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Swept into an alternate universe and a deadly civil war, Archer and the crew of a crippled Enterprise are imprisoned by a brutal warlord and face subtle biochemical differences that will kill them if they remain.

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Valentino Vitez says

Was good

Daniel says

Daedalus's Children is the second of a two-part book series taking place between the second and third seasons of Star Trek Enterprise. This novel follows the events of the previous book and fills in quite a few of the narrative gaps that arose. When compared to the previous book, this one seems more involved in terms of character development. The first book was largely focused on Trip, whereas this one follows the standard multi-character arc's that most Star Trek books adopt.

If you read the first book, you will find many of the answers to some of your questions easily answered in this book, such as what happened to the remaining crew. In short, what most readers assumed happened to crew of Enterprise actually did happen and about a third of the book is spent recapping their adventure. I am still a bit confused as to why this wasn't included in the previous book, but it was badly needed. Unlike the first installment, this one has no flashbacks and Hoshi and Trip are largely not the focus. The conclusion of the book seems a bit hasty, especially in getting back to their own universe. Essentially, returning home is resolved in about two or three pages in the epilogue.

I liked this book, it really didn't do anything too groundbreaking, but it really is a solid effort. As mentioned earlier, it takes place before the relaunch of Enterprise and can be read at any time, so long as the first novel is read.

Benjamin Plume says

This was better than the first part of the story. It seems like the author got a little more comfortable with his characters - both the existing crew from the show and his own creations.

Angela says

The second part of a story, it is necessary to read the first to really enjoy this book. Enterprise is in an alternative universe and is embroiled with a civil war. The crew has been taken prisoner, and their captors want to use Enterprise in the war. Unlike the first novel, this one uses the whole crew and feels more like a

traditional story. A good read.

Shadowdenizen says

3.5 stars.

Jason Vargo says

The second part of the Daedalus story, Daedalus's Children moves extremely quickly, capitalizing on all of the character work done in the first part for the new aliens. This part re-introduces more familiar people to the story, along with all the expected action.

One thing annoyed me about this part, however. David Stern is fond of having the reader included on information only to turn around and have a character (say, Archer) have to repeat it to a new crew member (say, Trip) because the second character isn't present. The only problem is we don't hear the interaction; Stern simply says things like "And Archer recounted the issue to Trip." This happens throughout the novel and is something I didn't notice in the first part.

Overall, this is a quality read from start to finish.

Brian says

[(I can't picture Trip in that kind of relationship, or Archer p

David King says

"Daedalus's Children" by Dave Stern follows on directly from "Daedalus" which I have previously read and reviewed. As this is a sequel to "Daedalus" then I must warn you that some of this review may include spoilers in relation to that novel. In all honesty though, if you haven't read the first book then reading this one would probably be pointless anyway as this novel jumps straight back into the ongoing story.

As stated above, the story follows on from "Daedalus", in which the Enterprise and her crew are trapped in a parallel Universe. Archer and the majority of his crew are prisoners of the Denari government, whilst Trip and Hoshi are working with an opposition movement to try and track down the Enterprise. However, due to previous actions that left the leader of the Denar government, General Sadir, dead, events are spiraling out of control and the threat of civil war looms. The Enterprise and her crew must now not only try and survive the ongoing crisis; they also need to find a way to return to their own Universe.

Once again, Stern fills the novel with surprises and twists alongside an entertaining and action packed plot. I also found the pacing to be perfect and I found myself really rocketing through the book as it held my attention superbly.

The aspect of this novel that I really appreciated was that unlike "Daedalus" which mainly focused on Trip, this novel centered on the entire crew. I felt that Stern really brought out the characters well and I enjoyed being able to witness events from multiple viewpoints. I did feel that some of the ways in which some of the crew members stumbled upon each other as the story progressed were a little bit too coincidental but this is a minor quibble really.

Stern's minor characters from the parallel Universe also continued to play an important part in the novel. There were superbly portrayed, the relationships between themselves and the Enterprise crew were interesting to follow and added a little bit of emotion to the story. I will admit that the number of characters can get a little bit much at times for you to follow easily. However, overall I think these characters added to the story so I wouldn't really fault the novel much for this.

In summary, this was an entertaining and enjoyable conclusion to the story initiated in "Daedalus". It is fast paced, action packed and a real page turner that anyone who enjoyed reading "Daedalus" will struggle to put down.

Louisa Jenness says

This was an excellent mini-series. I am really disappointed that they did not explain why the Daedalus crew was not allergic to the alternate universe. This left a huge lot hole.

Crystal Bensley says

I really enjoyed this two part story. A cool alternate universe adventure.

Jason says

This is an excellent follow-up to the first book in this series of two, which reside in the larger Enterprise book series. I really enjoyed this book and found myself never tiring of it.

Joseph Barnes says

onderful book....This is a 2 parter that was never used on the t.v. show but I wish it had been. The books are mostly from the viewpoint of Tucker and Hoshie. If your a fan of Enterprise you should enjoy this book. Wish I had seen this storyline on the show because in my opinion the early demise of the show was because of the lack of original GOOD stories.

Tenidade Aroloye says

Based on a season two episode

Tony says

This is the second book of a two-part story. As a result, this book moves much faster. All of the set up to the story and important background information was all written in the first book. So, you are thrown straight into the action. Overall, it was a satisfying end to the story and a great fit for the Enterprise lore.

As much as I like Trip, this book gives the other characters more things to do. Archer, of course, plays the biggest role. Dave Stern did a good job giving each cast s much time as is reasonable for his story, though I would personally have loved to see Mayweather, Hoshi, Reed and Phlox do a bit more, as they also seem to be left out in the series and in the books.
