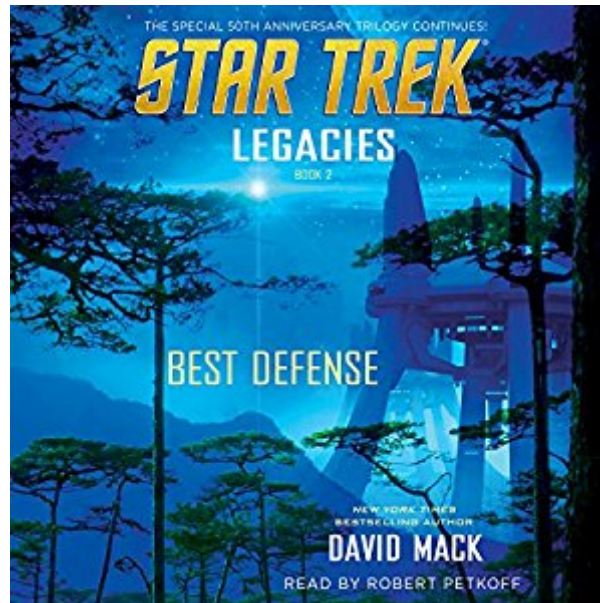


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# Best Defense: Star Trek: Legacies, Book 2



## Synopsis

A debt of honor: One brave woman ventures alone into a parallel universe to save her old shipmates exiled there decades earlier by a mysterious device called the Transfer Key. She soon learns the alternate universe harbors not just an alien invasion force but a secret that underpins its very existence. A mission of peace: A long-awaited Klingon-Federation peace conference convenes, led by Ambassador Sarek of Vulcan and Councillor Gorkon of Qo'noS. But both sides have enemies who would prefer the two great powers remain at war - and who will do anything to make certain hate wins the day. An errand of justice: Captain Kirk and his crew seek the stolen Transfer Key that opens a door between universes, but their hunt is cut short by Ambassador Sarek's plea for help. The Enterprise crew soon become targets in a deadly crossfire - one whose outcome will decide the fate of two universes.

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## Customer Reviews

Middle book of this saga. Solid David Mack writing. Familiar, classic real trek characters. Usually middle books in a trilogy are a drag. But this one is an exception. The plotting is steady and there is some good action woven in with real TOS ideals.

This is an excellent book. It was a fun roller coaster ride. (I still wonder why the starship Yorktown didn't get involved? Their Captain Una has been missing now for 2 books. Imagine if Kirk went missing for 2 books? Lol. I should be a book editor.) Anyway, all plot continuity aside, it is still an awesome book. Enjoy.

Great story that brings in additional STOS characters and raises the stakes by their addition. Also finds our heroes having to work in areas outside their normal duties. I look forward to the next chapter.

Probably one of the best written stories of the original cast that I have read in a very long time - The first two books of the Trilogy were both excellent and very suspenseful and I've ordered the third.

An exciting rollercoaster ride. Number one has been missing almost 20 years. Klingons control the citadel, Romulans have the key. Kirk, Spock Sarek even Gorken makes his presence known at the peace talks. This is one of the best and most exciting Trek books I've read in the last 20 years.

Great Book. Started out slow, but when it kicked into gear it was impossible to put down. Wow, what a ride. I wish the printers would go back to using the kind of dark, heavy ink font that they used to print the Star Trek books with, so my eyes didn't give out half way through the day.

Legacies is a trilogy celebrating Star Trek's 50th anniversary. Spanning decades and several captains of the early Enterprise, I thoroughly enjoyed the first novel that left off with a major cliffhanger. Sometimes the second book in a trilogy can just turn out to be filler. But thankfully, this installment was action-packed and anything but just filler. As the crew of the Enterprise tries to reclaim the Transfer Key, they also have to deal with a mystery and stop war from breaking out with the Klingons. Meanwhile, Una tries to rescue her old crew mates from a bizarre alternate universe. Full of suspense, political intrigue, and family drama "I enjoyed this story even more than the first in the trilogy. A lot was packed into this fast-paced story. We get to see Bones interact with his estranged daughter and see Sarek at work. There was so much I loved about the characters and story, that it was nearly impossible to put down. And the finale to this trilogy can't come soon enough."\*Previously posted at SciFiChick.

'Best Defense' was not as good as the first novel in this new trilogy...plain and simple. Sure, it was action packed and it was faithful to the first book, 'Captain to Captain', but it suffered from what so many other Star Trek novels suffered...there was too much going on. It shifted from the alternate universe to Centaurus (where McCoy's daughter was) to the Tiburonian to the Romulan ship to the Klingon / Vulcan peace talks..and more. There was just too much going on to be invested in any

one part of the book...which, for me, made it less intense and exciting than the first novel. All in all, it wasn't a bad book, but just scattered. What I had hoped I would learn more about was the alternate universe, where Captain Una was, but because of all of the other things going on, there just wasn't time. How could it have been a bit better? I am not sure...perhaps the entire story line with Joanna McCoy and the Tiburonian could have been eliminated, and the story with Sarek and the Klingons could have been simplified as well. This would have left more time to focus on the alternate universe. If you read the first one, you have to read this, and you will, of course, read the final installment when it comes out. But just be aware that this one may not excite you as much as the first one.

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