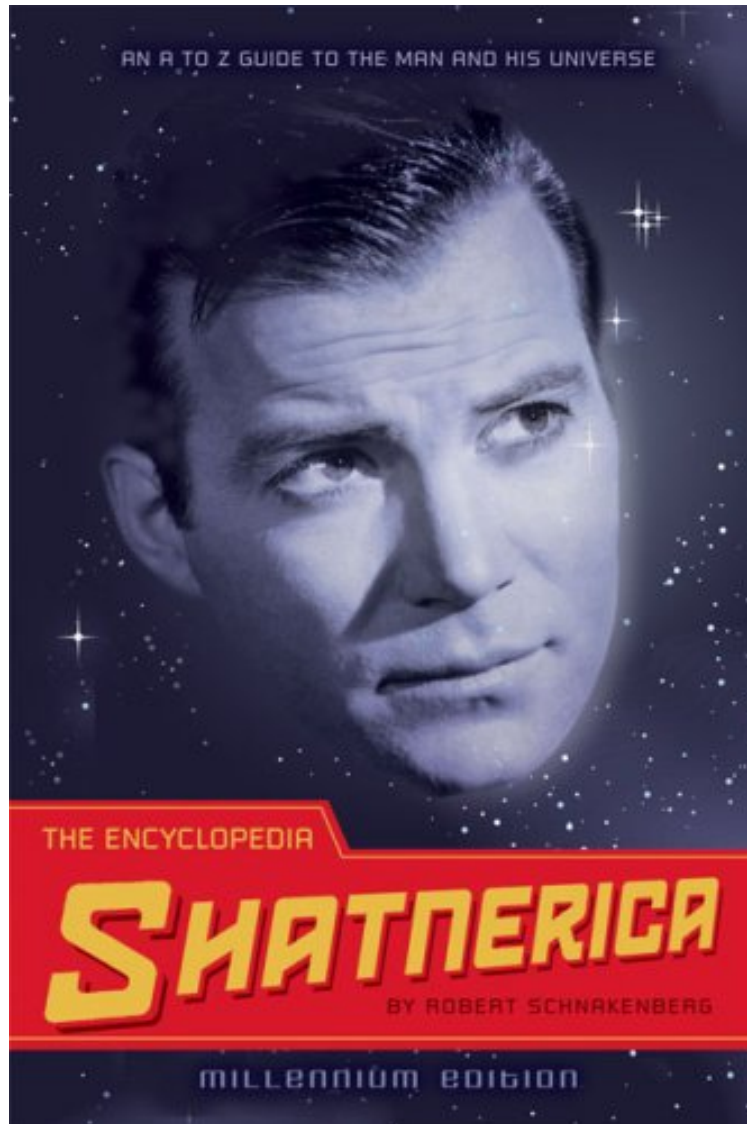


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8 of 8 people found the following review helpful. To boldly go where no man has gone beforeBy JasonDescribed as a "Rubik's Cube of a man", William Shatner is an undeniable genius. When he dies his obituary will read as if written by

a poet laureate on acid: archery enthusiast, breeder of Dobermans and quarter horses, paintball aficionado, pilot, existentialist and futurist, millionaire, noted vegetarian, international superstar adored by droves of fans, a man who boldly explored new galaxies while on the job and believes he encountered an alien in real life. He has lived the life of which others dream. With a rollercoaster career from anonymity to Star Trek, from his lost years to Boston Legal and Priceline stardom, Shatner has been all over the map. His legendary performance in the "Nightmare at 20,000 Feet" episode of the Twilight Zone is unforgettable, but his atrocious rendition of Rocket Man - 1978 Science Fiction film awards - is unforgettable in the same way as the Hindenburg disaster. Broken down in an A-to-Z format, each page follows his career alphabetically, from his Acting method to his wretched costar Adrian Zmed, everything that has affected Shatner's life is impeccably chronicled for any Shatnerologist. An added bonus is the four star categorization method, from essential viewings for Shatnerphiles to those only a masochist should watch. Within the first few pages readers are seduced by enough awkward charisma that it's easy to overlook the photos of a young Shatner riding a horse with a starry sky background, and another of him bow hunting while bare-chested on a dirt bike. Each looks as ridiculous as it sounds until realizing it's simply par for the course for a man who has auctioned off a kidney stone and acted as everything from a Roman god to a colonial Satanist, not to mention the captain of a spaceship. The greatest aspect of the book is that it uncovers Shatner's staccato speech patterns, his nonsensical method of delivering lines in a manner no other would imagine or attempt. It turns out his quirky delivery results from an ill-prepared Shakespeare performance, one that he stammered through yet received positive reviews. In his classic style, Shatner jokes that he thinks of himself as an "acting machine", and actually developed the style because of, "shallow breathing, allergies, and owning a dog that won't listen." Surprising to many Trekkies will be the fact that nearly all his male costars regard him as a scene stealing, pompous blowhard. And while he has bedded tons of gorgeous women, many female costars, like Kristie Alley, seem to really dislike his heavy-handed come-ons. It should come as no surprise that he has suffered through multiple marriages and more than one palimony lawsuit. The Encyclopedia Shatnerica is bafflingly awesome. Even for those who are not fans of Star Trek or sci-fi, it's hard to deny the talent William Shatner possesses, entrancing millions of Trekkies in his early career and millions of thrifty travelers in his golden years. After reading this, fans will become even more devoted, and detractors will succumb to The Shat's suave charms. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Worth buying By Mark J. Koziol A funny, well written, concise review of Shatner's life and times. A must for any Star Trek or Shatner fan. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. The Encyclopaedia Shatnerica By E. Campbell Interesting book if you are a follower of William Shatner's career. If you are a fan, the entries will provide you with lots of trivia on his life.

Actor, singer, director, novelist, horseman, game-show host, spoken-word performer, legendary Hollywood lothario is there anything William Shatner can't do? Beam aboard the starship Irreverent as certified Shatnerologist Robert Schnakenberg takes you on a guided tour of the Emmy-winning entertainment icon's universe. Inside you'll find: More than fifty years of major film, TV, and stage appearances from Alfred Hitchcock Presents and The Twilight Zone to Star Trek, T. J. Hooker, and Boston Legal Shatner's many musical misadventures, including his legendary covers of 'Rocket Man' and 'Lucy in the Sky with Diamonds' Scandalous allegations and scathing anecdotes from Star Trek costars Plus more girdle, divorce, and toupee trivia than you can shake a phaser at! Fully updated for the first time in ten years, with all-new material on Denny Crane, Nerine Kidd, Iron Chef USA, and more, The Encyclopedia Shatnerica remains the definitive biography of an entertainment icon.

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