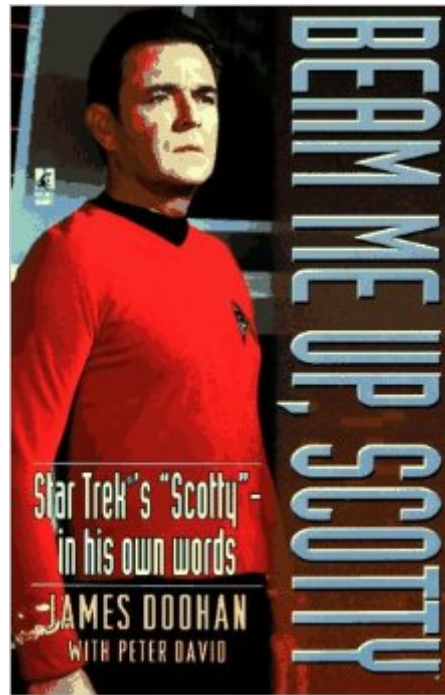


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Synopsis

Montgomery Scott, the endlessly resourceful chief engineer of the "Starship Enterprise" TM, has been a familiar presence in our collective imagination for over three decades. All around the world, everyone knows "Scotty" -- but far fewer know the true story of actor James Doohan, who has brought Starfleet's legendary "miracle worker" to life for three seasons on television and in seven major motion pictures. Here at last are all the colorful details of Doohan's life and times, including: How war hero Jimmy Doohan charged the beach at Normandy on D-Day, and how World War II left its mark on him forever. How Doohan landed the part of Scotty on the classic "Star Trek" television series, and how the character acquired an accent. Memories of William Shatner, Leonard Nimoy, and all of the original crew of the "U.S.S. Enterprise" TM, and the feuds and friendships that formed among them. How Doohan made his peace with "Star Trek: The Next Generation" -- and brought Scotty back to television for one very special episode. The long and affectionate bond between Doohan and generations of Trek fans -- and how "Star Trek" brought true love into Doohan's life. "Beam Me Up, Scotty" is an entertaining and indispensable look at the unforgettable personality behind one of the twentieth century's most enduring icons.

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I was 14 when the original Star Trek came out, and it was always the high point of the week for me. I wasn't exactly a nerd in school, although the science classes were my favorite, and so I thought the science and technology in Star Trek was the coolest stuff I had ever seen. In 1965 it was still the

Cold War and we lived under the specter of possible global nuclear annihilation, and then along comes this little TV series, which showed that humans might finally abolish war and achieve peace (at least on earth), and that science and technology might create a better future for the human race. The combination of the positive message along with all the cool technology was an irresistible combination for me, and so I hardly ever missed a show. So although I've never been to a Trekkie conference or participated in any of the typical fandom events, I was a big fan of the original (and subsequent series) and so still count myself as a true "Trekkie." With the recent passing of James Doohan last week this brief autobiography will remain the one and only commentary on his life. The book concentrates more on Doohan's earlier life and his experiences and career up till Star Trek, including his poor childhood, his military service during WWII, and early acting experiences, and most people would probably prefer that he devoted more space to that. But Doohan was 10 years older than most of the other people in the cast, except for DeForest Kelly, and it was interesting to read his perspective on many of these events. He is honest in admitting his dislike for Capt. Kirk, which takes some courage--since that by itself might predispose some people to giving the book a one-star review. One thing I have to mention is that the scene where Scotty is explaining to Capt.

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