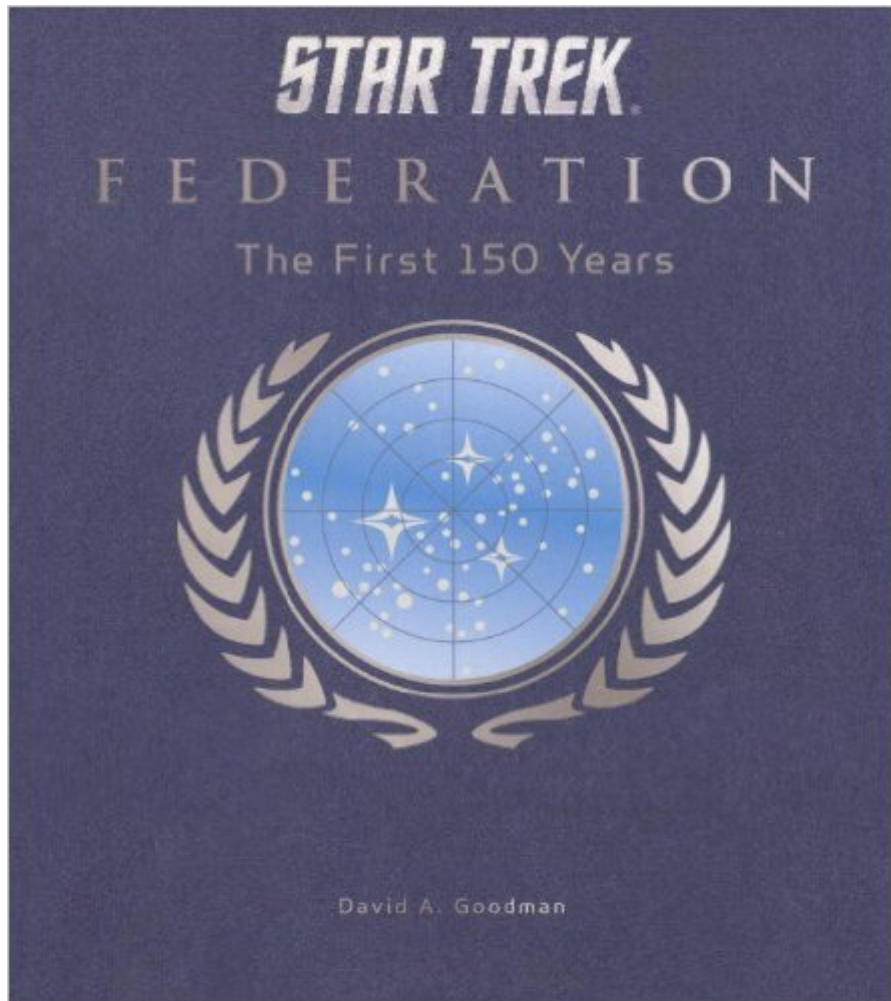


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If you've ever been watching an episode of Star Trek and heard a throwaway line about something that happened "in the 22nd century" and wanted to know more, this book is for you. If you ever noticed an apparent contradiction in how the show quoted its own historical events, this book is for you. If you've ever thought about the universe that exists around the characters in the Star Trek and wanted to know how it actually works, this book is for you. If you loved the adventures of Captains Kirk, Picard, Archer, Janeway and Sisko and were curious about how the things they did shaped the events of their time, this book is for you. To be clear, Federation: The First 150 Years is not a

technical manual. It's not an art book. It's not about the history of Star Trek the franchise or Star Trek the television show. It is a history book of the titular United Federation of Planets, the interstellar political body whose flag the Enterprise proudly flies. The book is written in an "In Universe" style, meaning that from the beginning to end, everything is from the perspective of a historian living and writing about Star Trek events as if they actually happened. While that might sound dry, Goodman's prose is snappy and peppered with quotes and "first person" accounts, giving it a lot of flavor and personality. Clearly Goodman has a background and interest in real-world history, a background that informs the decisions he makes as he ties together all the one liners and throwaway comments from dozens of Star Trek episodes and movies into a believable, cohesive, and enjoyable narrative about the founding and growth of one of sci-fi's most famous interstellar nations. Then there's the art.

"Federation: The First 150 Years" is essentially an in-universe textbook in the tradition of other Star Trek technical manuals and history books. It goes so far in its charade as to even have a fake bibliography referencing other non-existent future history books. Its purpose is to outline the formation and early years of the United Federation of Planets, the interplanetary government of the Star Trek franchise. Earlier books like the "Star Trek Spaceflight Chronology," which was the chief inspiration for this book, have attempted to do this before but have largely been outdated due to the ever evolving on-screen canon of Star Trek. This is most notably because of the television series "Enterprise" which expanded upon the pre-federation history that was once solely the realm of fan-fiction and speculation. The book succeeds pretty well at combining old ideas with new canon facts and the author goes through great lengths to explain away some obvious inconsistencies and problems created by "Enterprise" specifically. The chapter on the Romulan War is one of the highlights and details what very well could have made up the bulk of the last two seasons of the show had it continued. Unfortunately most of the fun of books like the "Spaceflight Chronology" came from the fact that they filled in the blanks of an era that, while sometimes referenced, we knew absolutely nothing about. Thanks to "Enterprise" having already covered much of that the majority of this book serves as a brief refresher course on the major events that shaped the Federation, events that Star Trek fans already know a lot about.

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