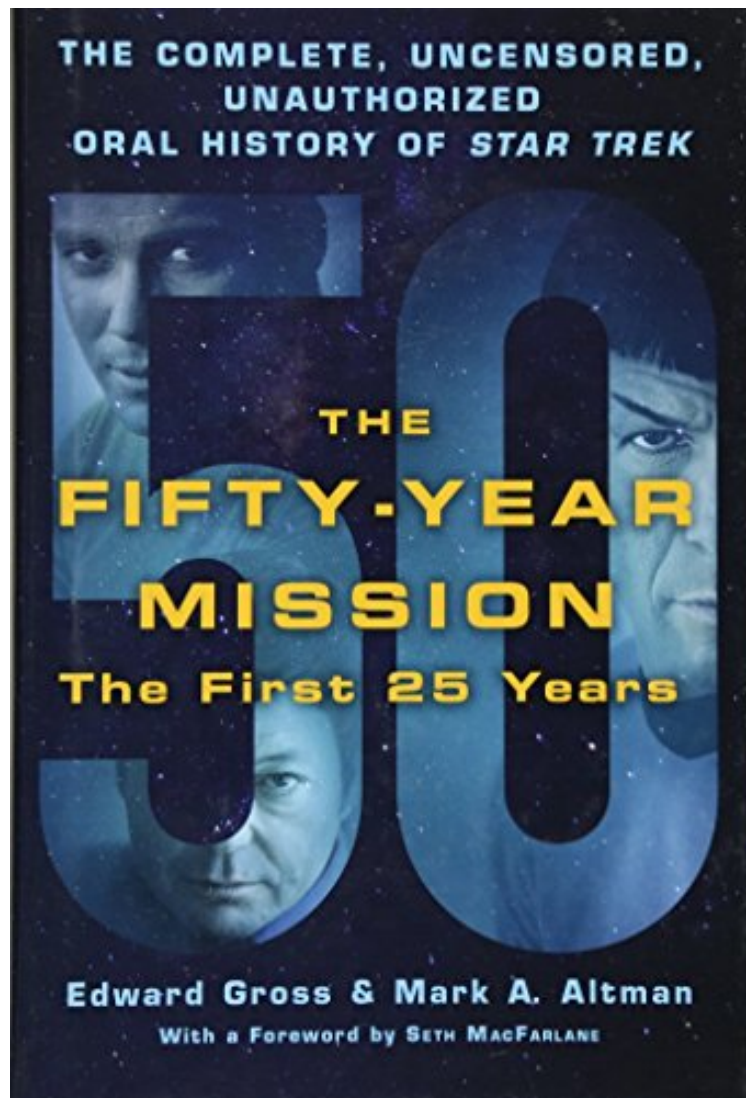


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**Edward Gross, Mark A. Altman : The Fifty-Year Mission: The Complete, Uncensored, Unauthorized Oral History of Star Trek: The First 25 Years** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised The Fifty-Year Mission: The Complete, Uncensored, Unauthorized Oral History of Star Trek: The First 25 Years:

3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. For Film Buffs and Hardcore Trekkers  
By L. S. Tucker  
A collection of interviews with the people who brought Star Trek to life as well as those who kept the dream alive after the initial cancellation. Edited in such a way as to give the impression of a super large roundtable using old interviews mixed with new, giving us the memories and opinions of Gene Roddenberry, the cast and various crew members, studio employees, guest stars, and many more. Discussed in great, sometimes painful detail are: The Original Series The Animated Series The unfilmed Phase II live action series Star Trek: The Motion Picture Star Trek II: The Wrath of Khan Star Trek III: The Search for Spock Star Trek IV: The Voyage Home Star Trek V: The Final Frontier The unfilmed The Academy Years prequel (later used by J. J. Abrams) Star Trek VI: The Undiscovered Country  
For the dedicated Trekkers (like me) or Trekkies who are open to the good and the bad. I found it interesting to see the honesty among many, as well as those who were more circumspect due to their continuing work in the entertainment business. I've already bought the sequel and look forward to reading about the Next 25 years. Most definitely a 5 out of 5.  
4 of 4 people found the following review helpful. Amazingly Good Read  
By Londonnoise  
Loved this book. It manages to weave a coherent story from the disparate soundbites of the cast, crew and others becoming something of a page turner. I learned a lot from this book, especially about how TV and movies were made in the 60's and 70's. It also becomes kind of entertaining (and a little sad) when you read the seemingly incessant bitching about one another from the cast and crew. Let's just say there was clearly a lot of competition going on there! Easily the best book I've read for a long time, and I'm just in awe of the amount of research that must have been needed to put this together. I can't wait to read about the next twenty-five years!  
2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Fun, interesting, shocking  
By speckled band  
I'm a die hard Roddenberry and Trek fan. And I enjoyed the hell out of this book. The great thing about it is that it is paragraph after paragraph verbatim from all those involved. Everyone that is anyone in the Trek Universe, has there honest and unencumbered say. Some may make you laugh, others might shock you with their honest view. But in the end, all of it, to this aging fan, is interesting. Two thumbs way, WAY up. And gee Mr Koenig, sounds like you might need to see a shrink. Just a joke, but if you read this you'll find out why I mentioned it.

This is the unauthorized, uncensored and unbelievable true story behind the making of a pop culture phenomenon. The original Star Trek series debuted in 1966 and has spawned five TV series spin-offs and a dozen feature films, with an upcoming one from Paramount arriving in 2016. The Fifty-Year Mission is a no-holds-barred oral history of five decades of Star Trek, told by the people who were there. Hear from the hundreds of television and film executives, programmers, writers, creators and cast as they unveil the oftentimes shocking story of Star Trek's ongoing fifty-year mission - a mission that has spanned from the classic series to the animated show, the many attempts at a relaunch through the beloved feature films. Make no mistake, this isn't just a book for Star Trek fans. Here is a volume for all fans of pop culture and anyone interested in the nuts and bolts of a television touchstone.

Breathtaking in scope and depth, this is a must-read for Star Trek lovers as well as anyone who wants a better understanding of how television and film production works. Booklist, starred review  
An absolute must for any Star Trek fan. Kirkus s  
As a lifelong fan, I thought I knew everything there was to know about Star Trek. Thankfully, I was wrong. Thanks to revealing, honest and dare I say it? fascinating interviews from the insiders who were really there, The Fifty-Year Mission is an epic tome that's full of so much fantastic information, I felt like I was discovering the incredible behind-the-scenes story of Star Trek (and Hollywood, for that matter) all over again. It's a page-turner in every sense of the word, and I could not put it down. Scott Mantz, Access Hollywood  
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EDWARD GROSS has an extensive history of covering film and television as a member of the editorial staff of a wide variety of magazines, including CINESCAPE, STARLOG, CINEFANTASTIQUE, SFX, FEMME FATALES, MOVIE MAGIC, LIFE STORY and SCI-FI NOW. He has written numerous non-fiction books and, along with THE FIFTY-YEAR MISSION coauthor Mark Altman, has written more about Star Trek over the past 35 years than just about anyone else. MARK A. ALTMAN has been hailed as "the world's foremost Treksper" by the LOS ANGELES TIMES. Altman is a former journalist for such publications as THE BOSTON GLOBE, CINEFANTASTIQUE and GEEK. He is also the writer/producer of the beloved romantic comedy, FREE ENTERPRISE, starring William Shatner and Eric McCormack as well as the hit TV series AGENT X, CASTLE, NECESSARY ROUGHNESS and FEMME FATALES.