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The war between the Romulans and the mysterious Watraii continues. This time, however, ambassador Spock and his allies must find and penetrate the Watraii homeworld on a mission of mercy, where secrets about this new enemy's connection to Vulcan are revealed.

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Horst Gutmann says

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Mikael Kuoppala says

After the perfectly titillating and intellectually stimulating “Exodus” the “Vulcan Soul” trilogy drags just a little bit with “Exiles”. The two storyline approach continues as many of our favorite Trek legends research the dramatic attack on the Romulan Star Empire, detailed in the beginning of “Exodus”. This storyline is perhaps too dramatically overshadowed by the continuation of the story depicting ancient Vulcan history, which by “Exiles” has turned into ancient Romulan history.

The bulk of the novel examines the decades long journey that Vulcan tribes made before finding a new home, the Romulan star system. This storyline borrows some good things from the 2003 version of Battlestar Galactica with its sense of urgent survival struggle fueling Machiavellian political plots and twists. Overall this is all interesting stuff, but the setup is a bit too static to carry the narrative through the book. Many substantial themes are addressed, many fascinating characters and cultural phenomena created, but it all fails to keep the reader 100 per cent engaged. The prose in the historical section is also a bit flat, the sentences a tad too heavy.

Still, “Exiles” is a joy to read, isn’t afraid to raise the intellectual above the entertaining and serve some unique treats for fans of anthropological sci-fi in general and trekkers interested in Vulcan/Romulan culture in particular. Even with its minor flaws this middle volume makes you hungry for the conclusion of a so-far excellent trilogy.

Cupcakencorset says

This is the second book in the Star Trek Vulcan’s Soul trilogy. It’s a strong middle that does what it sets out to do: continue building the story and developing the characters without giving away too much about how the trilogy will resolve. It’s probably a decent stand-alone book, but I’m pretty much incapable of reading a series out of order or in parts, so I’m not a good judge there. Can’t wait to start the final book tonight.

Tommy Verhaegen says

No rest for the damned... could be a good summary of this book. Heroic deeds go unrewarded but as a people the exiled Vulcans (later to become the Romulans) travel through the galaxy to find a new home. Beautiful saga with action and excitement but lacking in humour, as the Vulcans themselves. The more you read from this trilogy the more difficult it gets to lay the book away. But definitely not a feelgood story. It gets easier to follow the jumps in time and place that the author makes in his storyline. Slowly, step-by-step many unanswered questions become clear - even if you didn't know the questions existed or you had them.

Robert says

This has been the best Star Trek book I have read in quite some time. Contrary to some other reviewers, I found the Memory portions to be superior to the Now portions as the assembling of the pantheon of Star Trek heroes for the mission to the Watraii homeworld was simply too contrived. Still it did lead to some comic moments.

I particularly loved how the novel showed us the manner in which Remus was first settled and what happened to the followers of Surak during the Sundering. And while I was less enchanted by the Now portions of the book, we did learn a tiny bit of valuable information about the Watraii culture that I am hoping will carry over into Book 3.

Now if only Ruane and Data had not been extricated in the way they were!

Charlie says

three short stories of people exiled in one way or another. first story is about a man whose mother dies and who gets involved with a couple whose son he resembles. second takes place on an island in the south Pacific (near Australia) and follows the islanders and some Europeans who live there. third story takes place during the Vietnam war and follows a group of soldiers searching for a tiger that ate one of their platoon.

Grant says

Sherman continues his exploration of the Vulcan and Romulan cultures, concentrating on the period when the Vulcan exiles wandered the galaxy in search of a new home. The "present day" story moves right along, but the rescue mission gets a little far-fetched. Still, a fun read.

Steve says

3.5 stars. This book struck me more easily than the first book of the series, and I really did enjoy them pulling more well-known characters out as a supporting cast, even if others were only mentioned and not seen. The action picked up a few months after the events of the first book, but built on it, and built up to a climax, which was sadly predictable. I have an idea of where they're taking this series, and I want to finish it to see if I'm correct.

Virgo says

This is a really good book for any causal star trek fan because it drew me in with a very interesting tale about what really happened in Vulcan's past. Or in this case some may not want the truth to come out. A famous member of star-fleet who appeared have died was captured and took Spock by surprise when he found him in a prison. Has a very very wild ending that was shocking.

Nicolas says

This was a real hit-and-miss for me. I really enjoyed the "Now" portions with Spock, Saavik, etc. but just couldn't get in to the "Memory" sections. I felt like the story came to a screaming halt everytime they popped up. I also find it a little questionable that Chekov & Uhura would still be still alive and kicking so late into the TNG era. Anyway, I'm interested to read the conclusion.

Marie Christine says

This one is very entertaining, a lot of tension and going out with a bang. More of this please!

Leann says

The continuing saga of how the Vulcans and Romulans are related. The storyline is holding my interest as a Star Trek fan. However, I felt the authors spent too much time on the "Memory" part of the story and not enough on the present.

Hope the final installment is worth spreading the story over three books.

Benjamin Plume says

Such a fascinating look at the Vulcans, Romulans, Remans, et al.

Wayland Smith says

Book two in one of the series within a series that Star Trek is so fond of, this is split in two eras. In the "modern" time, a new power called the Wattraii has emerged, claiming they have a right to the Romulan homeworld. This plot gets more complicated as most of the powers in this sector- the Federation, the Klingons, the Romulans- are still recovering from the massive losses during the Dominion War. At the end of last book, Chekov, still around as an Admiral, was captured. Now Uhura, director of Star Fleet Intelligence, dispatches a secret mission to rescue him. The *USS Alliance*, captained by Spock's wife Saavik, is sent out, with a special away team: Scotty, after his transporter accident that brought him to the Next Generation Era, Ambassador Spock, Ruanek a former Romulan living as a Vulcan, and Data. They need to save Chekov and find an artifact of great importance to the Romulan people.

In the past, we learn the story of the Vulcans who left their home and will eventually, as far as I can tell, become the Romulans. The story is a lot about the perils of long term space travel without FTL as the people face disaster after disaster: disease, equipment failure, factionalism. It reads a bit like a post apocalypse novel in space, which honestly isn't what I read Star Trek for. We get hints how the two stories connect, but that

isn't really revealed until the next book.

It's a decent, not great story. Recommended for Star Trek completists and those interested in Star Trek history. I didn't know Chekov and Uhura both had survived into the Next Gen era, and that seems a bit off, considering how old Bones was in the Next Gen 1st episode.

Michael T Bradley says

/eyebrow raised/ Fascinating.

Some failed attempts to kind of ... bring everybody from every crew together in the present, but the "Memory" sections are really building to something interesting. I was pretty baffled by both endings, but that might be just my attention wandering. I'll be very interested to see where this goes ...
