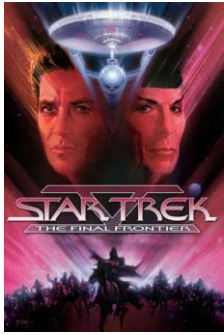


Short Review: “Star Trek V: The Final Frontier” (1989) by Dr. John L. Flynn



Star Trek V: The Final Frontier (1989). Paramount Pictures, color, 107 min. Director: William Shatner. Writers: Gene Roddenberry, William Shatner, etc. Producer: Harve Bennett. Cast: William Shatner, Leonard Nimoy, DeForest Kelley, and Laurence Luckinbill.

The new Enterprise has a bad shakedown cruise and goes back into Spacedock. Sybok (Luckinbill), a rebellious Vulcan, takes hostage ambassadors from significant planets. When Kirk takes the Enterprise to rescue them, Sybok and friends capture the new ship, imprison the crew, and push on to discover what lies beyond the Barrier of the universe—eternal life, God, or whatever. It comes as no surprise that this film never got anywhere, except to the box office. There may have been a good plot lost somewhere along the line of the script’s development, but one wonders. William Shatner proves that he’s not only a bad actor but not a very good director or writer.

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