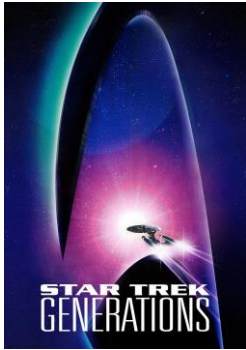


Short Review: “Star Trek: Generations” (1994) by Dr. John L. Flynn



Star Trek: Generations (1994). Paramount Pictures, color, 108 min. Director: David Carson. Writers: Gene Roddenberry, Rick Berman, etc. Producer: Rick Berman. Cast: Patrick Stewart, William Shatner, Malcolm McDowell, and Gates McFadden.

As the third Starship Enterprise is launched, Captain Kirk (Shatner) and other honorary crewmen are wiped out by an encounter with the Nexus. Over 70 years later, Captain Picard (Stewart) and the “Next Generation” crew must stop a mad scientist (McDowell) who wants to destroy the Enterprise and several million people. Who can stop this holocaust? How about a trip in an alternate universe to resurrect good ole Captain Kirk? Those people who don’t love the series will love to see Kirk die in this one, but, if need be, the Enterprise can always go back into the past or another alternate universe. Right? Unfortunately, this one is largely for Trekkies. When Kirk dies, we’re actually happy to see his over-acting come to an end; there’s also little of the resonance or depth of feeling that happened with Spock’s death in “Star Trek: The Wrath of Khan.”

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