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**Day of the Vipers (Star Trek: Terok Nor #1)**



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## Description

Before the Dominion War and the decimation of Cardassia...before the coming of the Emissary and the discovery of the wormhole...before space station Terok Nor became Deep Space 9(TM)...there was the Occupation: the military takeover of an alien planet and the violent insurgency that fought against it. Now that fifty-year tale of warring ideologies, terrorism, greed, secret intelligence, moral compromises, and embattled faiths is at last given its due in the three-book saga of "Star Trek's" Lost Era... A seemingly benign visitation to the bountiful world of Bajor from the resource-poor Cardassian Union is viewed with cautious optimism by some, trepidation by others, and a calculating gleam by unscrupulous opportunists. What begins as a gesture of compassion soon becomes something very different. Seen through the eyes of participants on both sides -- including those of a young officer named Skrain Dukat -- the personal, political, and religious tensions between the Bajorans and the Cardassians quickly spiral out of control, irrevocably shaping the futures of both worlds in an emotionally charged and unforgettable tale of treachery, tragedy, and hope.

## Insightful reviews

Dan: *Day of the Vipers* is an excellent beginning to the *Terok Nor* miniseries, setting up the horrors of the Cardassian occupation very well. At times quite dark and depressing (we all know where this story is headed), this novel nonetheless shows the resilience and pride of the Bajoran people. This is not the most accessible of *Star Trek* novels. I think that a casual fan of *Star Trek* would have a much harder time picking up this novel than a more conventional TOS or TNG novel. However, for ardent fans, *Day of the Vipers* introduces a pivotal piece of *Star Trek* history, and I would recommend this novel for any reader who loves *Deep Space Nine* and the rich, well-developed lore of that series.

Full review: <http://treklit.blogspot.com/2014/10/T...>

Steve: I had some concerns when I started this book that the Cardassians that were portrayed in this book were far too different from their portrayal on DS9, but it soon became apparent that they were playing the long game, and well, acting exactly like I expected. It was well-written, the chapters were a nice length, and while overly political in parts, it fit in well with the story line.

Laura: **Backstory to Cardassia and Bajor**

When I saw that this book was the backstory of Cardassia taking over Bajor I couldn't wait to read it. Especially since it gives a little more insight into what made Gul Dukat the way he was. Very well written, descriptive book. Can't wait to read the others in the series.

Cal: good it used to be ok yet form of mediocre. The plot is powerful yet characterization and writing type is bland. i cannot select many features specified to the characters so it used to be challenging to recollect who each person was once and what had occurred to who. The speed of the narrative dragged and conversations have been interspersed with some distance an excessive amount of narration. there has been an excessive amount of bland mirrored image

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and so the tale didn't consider interesting very often. Dukat's function felt pressured and prefer the author didn't wish to make up their very own personality for the villain role. however the personality easily did not believe like Dukat. First, I doubt he used to be part of the taking of Bajor. The profession lasted 50 years and he's already a father here. i do know we do not understand cardassian lifespans yet this may make him a minimum of over 70 years previous within the convey which I hugely doubt simply in keeping with the experience of time one will get from the express and his placement on Terok nor and his family's ruin with Garak's life. Second, his personality was once just too flat to be Dukat. Dukat has loads of air of secrecy and performs with humans and exhibits a smiling or interrogative face while interacting with people. He used to be a lot too severe and usually villainous and frustrated for all time for me to actually believe like this used to be Dukat. Back to the narrative, the motion scenes have been written good yet there have been too few.. the writer alterations scenes correct ahead of the "good part" forever that is type of frustrating. The Cardassians appeared additionally too one dimensional as a race. The exhibit has proven considerable circumstances of them being quite assorted of their explanations and morality, and that i could have loved to have obvious that more. as a substitute we simply get the great orilians and the evil different Cardassians. Kinda uninteresting and typical. All in all, okay, yet unmemorable and that i would not learn it again.

Andrew: This ebook explains how the Cardassians got here to Bajor and at last annexed the planet. The Cardassians' plan was once artful from the beginning - they got here below the pretense of peace and mutual understanding, yet have been secretly making plans a takeover the complete time. the tale makes a speciality of individuals with diversified backgrounds. Cardassian characters contain Dukat (on the cover), different army body of workers with various levels of competence, and a priest. Bajorans of curiosity contain a mid-level Bajoran politician, a lawman, and a priest. the various backgrounds aid describe the general state of affairs because the Bajoran lifestyle is uprooted. The direction from first touch to profession is stuffed with deceit, political maneuvering, and oppression, with Bajorans responding in numerous methods as their peaceable international starts off to fall apart. finally the far-reaching Cardassian plan is executed, and Bajor is annexed. Emotionally this publication is at the down aspect because the subject matters are negative, yet that did not hinder me from having fun with the book. I fairly loved how the Cardassians used the Bajoran religion as a device for his or her ends and succeeded so well.

Chris Blocker: evaluation from The Literary Snob First off, the truth that I even picked this publication up is a credits to the writer or the selling group or someone. I admit, i'm a "Trekker." In center school, I learn twenty or extra megastar Trek novels; i have not picked up one since. They have been enjoyable, yet they have been little greater than your ordinary action/sci-fi thrills and that i wanted whatever meatier as started to satisfy my position as a literary snob. Aside from my desire for a Trek novel with extra literary merit, what attracted me to Day of the Vipers used to be its topic matter: the Cardassian profession of Bajor. It's part of Trek heritage that audience by no means saw; rather, we got glimpses of its repercussions within the sequence Deep house Nine. i will spare you the main points (if you are curious, learn this article), however the fifty-year profession of Bajor rolls lots of humanities darkest moments into one, i.e. colonization, genocide, and slavery. This book, the 1st in a sequence of three, covers the 1st ten years of Cardassian intervention. Focusing principally at the conspirators and the manipulation of the typical man, it strikes slower than one could expect. at the beginning this speed afflicted

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me, yet i spotted that this is often how momentous occasions happen—it takes many strikes on a chess board, lots of which contain pawns, prior to a video game builds into anything notable. Swallow does a good task of creating every one "chess move" correct to the tale despite how tedious a few may perhaps seem. I additionally like that Swallow doesn't forged the Federation (the often human republic and foundation for all megastar Trek series) because the excellent society as is simply too frequently done. Deep house 9 was once courageous adequate to enterprise into a number of the corruptness of humanity's destiny and that i was once happy to determine the writer right here did the same. Making just a couple of scattered appearances, the Federation prevents intervention within the brewing clash end result of the related forms we see in modern-day society. The so much tough half with Day of the Vipers is the characters themselves. i discovered lots of them to be unrealistic and flat. one of many basic characters, the executive defense officer of the Bajoran urban targeted on, frequently performed the cowboy and felt a piece too cliché. Gul Dukat, who made many appearances within the DS9 series, appeared too darkish and never as dimensional as he's within the series. those personality discrepancies weren't glaring, yet they have been distracting from time to time. Overall, I felt Day of the Vipers captured part of (future) heritage that should be told. It was once performed good sufficient that i'm going to most likely learn the following ebook within the series, evening of the Wolves. I would not unavoidably suggest this booklet to the non-Trekker, yet I do imagine somebody may well persist with the easy storyline. the tale of such heinous acts is, unfortunately, a narrative we all know all too well.

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