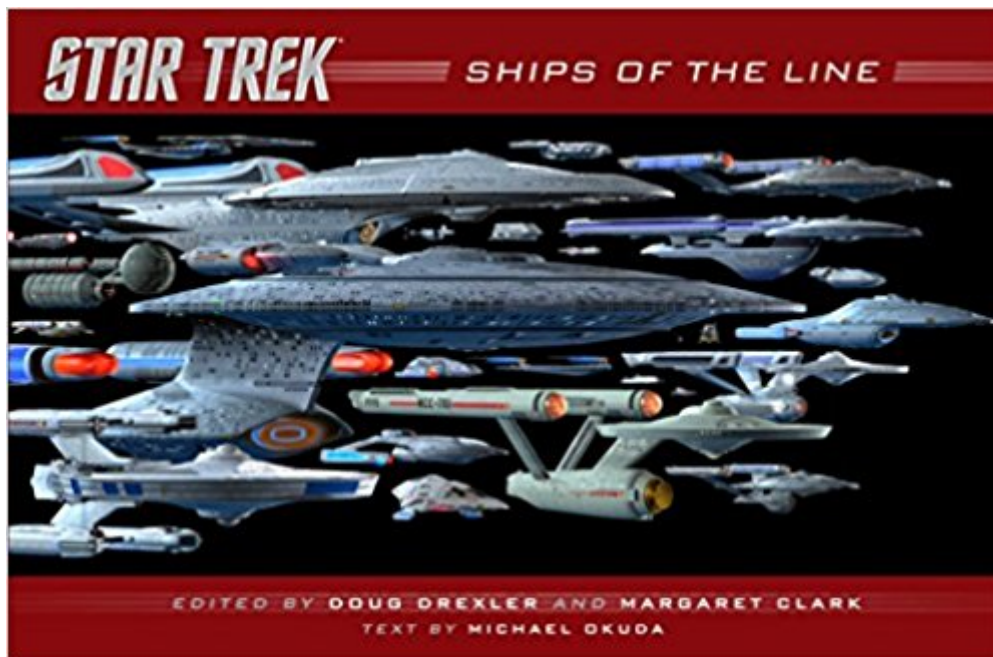


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In celebration of one of science fiction's most beloved franchises, an updated edition of the acclaimed Ships of the Line hardcover collection. They dared to risk it all in a skiff of reeds or leather, on a ship of wood or steel, knowing the only thing between them and certain death was their ship. To explore, to seek out what lay beyond the close and comfortable, every explorer had to embrace danger. And as they did so, what arose was a mystical bond, a passion for the ships that carried them. From the very first time humans dared to warp the fabric of space, escaping from the ashes of the third World War, they also created ships. These vessels have become the icons of mankind's desire to rise above the everyday, to seek out and make the unknown known. And these ships that travel the stellar seas have stirred the same passions as the ones that floated in the oceans. While every captain has wished that their starship could be outfitted in the same manner as the sailing ship H.M.S. Beagle—without weapons—that proved untenable. From the start, Starfleet realized that each vessel, due to the limited range of the early warp engines, must be able to stand alone against any attack. Thus arose the idea, taken from the days of wooden sailing ships, that every Starfleet vessel must stand as a ship of the line. Through the actions of their captains and crews, countless starships have taken on that role. Here we remember some of those ships and their heroic crews. In celebration of one of science fiction's most beloved franchises, this updated edition of the acclaimed Ships of the Line hardcover collection now includes dozens of additional images brought together for the first time in book format—spectacular renderings featured in the highly successful Star Trek: Ships of the Line calendar series. With text by Star Trek's own Michael Okuda, the story of each of these valiant starships now comes to life. ©, ®, & © 2014 CBS Studios, Inc. STAR TREK and related marks are trademarks of CBS Studios, Inc. All Rights Reserved.

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Customer Reviews

Doug Drexler and Margaret Clark both grew up on Long Island, New York. At the very same time, they became fans of Star Trek: The Original Series. Fate being what it was, neither knew the other at the time, though they were mere miles apart. Doug left for California. Margaret stayed. Their lives intersected when Doug began working on a television show called Star Trek: The Next Generation and Margaret began editing Star Trek books. It was the beginning of a beautiful friendship. Michael Okuda was hired to design control panels for Star Trek: The Next Generation. At the time, he was living in Hawaii. He flew to Los Angeles for what he was told would be a quick, two-week job. He hasn't left yet.

This is really a beautiful book any fan will enjoy. I wasn't sure what to expect, but I figured 350+ pages of some sort of ST goodness for the price sounded good. I was pleasantly surprised with a huge collection of original Star Trek artwork drawn from a variety of sources. They are arranged chronologically, some have to do with episodes and movies, others do not. It's really a high-quality coffee-table book, although it isn't oversize. All the illustrations are of ST ships in some sort of a situation. It's a nice way to pass some time exploring the ST universe.

A beautiful collection of photos from the long line of Star Trek Calendars produced over the years. All photos are arranged chronologically, from the earliest warp vessels to the Enterprise-J. Every illustration is full paged and comes with text describing the scene as interpreted by Michael Okuda. Even though almost all races of the Star Trek Universe is included, I wish they would have included all the ships especially the different designs and classes that have been shown. The Equinox comes to mind, as well as the Steamrunner, Akira and so forth. Other than that this is a great coffee table book for any Star Trek fan!

The artwork is beautiful and the side stores are interesting... but I mainly enjoy this book (and it's predecessor) for the artwork. I'm not sure why people complain that this is a misleading book and

that it doesn't have specs on the various ships..... no where in the advertisement for this book does it suggest it does. It's a book of artwork - combined with except stories. Some of these are connected to the novels - some are just made up by the artist.

I've always loved sci-fi (especially Trek) for its "imagined technology" and the ships themselves. This is essentially a picture book of those ships with just little captions on the facing page. It's arranged in chronological fashion with "snapshots" from some of the more memorable franchise episodes. Some of those pictures are detailed color illustrations, but most are CG renderings of various detail levels, with the most interesting picture being the front cover itself...

for anyone who likes spaceships and especially spaceships from Star Trek the movies and TV series this is the book for you although I wish the book was a little bit larger it still works as it is it seems to be based off of the calendars they came out starting almost a decade if not more to the time this book came out but any rendition of these hopeful futuristic grandes ships of the future is pleasing to my eye if you have collected any of the calendars or all the calendars this book is for you

I purchased this book out of Star Trek nostalgia so that I can occasionally thumb through it and remember the various ships that fascinated me as I watched all of the series. I enjoy that each beautiful picture comes with a story and it's perfect to bring back episodes that I remember, etc. I also love that the explanations of the ships and such are in chronological order. As a side note, this is a perfect 'coffee table' book that friends & fellow Trek fans would love to thumb through also.

It was bought as a gift for my husband. He loves Star Trek and I knew he had to have this book for his collection. The pages are brilliant with vibrant color images. This is a must have for any Star Trek fan. I have to say I find myself flipping through the pages on occasion because it is done so well. It is a hard cover book with strong binding for years of coffee table book status.

I have been a Trekkie since the beginning and have really liked the various ships. This book gives an interesting look at the "history" of space flight in the Star Trek universe. I will also be using some of the pictures to scratch or convert model ships. I enjoyed the narrations that were with the pictures. The book arrived well packaged and quite fast, a good seller.

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