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Long ago, before the dawn of civilization, they were banished to the realm of nightmares. Now the terrors are real . . .

A generation ago, another Starship Enterprise™ fought off a ship of exiled aliens intent on conquering all of the Alpha Quadrant. Starfleet thought the foe had been repelled forever -- until now. The Furies have returned in might warships even more powerful than before. But their weapons are more than merely physical, for these aliens are the origins of all the demons and monsters of ancient myth, and they have found a way to project fear directly into the minds of their enemies. To defeat the Furies, and save the Federation, Picard and the crew of the U.S.S. Enterprise™ must first conquer the darkest terrors of their unconscious minds.

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## Daniel Kukwa says

My least favourite of the four "Invasion" books. I found it contained less depth than the other three, and too concerned with moving the plot along. The others have a very apocalyptic feel to them, but "The Soldiers of Fear" is simply competent action/adventure, in my eyes. Not bad at all, but unambitious, compared to its stablemates.

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## Elentarri says

Entertaining.

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## Sean Randall says

"what was there to question? He and his best friend were going to die in the next few minutes. it was that simple."

Because of the speed at which I read, these books are kind of like a feature-length episode for me. This one was certainly very enjoyable, and although the Redbay ending was predictable and Data's immunity to the genetic queues underexplored, fitting into the work thus far was smooth and neatly managed. Guinan's input was very televisual, too.

The length of the DS9 extract, the next novel, was a bit weird – this novel itself was just under an hour and a half of reading, and the "up next" sequence was a further quarter of an hour on top of that. Still, this is a fantastic series to come back to after so long without the old familiar episodes on rerun.

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## Joel Knight says

Four books, killing to preserve the Galaxy.

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## Nathaniel Boan says

I enjoyed this one. had a lot going personally so had to read it casually. it tried to involve all the main characters equally. the ending was super predictable. too much foreshadowing of the importance of an introduced "red shirt".

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## Tomislav says

This is book 2 of the four-part Star Trek series "Invasion!" that crosses through the settings of the first four Star Trek TV series.

Star Trek #79: First Strike

Star Trek: The Next Generation #41: The Soldiers of Fear

Star Trek: Deep Space Nine #16: Time's Enemy

Star Trek: Voyager #9: The Final Fury

It is a formulaic ST:TNG adventure that describes an impending invasion of our quadrant of the galaxy through a manufactured wormhole. I knew there was going to be a problem when the station that has been monitoring the last point of entry into our quadrant experiences a sudden loss of mass, and the human crew doesn't know why. Didn't any of them bother to learn about the very reason for the station's existence? Then the alien invaders project a "fear beam" onto the Enterprise, and we get to observe each crew member's personal greatest fear. Yeah, a fear beam that is undetectable by any known science, but that Geordi is able to create a shield for within one hour. This is the kind of plotting I expect in a comic book.

There are some pleasing interactions between Guinan and Piccard, Worf and Riker - and I guess that is what this kind of writing is all about. So not a total loss, but no way I would ever recommend this except as part of the crossover series.

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## Goldenwattle says

A good follow up from Invasion #1: First Strike (Star Trek, Book 79). An interesting idea, having four books in a series, but involving different sub series characters across the generations in each book.

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## Alex Gustafson says

Where "First Strike" shined, this book failed. Unfortunately it reads more like a TNG movie than a TNG episode. The book is dramatically better in the 2nd half where we're faced with engineering dilemmas, battle sequences, and the possibilities of war in space. But most of the book feels forced by the situations of the series. We have the same aliens, with new weapons, but no changes in motive. The plot was static and forced -- it was written with the ends in mind and to be honest I'm not sure why anything happened here at all except the cross-over demands a TNG book.

The villains had no arch. The TNG crew had no arch. Data doesn't have fear? Shocking. Riker is a great pilot? Shocking. Troi experiences more emotion than humans? Shocking.

Nothing to see here, and to be honest a real letdown overall. If the action scenes hadn't been compelling I may not have bothered finishing it and abandoned the series. But I'll press on and hope the DS9 book actually stays true to developing themes, characters, and moral discussions like a Star Trek fan would expect from the show.

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## **Aladino says**

L'idea dell'equipaggio dell'Enterprise terrorizzato dai diavoli coi forconi proprio non convince. Il libro è un tentativo non riuscito di mischiare fantascienza e superstizione ma un Riker o un Picard che cadono in preda al panico con questa facilità proprio non funzionano.

Anche trasformare demoni e diavoli, con tanto di zolfo e forconi, in una razza aliena a capo di una flotta di astronavi non rende bene. Mancava solo la scritta "Lasciate ogni speranza o voi che entrate" all'ingresso del tunnel spaziale che portava le furie nel quadrante alfa.

Inoltre si sa subito dall'inizio la fine che farà Redby. A che scopo introdurre un nuovo personaggio mai apparso nella serie, amicone di uno dei personaggi principali se non per farlo schiattare?

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## **James Sorensen says**

Part #2 of the Invasion series. A hole has opened in the Universe and the Furies have returned. The same group that James T. Kirk and the Enterprise crew defeated 80 years ago must now be tackled by Jean Luc Picard and they are stronger than ever. The ancient furies have returned to avenge their defeat from 80 years ago and reclaim their homeland. Their space ship is stronger than ever and the fear they create is more devastating than the last time. The fear the furies transmit can literally scare a person to death. Jean Luc must control his fear in order to defeat the enemy while Geordi finds a way to stop the fear beam. But the ultimate fate if the mission is to send someone through the wormhole to destroy the machine that holds it open and seal off the furies from sending an invasion force to destroy all we know. A pretty good story and well worth the read but you must read part one to get the complete picture. On to part 3.

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## **Veronica Lakewood says**

In this book I found myself struggling to focus. It was boring and my main goal for reading it was so that I could move on to the next book in the series. Overall It's terrible.

The author also seems to not understand that we use phasers NOT lasers when fighting the enemy. And lasers in the Trek universe are only used for things like surgery. A phaser is a much more powerful weapon than a laser.

If anything this book gives me inspiration, for indeed if this book can be published as awful as it is- Then my works will surely be published too...

In the future, it is my hope the writer reads my review and takes to heart about these observations. Star Trek is not to be written haphazardly and rushed out the door to make a quick buck. It is a form of sci-fi that you must be well acquainted with in order to truly write.

The science and technology in Star Trek is not something you can not just randomly make up as you go or make a perfunctory attempt at...

Frankly I have seen better writing from high school children. And this book is not worth the money. If only it were possible to skip this book. Because unlike the First Book and the Last book. The others fail to follow

standards to say the least.

I read and watch Trek because I believe that the Star Trek universe is the blue print for a better world. Everything we need to know from how to treat each other to money and politics resides in the trek universe. And someday if our technology can keep pace with our social advance. We may yet explore this galaxy...We should all remember that Gene Roddenberry Gave us this Blue print and starting from the 60s he showed us a 1 hour window. Of how things could be.

I remember watching Trek in the 70s when I was a little kid on a black and white TV. Even then. I knew it was something special. When we think of Gene Roddenberry we should also remember him for inspiring things like Cell phones. Blue tooth and advanced computing devices. Most of all though he should be remembered for inspiring generations of scientist who may someday make it possible for us to seek out strange new life.and boldly go where no one has gone before...

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### **Jason Vargo says**

In a word, the second novel in the Invasion series is serviceable. The Next Generation story focusing on the return of the Furies moves the story along without adding anything to the overall arc. The action takes place almost entirely on board the Enterprise-D; the supporting cast is thin; and the depth given to the regular characters is almost nonexistent.

The Furies this time around don't get any personality or characterization; they are simply an alien race with a weapon the crew has to find a technobabble way to defeat. Kinda boring, if you ask me. The issue with the first two books in the series is each author's insistence on drawing out events longer than they have any right to run. Here, scenes on the bridge are nearly interminable.

This is a quick read for me, so much so I kept thinking I was missing something. But I apparently didn't miss anything. The DS9 extract, from book 3, at the end of Soldiers of Fear, runs FAR too long.

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### **Dianah says**

While this is the second book in the *Invasion!* sub series, it can be read as a standalone novel. The story - a long feared enemy returns bent on conquering Federation and Klingon space. Picard and the Enterprise crew must find a way to deal with this enemy who has a new twist on an old weapon.

The book doesn't spend as much time on the invaders point of view as the first book in the series which makes sense, but I had liked the original villains and had hoped to see more of their society. The authors used the cliché of exhaling "a breath he didn't realize he was holding." no less than three times. There's also some foreshadowing that feels more like lazy writing.

The authors do a good job of relaying the information from the first book and that's no easy feat. It would be easy to add too much, which would annoy those who read the first book, or too little, which would confuse those who hadn't. They've managed a nice balance. Some of the minor parallels to the first book - a member of the bridge crew trying to help from his/her sickbed then going against medical advice to the bridge and a character with a speech impediment, for example, were annoying. I think I might have rated this book higher if I had read it as a stand alone. On to book three!

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## Michael says

I liked this better than Invasion #1 First Strike. As I mentioned, I am not a big fan of TOS. Everything seems to focus on Kirk. This book focused on several of the main characters, which I liked.

There are 2 downsides. First, the character Redbay, introduced as Riker's friend. Well, you know something was going to happen to him. Won't say what, though.

Second, it seemed to just end. Just like that, it was over. I know the series is continued with the DS9 group, so I wonder if Enterprise will show up there, also, to give a more final ending to the Invasion in alpha quadrant?

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## Alejandro says

### **The Furies' invasion continues!**

*This is the second book in a series of four of the Star Trek event "Invasion!"*

### **BE AFRAID, VERY AFRAID...**

Like 70 years ago, the fearsome Furies were stopped by the boldly efforts of Captain Kirk, Mister Spock and the *USS Enterprise* with crucial help of a third party in the conflict.

The Federation thought that that would be the last time to hear about the Furies...

...but they were **wrong!**

The Furies have returned and more powerful than before!

Bigger ships, better weapons, and the worst of all...

...a new advantage where the Furies now are able to really inflict fear in the hearts of their enemies...

...for real!

Not as a metaphor, but now they can provoke real feelings of fear to any crew trying to approach a warship

of them.

Now, it's the turn of Captain Picard, Cmdr. Riker and the *USS Enterprise-D* to face a new wave of invasion, better prepared, better armed and without assistance of a third column.

The Furies reigned in all our realm, centuries before of any known civilization would be able to stand up, they were responsible to breed the myths about demons across the galaxy, but they were expelled into other dimension...

...and they didn't like that one bit...

...the invasion to take what was theirs is resumed!

Kirk did his part to deal with the Furies, now it's up to the next generation to do theirs!

The big 4-part book event continues!

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