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L'8 settembre 1987, più di 20 anni dopo la prima trasmissione della Serie Classica di Star Trek, milioni di fan americani si sono seduti di fronte al proprio televisore per assistere al debutto di una serie tutta nuova. Episodio dopo episodio, "Star Trek: the next generation" fece nascere un futuro in cui la collaborazione e la mutua comprensione diventarono le chiavi per risolvere i problemi dell'umanità. In questo libro si vuole presentare la guida ufficiale a ogni singolo episodio delle avventure televisive della nave stellare Enterprise NCC-1701-D; una raccolta di informazioni che include le trame e i credits di ogni telefilm, narrando anche gli aneddoti legati al mondo dietro le quinte.

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Rich Meyer says

The first edition of this book is pretty good, though it tends to have a lot of tangential photos for the episodes. A bit too much background info in places, as well; I could really care less about behind-the-scenes politics and that sort of thing. A one-paragraph synopsis does not warrant three-quarters of a page of background information. Still, it at least gives a lot of character information and covers the entire series, up to the *Star Trek Generations* movie.

Martin says

This was a great find for me when I was into ST:TNG all those years ago. It's really in-depth and has lots of tidbits of information that enthusiasts of the show will appreciate. Really great gift idea for fans of the show.

Devero says

A forza di rileggere e sfogliare questa utilissima guida i miei fratelli ed io l'abbiamo quasi distrutta. Ma è sempre un piacevole ripasso quando hai da verificare qualche episodio e non hai il tempo (ovvero quasi sempre) di riguardarti gli episodi.

John says

COMPANION: STAR TREK, NEXT GENERATION (Star Trek Next Generation (Unnumbered)) by Nemecek (1992)

Daniel Kukwa says

It's not quite to the level of the DS9 Companion, as it's missing the warts-and-all opinions from the writers and producers, and the final two seasons have larger analysis sections than the first five seasons.

Overall, this book is a bit more restrained, especially on the movie front. But it's not "too" restrained...which means we still end up with a fine record of The Next Generation, from the moment of its birth, to its groundbreaking run on TV and the silver screen. Well worth the read.

Nicholas Whyte says

<http://nwhyte.livejournal.com/1208404.html> [return] [return] Does the duty of a book like this, each episode getting a very brief plot, cast and crew summary and a slightly longer behind-the-scenes commentary, with a bit more commentary of each of the seasons

Mauri says

I love this book. My dad had the first version sitting on his coffee table when I was little, and I read it so much that he picked me up the newer version (with all seven seasons and Generations) for a birthday.

This is the show companion that I compare to all other companions before I buy them. I love the plot summaries for each episode and the introduction for each season. My favorite feature, however, that I have never found in other companions, is the "behind-the-scenes" details for each episode, sharing anecdotes about the story's history and guest stars, as well as technical flubs.

The most comprehensive guide to the television series you will ever find. I'm definitely going to go out and get myself the newest version.

Adam says

I am a big fan of Star Trek, and I really enjoyed revisiting TNG episodes I haven't thought about or seen in ages. This book provides a different perspective on the show, discussing the special effects and technical challenges, script-writing, and alternative story ideas that never saw the light of day. It's a fascinating look at how one of the best shows on television operated, and a glimpse at ideas that might have been.

That said, there is one major flaw that prevented me from rating it higher: extremely poor copy editing. This book appears to have been rushed through without comprehensive review. Spelling errors, particularly names, are found in nearly every entry of the last two seasons. Words are missing in sentences, making them difficult to understand. In one particularly glaring error, a paragraph of behind-the-scenes commentary from one episode ended up in the middle of the commentary for a completely different episode! I think it's unfortunate that such an interesting book was fraught with so many problems. Still, if you forgive the errors, it's a wonderful read.

Wealhtheow says

An invaluable resource to achieving true dorkitude.

John Yelverton says

Fantastic companion that is even better than many online sources.

J.W. Braun says

This guide is well written and includes photos for every episode, but it's not as in depth as it could be. The poorer episodes have the least information. It seems that the worse an episode is, the less the author wants to draw attention to it. The movie information is pretty good.

One last note: this book was originally published following the fifth season of TNG, and subsequent editions added information as the series moved forward (ultimately producing seven seasons and four feature films.) Unfortunately the entries for the first five seasons were mostly left alone when the later editions were written, even with information that later fell out of date.

Jay says

Good reference, if at times lacking depth in behind-the-scenes material.

Rena Sherwood says

Damn -- I still wish I had this book.

Star Trek: The Next Generation is one of my favorite television shows of all time. I remember scratching my head and saying, "Is that it?" at the end of the original broadcast of the series pilot back in 1987. I also remember predicting, "Oh, this show will never last."

I remember those two things -- and yet I cannot remember many of the plots of the episodes I've come to love and cherish in the series -- which rapidly improved in the second through final seasons. This was a good reference book for me in the years when the series was still considered fresh and I tried to figure out what the heck happened in the first season when I didn't give a damn about the show.

And HEAVEN FORBID you get so hooked on the show that you start reading the novels -- like I did. Sometimes the novels refer to bits from television episodes and you have to quickly realize you've forgotten that particular bit from the episode.

And YES, I know there are Star Trek websites and wikis galore to get you up-to-date on all things ST:TNG, but there's something about having it all in one book (real book -- not eBook) that is that much more special than a starship full of websites. Stephen King defined it as, "you can take it to bed with you." I don't think it can be put better.

Marcello Tarot says

Ricchissimo di informazioni

Un libro davvero ben fatto, con notizie sfiziose di tutti i generi sia riguardo questioni “tecniche” della serie sia riguardo gli ospiti e molto altro.

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Giuseppe says

A fun recap of TNG episodes. Some interesting tidbits. They could have dug a bit deeper in terms of rating or evaluating the episodes. But nonetheless, a fun recap of all of the episodes.
