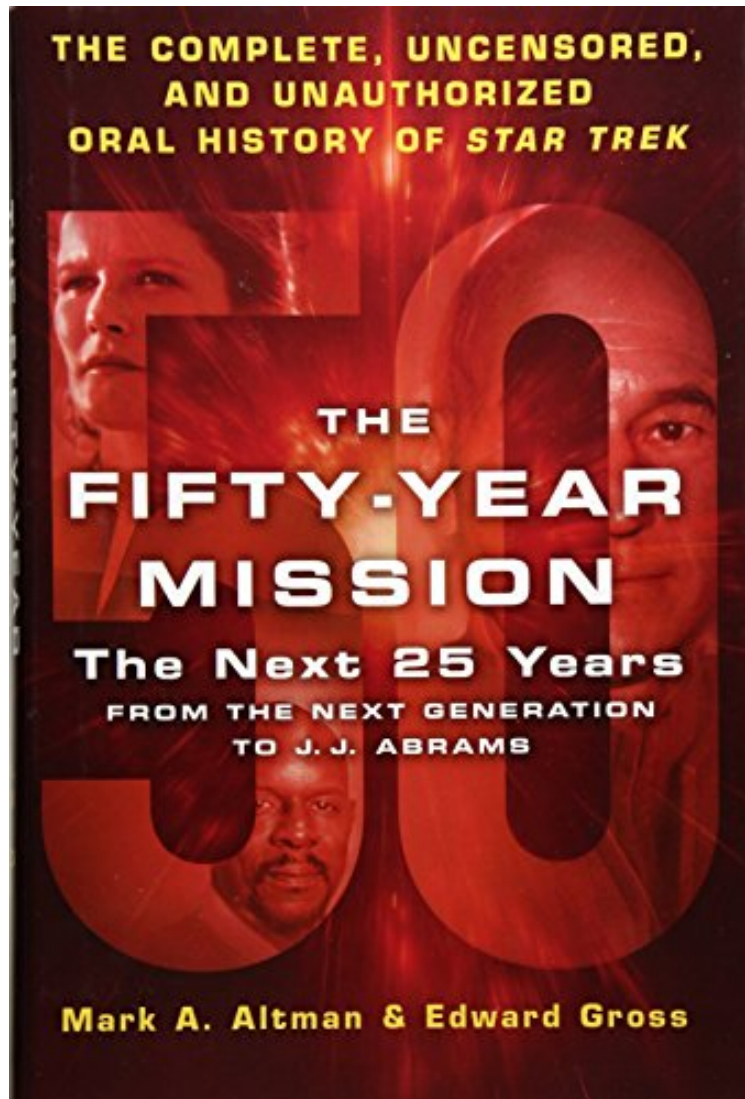


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2 of 3 people found the following review helpful. Another essential volume. By Peter J. Orvetti Like the first volume, this is an extensive and detailed oral history of "Star Trek" that includes both familiar and unfamiliar stories about the making of "The Next Generation", the "TNG" films, "Deep Space Nine", "Voyager", "Enterprise", and the first two J.J. Abrams films. This volume leans a bit heavier on comments from the writers and the production team than the first, which had a bit more from the actors, and because it covers so many shows -- some airing simultaneously -- it is a bit more rushed than the first. But it is an essential continuation of an amazing story. There are flaws, though they do not take away from the quality of the work. The oral history model means that some threads get dropped. For instance, many "TNG" cast members had big issues with "Nemesis" director Stuart Baird -- Marina Sirtis refers to him as "an idiot". But though Baird is quoted about the film, he says nothing about his relations with the actors, nor does he respond to the criticism, so it feels inconclusive. Later, one "Enterprise" actor says in an aside that another was not "one of my favorite people," but never says why -- nor does the other actor comment on it. One of the most compelling parts of this volume is that it delves into why some "Trek" projects -- mainly "Nemesis", "Voyager", and the first two seasons of "Enterprise" -- failed to meet the expectations even of their own creators. The reader sees how the intervention of Paramount and of Rick Berman held back the younger generation of creatives. ("Deep Space Nine" was able to succeed because it, unlike the other two latter series, was able to go beyond "just more 'Star Trek'" -- and could only do that because Berman pretty much ignored it.)

This is the true story behind the making of a television legend. There have been many books written about Star Trek, but never with the unprecedented access, insight and candor of authors Mark A. Altman and Edward Gross. Having covered the franchise for over three decades, they've assembled the ultimate guide to a television classic. *The Fifty-Year Mission: Volume Two* is an incisive, no-holds-barred oral history telling the story of post-Original Series Star Trek, told exclusively by the people who were there, in their own words sharing the inside scoop they've never told before unveiling the oftentimes shocking true story of the history of Star Trek and chronicling the trials, tribulations and tribbles that have remained deeply buried secrets... until now. *The Fifty-Year Mission: Volume Two* includes the voices of hundreds television and film executives, programmers, writers, creators, and cast, who span from the beloved *The Next Generation* and subsequent films through its spin-offs: *Deep Space Nine*, *Voyager*, and *Enterprise*, as well J.J. Abrams reimagined film series.

The oral history of the Star Trek franchise boldly continues. Writer and producer Altman and Gross who did a terrific job in their first volume, have once again meticulously selected and chronologically arranged a massive number of comments from more than 200 people involved in the TV shows and movies. Kirkus sPraise for *The Fifty-Year Mission: The First 25 Years* 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 sAs 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 About the Author EDWARD GROSS has covered film and television as a member of the editorial staff of a wide variety of magazines. He is the author of numerous non-fiction books, and, next to 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. He is also a former journalist and a writer/producer for numerous movies and TV series including *Castle* and *Agent X*.