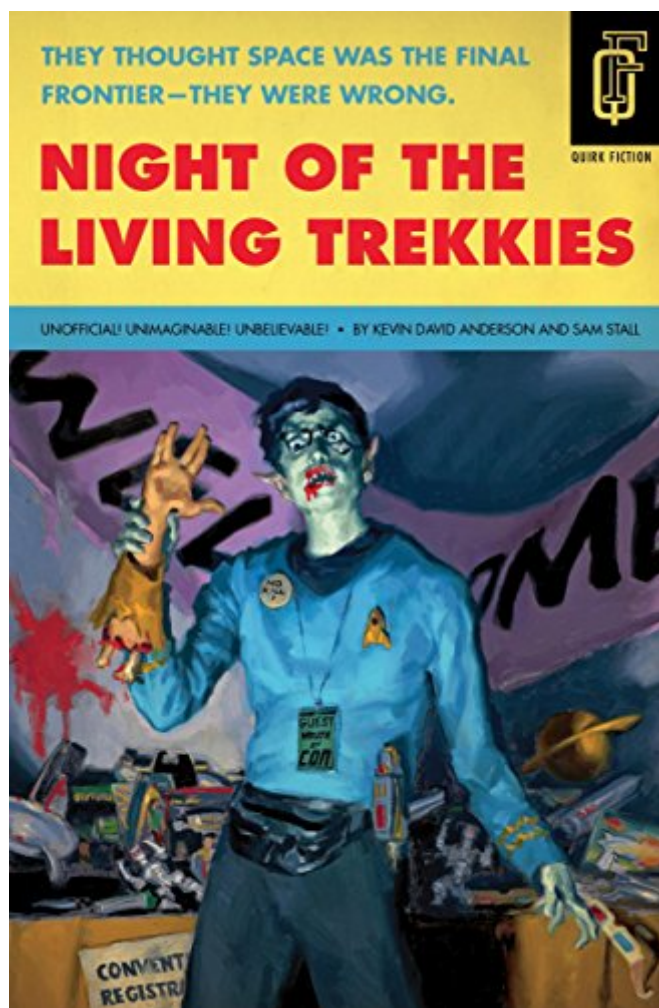


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# Night Of The Living Trekkies (Quirk Fiction)



## Synopsis

Journey to the final frontier of sci-fi zombie horror! Jim Pike was the world's biggest Star Trek fan until two tours of duty in Afghanistan destroyed his faith in the human race. Now he sleepwalks through life as the assistant manager of a small hotel in downtown Houston. But when hundreds of Trekkies arrive in his lobby for a science-fiction convention, Jim finds himself surrounded by costumed Klingons, Vulcans, and Ferengi plus a strange virus that transforms its carriers into savage, flesh-eating zombies! As bloody corpses stumble to life and the planet teeters on the brink of total apocalypse, Jim must deliver a ragtag crew of fanboys and fangirls to safety. Dressed in homemade uniforms and armed with prop phasers, their prime directive is to survive. But how long can they last in the ultimate no-win scenario?

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## Customer Reviews

I love Star Trek, and if there is a convention involved, I really want to read about it (people watching aside, Bimbos of the Death Sun is a great book!). When I saw the pulpy cover of Quirk Books' *Night of the Living Trekkies* by Kevin David Anderson and Sam Stall, I was

in! Jim Pike survived 2 tours in Afghanistan, after which he decides to take a job doing something a little less stressful. He gets a job at a hotel, and this weekend, there is a Star Trek convention. All of a sudden, people are acting strangely – they are eating other people! Jim has to get to his sister, meeting some geeks and a slave Leia along the way – outsmarting and overcoming the zombies in his own, resourceful way. There are lots of geeky and lore-type things in Night of the Living Trekkies. But, anyone into a good zombie story would find this to be a fun read. Writers Kevin David Anderson and Sam Stall create a very filmic story. Something I could easily see on Syfy or some cable network – either as something serious or in a pulpy style similar to the cover. I really enjoyed this book and I think it provides a welcome escape for any reader. I picked this up electronically, but it can also be picked up in trade paperback from your favorite retailer. \*Note, this was read and reviewed in 2014, but was not published recently, hence the #retroreview tag!

Do you love Star Trek? Do you enjoy zombie stories? If so, you'll enjoy this book. What starts out as a Trek convention turns into a zombie apocalypse. Our hero, Jim Pike (get it? Chris Pike and Jim Kirk combined) is a combat vet struggling with PTSD and guilt. He has an assistant manager job at a second class hotel where the con is taking place. Circumstances bring out the Captain Kirk in him as he and a small band of survivors work to escape the hotel. There are lots of Trek references, especially the original series, my personal favorite. Some reviewers found it annoying, but I enjoyed them. There are a few twists and turns, no spoilers here, but this isn't a complicated plot. There is some humor, and the writing is decent as is the editing. The story is complete, no cliffhangers, and it's a fast read. This was the perfect book for me to read while traveling out of state for my mother's funeral, distracting without requiring much thought. My thanks to the author.

Fans of Star Trek and the zombie genre alike owe it to themselves to give this book a read. Filled with winking references to Trek, zombies, and scifi in general, this is definitely a book that's geared towards an insider audience. Humor I expected from a book called "Night of the Living Trekkies," but the authors crafted a cast of characters that make you genuinely care as well. This is a real page turner and a definite recommend!

A mysterious incident at a local military installation, a strange sickness, seemingly random acts of violence and an Army veteran caught in the middle of this... It all sounds way too familiar, because these are all elements of a classic zombie story - something we've all seen and read quite a few

times, but have you ever seen a story like that take place at a Star Trek convention? If not, then be sure to read 'Night of the Living Trekkies', because that's where it'll take you - to a zombie-infested Trek convention where a group of survivors is fighting to stay alive! Though some of the readers may find it a bit predictable in terms of how the story develops, it's still a very original idea, which comes beautifully packed with dozens of Star Trek references in every chapter.

I'm a Sci-Fi and Star Trek fan - although I wouldn't qualify myself as a Trekkie. I was given a copy of the book to read and started out with low expectations. What I expected was that the writing would be amateurish and heavy handed with forced references. It only took a few chapters to realize that wasn't the case. The authors manage to turn something unbelievable into something that makes total sense. The setting for the story and characters involved made everything believable. Think about it: how do you expect a bunch of people trapped in a hotel hosting a Star Trek convention would react to a zombie-pocalypse? To express how much I enjoyed the book I even purchased a copy for my Kindle even though I was half way through the paperback version that was loaned to me. I just wanted to give the authors their fair share for such an entertaining read. Now, when does the movie come out? Please say it will be soon!

This was a fun, quick and campy read. And that's about it. If you like science fiction (especially Star Trek, though there is enough to keep Star Wars fans happy and even a Battlestar Galactica Easter egg) and zombie stories, than this will be right up your ally. I don't normally put too much into zombie stories, I have a hard time distinguishing them, but I love parodies and that is what this short novel does best. It is laugh out loud funny in parts and if you are even a mild Star Trek fan you will find yourself grinning at the inside jokes. To say that this is a well written sf story might be a bit much, but I don't think this wants to be taken seriously. In one scene, in which the red shirt motif is beat to death, the parody became a little too over the top for me. The characters have WAY too much knowledge of Star Trek, even characters who you wouldn't suppose would be Trekkies can answer obscure questions about the series. As a Native Texan, I found the geography to be a bit off. Especially at one point where the characters are "deep" in "West Texas" but haven't quite reached San Antonio. That area there...it's called Central Texas. West Texas is West of San Antonio, and Houston is considered to be East Texas. But now I'm just being a nit-picking Texan. Overall this was a quick read, I finished it in half a day; that provided some laughs; some genuine chills; was a fairly well thought out Zombie Apocalypse...as those things go...and a great bit of fun for a science fiction nerd like myself.

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