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It is a time of political upheaval and uncertainty in the New Thallonian Protectorate. Following the brutal assassination of her husband, Si Cwan, former Starfleet officer-turned-newly-appointed-Prime Minister Robin Lefler must now face the growing danger and intrigue surrounding her newborn son and heir to the noble line of Cwan. Following a harrowing assassination attempt, Robin has no choice but to flee New Thallon with her child...seeking refuge with Captain Mackenzie Calhoun and the crew of the *U.S.S. Excalibur* and creating a major diplomatic crisis in Sector 221-G.

The political fallout between the Federation and the New Thallonian Protectorate pales, however, in comparison to the threat of an enigmatic alien race determined to seize the infant Cwan for its own mysterious purposes. But nothing could possibly prepare Calhoun for the shocking betrayal from within -- an act of treachery to aid and abet this alien race -- forever altering the lives of the *Excalibur* crew....

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Heather says

It has been several years since I've read a New Frontier novel and I wasn't sure if I could get back into the world. But this book was enjoyable from the very first. I got re-acquainted with old friends and had a great time. We get to see all the major characters from the previous books with some new villains too. The book is one story that gets resolved but with a great last line that leaves it open for more.

Melissa says

I read Star Trek books because they are generally fun easy reads that allow me to get lost in an imaginary universe I know well. They are comfortable, often cheesy, and never great literature, but they are relaxing. However, the overly contrived plot and the staggering number of coincidences in this particular one caused me to have more trouble than usual suspending disbelief and just enjoying the Star Trek universe.

Meg Dean says

No! No! No no no no no no!!! I am in no way OK with how this ended!!!! ?????

Justin says

I think this series has "jumped the shark"; it should have ended 2 books ago. Maybe it's because I started so long ago and finished only today, but many plot elements are weak. The ultimate villains are not revealed until towards the end and their goals are nebulous. The previous or next book or comic make no reference to them again. The story went from child kidnapping to alien gene manipulation to dead people coming back from the dead to inhabit their sister's body. Come on!

Tammy says

Another crazy adventure in the life of the past and present crew of the Excalibur! (Note, at the time of this review, the summary provided is incorrect. Treason follows birth of Robin Lefler's son and events that follow.

The New Frontier series is always a fun read, with the hilarious situations and characters, and this book follows in that tradition. In general, with much of Peter David's work, the story-lines are contrived and corny, but the joke is more than worth it-- a feature, not a bug. However, I did not enjoy this newest foray as much as I normally do, but I am not sure why. It just may be that Robin is one of my least favorite of the crew (-- her mother aside, she's relatively normal) or that the series is losing its luster for me.

Emmie says

Fourteenth (?) book of the school year. I can't say that this book was *bad* but I did catch myself annoyed with it at times. There were points that I felt weren't explained all that greatly and then once or twice a few weirdly-placed comic moments really freaked with the intensity of the story. So this makes the book not wondrous. Like, it isn't the best thing I've ever read. But it was fun to read, and I think that counts for a lot, especially since it was a Star Trek novel and therefore thoroughly plot-based. I think now I should probably go and read the nineteen books that come before this so I get a better handle on what's actually going on. XD

SPOILERS:

Also Selar was my favorite and it made me sad that she died. D:

Andy says

Great book! A solid adventure story from start to finish. I was on the edge of my seat for the last 100 pages. Easy, fun, exciting reading. I was a bit surprised by the sexuality in the book, but it was mostly in the background and not unnecessarily focused on. Peter David remains one of my favorite writers. Recommended for anyone who likes a good sci-fi adventure story.

Note: you do not (in my opinion) need to be a Star Trek afficiando to enjoy this book. Even those with limited Star Trek knowledge will be able to enjoy this one.

John Kirk says

[I liked the idea of the "Vulcan madness", and it's another example of PAD tying together th

David Palazzolo says

Star Trek: The New Frontier: Treason by Peter David is the 17th book in the New Frontier series proper and the 27th chapter of what I like to call Star Trek: The Prime Time Soap. Treason is a bit of a return to the style of some of the earlier books--fast-paced, tightly plotted with a few twists including a possible connection to an earlier TV series episode. The novel is aptly titled as multiple acts of treason and betrayal lie at the heart of the story. First we have Tusari Gyn, Prime Arbiter of the New Thallonian Protectorate--he stages a coup against his opposite number on the Council, Prime Minister Robin Lefler, forcing her, her son Cwansi and the Lady Kalinda to seek asylum aboard the USS Excalibur. Then there's Dr Selar--lying to her captain, Mackenzie Calhoun, ignoring her Hippocratic Oath, kidnapping Robin Lefler's son and another unconscious patient for dubious reasons then running AWOL from the USS Excalibur. The title could also be extended to Tribune Lucius who is tempted to betray Cmdr. Soleta and hijack their ship the Spectre.

In addition to all the double dealings, the other theme that drives the novel is parent-child relationships. Selar's obsession about curing her son Xy's medical condition is what the D'myurj--a mysterious race with mysterious motives--use to push the good doctor over the edge and commit her treasonous acts. Robin Lefler

faces the theme from both sides--her fight to retain custody of her son then her insistence on taking an active role in the rescue of Cwansi bring her into extended contact with her own mother Morgan Primus. Unfortunately David never really addresses the relationship between Calhoun and his sons, Xyon and Moke. There are a number of surprising deaths here and out of the three main ships in this series--Spectre, Excalibur and USS Trident--none escape the loss of crew members. Treason ends on a bit of a cliffhanger, but that is not surprising as it is currently the penultimate book in the series (I hope there will be more some day). Next up Calhoun and company are out for blood and take the fight to the D'myurj and their shock troopers the Brethren in what may be the final novel of the series Blind Man's Bluff.

John says

Another solid offering by the always excellent Peter David, continuing the "New Frontier" universe he created. After 15+ books, I've really started to "care" about these characters, and this book offers further insights into several of them. David isn't afraid of killing a few of them off either :-) Like always, he leaves a few hanging threads that make you look forward to the next novel in this series.

Joy says

I have long awaited this book. It picks up pretty much where the comic left off and doesn't mention the events of Destiny. I'm fine with that. I'd like to move on.

We found out in the comic that Robin's pregnant. She's about to give birth and Calhoun brings the Excalibur to her so that Selar can assist her with the birth. The ruling body of the Thallonian want to raise the child, and legally they have the right. Robin doesn't want to give the baby up so she flees with Kalinda on Xyon's ship who drops them off with Calhoun, much to Jellico's dismay.

Meanwhile, the Excalibur has picked up a ship with a comatose Hermit on it. This Hermit appears to have been genetically altered to heal quicker. Selar has been looking nonstop for a cure for Xy's condition which is causing him to age at a rapid rate. She thinks the Hermit may be the key. In mind melding with the Hermit, she has a vision where she is told that if she takes the Hermit and Robin's baby to a planet, she will be given the means to save Xy. The question becomes with Selar follow logic or do anything to save her son?

This is typical Peter David. He throws in lots of interesting twists that keep you on your toes for the whole novel. What disturbs me most is the last line of the novel. Things could get interesting in the next book.

Michael says

The only problem with Peter David's success in other areas of publishing is that it means we have to wait longer for each new installment in the "New Frontier" series.

At least David understands this and makes each new adventure with Captain Calhoun and the "New Frontier" crew worth the wait.

The latest installment, "Treason" is no exception.

The Excalibur crew comes across a Hermite space-ship with a Hermite aboard that has remarkable

restorative powers. Doctor Selar, becoming increasingly desperate to find a way to reverse or slow her son's Xy rapid aging, sees her new patient as a possible solution to her current crisis and begins heading down a road that will eventually lead her to kidnap the newborn child of the Si Cwan and Robin Lefler and head off to a mysterious part of space in hopes of finding a cure. David's story breathlessly weaves in a lot of various threads and allows each remaining "New Frontier" character his or her own moment in the sun. David is a master of keeping readers up to date on the current storylines without bringing the plot to a halt to summarize what's happened until now or giving us long, drawn-out "info-dumps."

Each "New Frontier" book is something to be savored and enjoyed. That can be hard to do, however, simply because there are moments when the story is moving at such a brisk clip that the pages can't turn fast enough. Even if the book were twice the number of pages we get here, it wouldn't be enough. You'd still come away wanting more, anxious to find out what happens next out there in the "New Frontier."

I don't know when the next installment is coming, but I'm counting down the days until I get to read it...

*****Dave Hill says**

Rather than "Treason," the better title here might be "Madness." It seems, at times, like everyone is going insane-mad, or is deeply depressed, or possibly possessed, or is simply getting really, really **angry** mad. And given that one of the insane-mad types is potentially the most powerful beings in the universe, things are even more dire ... and that's before some Grand Guignol ship-board battling that manage to kill of a number of supporting cast members, and a climax that sees yet another original player in the series die.

For all of that winnowing of the overly-large cast -- and for all that the new galactic antagonists feel a bit much like an attempt to come up with some even more powerful (if demonstrably mortal) bad guys -- this is still a fun book. After criticizing the past few volumes in the series with focusing on cast I didn't care for, that's turned right around here, as Burgy, Soleta, Selar, even (oddly enough) Si Cwan all step into the limelight (even if not all of them are in their right minds, or bodies). Amidst rampant paranoia of conniving conspiracies, shadowy aliens, omniscient computers, and secrets than you can shake a stick at, and a final scene to ramp things up still further ...it's a book that grabbed me for all 436 (large-type, wide-spaced) pages.

Daniel says

These just get better and better. Treason is mostly a fast-paced Selar/Soleta story.

Thomas says

This is the first New Frontier novel I've read, I got it as part of a bundle on sale. I felt a bit lost, being dropped into a group of characters that I had no background information for. I picked up bits and pieces along the way, but I think the impact of the story was lessened since I didn't have 15 books to build up my feelings for the characters first. It was competently written and well paced, so I gave it 3 stars. I might pick up some other New Frontier novels and start from the start someday.

The cover art is beautiful and striking, definitely a step above most Trek novel art.

