek books already out there. The sheer, dizzying multitude of Trek literature can be daunting for casual fans - that silent legion of viewers who love Star Trek but don't speak Klingonese or go to the grocery store wearing a Starfleet uniform (not that there's anything wrong with that). These fans don't regularly attend conventions,may not consider themselvesTrekkers, anddon't have time to sift through the mountain of Trek-themed works at the local book store or library. Yet their patronage of Star Trek TV series and movies has made the franchise a cultural touchstone. Star Trek FAQ is aimed primarily at this audience, distilling the overwhelming volume of Trek scholarship into easily consumable sips. However, I'm confident that diehards who purchase every new Star Trek book that reaches the market (may the Great Bird of the Galaxy bless your souls) will find much of interest in Star Trek FAQ. I spent eight months fishing into the nooks and crannies of Trek lore for revealing yet underreported stories and illuminating minutiae. Applause Books' FAQ format enables me to

combine this material with more familiar elements of the Star Trek story in unconventional ways, smashing them together in the literary equivalent of a super-collider to produce fresh insights. I'm convinced you'll find the results exhilarating whether this is the first Star Trek book you've read or the fiftieth. About the Author Author and film historian Mark Clark writes about classic movies and TV shows. Star Trek FAQ is his third book. A sequel, Star Trek FAQ 2.0, is forthcoming in 2013. Mark is a graduate of the University of Louisville and a former film critic for the Louisville Courier-Journal. He now resides in Mentor on the Lake, Ohio.