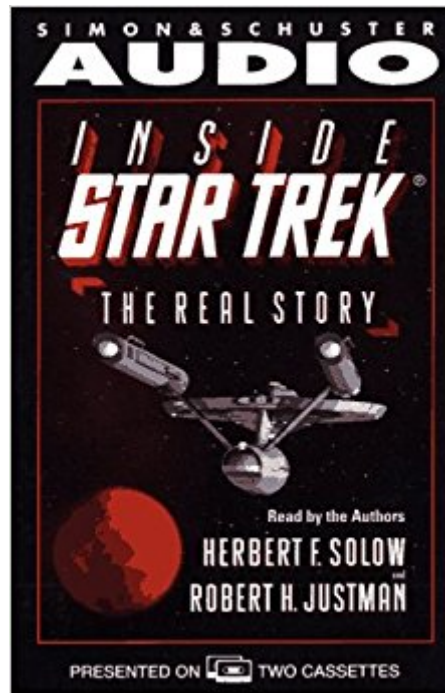


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# Inside Star Trek The Real Story



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This book was a very enjoyable read. I have read some of the other publications on the same subject written by ego bolstering actors and find that the truth is much more entertaining, especially the little things. Things like Bill Shatner stealing the hair piece made for him on the show and denying any such thing, and the problems that develop about every mid season with his lack of

weight control, and Nimoy's constant confrontations with producers concerning Spock's character, but overall the book tells you how a T.V. show is made (at least at that time) and opens your eyes to what all of this really was and is. We find that Gene Roddenberry wasn't the great infallible "Bird of the Galaxy" he's been made out to be over the years. It can get to be a little in depth as far as details of studio and network dealings go but overall it is perfect, because it opens your mind to exactly what Star Trek is and what it was meant to be. This book makes it clear that people apart from the show have developed the Trek universe into what it is today. We get to see that even the "sacred realm" of Star Trek in reality really is just a T.V. show.

This account is nearly the same as Shatner's expect it is read in such monotone voice that you may NOT want to listen to while driving. There are a few new tidbits here and there but nothing of any great substance that wasn't known before. I have the utmost respect for these two guys, heck, they worked near the nerve center of all our loves, Star Trek. However, that doesn't mean you will have the tolerance to listen to them drone on and on. Whether you love or hate Shatner, you have to admit his book Star Trek Memories is read with feeling and has the same general information and is more balanced to boot. The thing that bugged me more than the tone of the dialogue were the comments about Gene Roddenberry. I don't care if 100% of the negative things they said had really occurred. There is something profoundly disturbing about commenting on someone who has absolutely no way of defending themselves. It saddens me to no end to think that Gene Roddenberry and Gene Coon are no longer around to give their accounts, in that I feel you would find Star Trek: The "Realist" Story. Of course this book is to be purchased by true Trek junkies, but don't expect to have much of a rush from this fix.

This set of two tapes sets the record straight on a lot of myths about Star Trek: TOS. Herb Solow and Robert Justman do a real good job in telling their version of the story. The story of a man, myth, his dream, the team that put the series together, and of Desilu Studios, and NBC who took a gamble to help fulfill the impossible dream. STAR TREK! Kudos to Herb and Robert or RJ for giving an unbiased version of the genesis of a television legend!

Good but, a little long. it should be one tape

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