

'Star Trek VI' a worthy ending to Enterprise voyage

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FILM *Star Trek VI: The Undiscovered Country* is now showing at Gateway Mall and Movieland. Rated PG.

● - don't bother ●● - worth a look ●●● - worth the time ●●●● - a must see

In the old series, the Enterprise crew took us on low-budget journeys to distant worlds that never seemed to escape the 1960s. Earthlings and aliens alike donned go-go boots, mini skirts and macho shirts.

Although the series couldn't escape the times, it lasted because the content — the messages of peace and hope and occasional battles with Romulans or Klingons — struck a chord.

Star Trek VI: The Undiscovered Country successfully merges the best of the series with big-screen writing and effects for an entertaining and fitting ending to the *Star Trek* movie sequels.

Better known to some as *Star Trek VI*,

The Apology, *Trek* connoisseurs will be happy that William Shatner had nothing to do with the writing or direction in this film.

Nicholas Meyer, who directed *Star Trek II*, returns to help audiences get over Shatner's *Star Trek V: The Final Frontier*, arguably the worst large-budget movie ever made.

What was missing in *Trek V* returns in the sixth installment as crew members trade one-liners, use their brains to solve insoluble problems and give Star Fleet command the middle finger when ordered to abandon their captain.

Weaving its way through the film is an infusion of Shakespeare and Conan Doyle, as Capt. James Tiberius Kirk (Shatner, for you philistines) and crew are forced to save the universe again.

As with past episodes, *Trek VI*'s plot alludes to modern events. The Klingon planet is dying and in a last-ditch effort to save themselves, Klingon leaders look

to negotiate peace with the Federation, similar to the Soviet Union's demise.

The two enemies agree to meet and Kirk is picked to escort the Klingon envoy to the conference. On the way, the parties join for dinner, and after the Klingons return to their ship, the Enterprise seemingly fires two torpedoes.

Kirk and Dr. McCoy (DeForest Kelley) surrender, are tried for war crimes and shipped to a Siberian-type planet. While they arrange their escape, Spock (Nimoy) goes on a Holmesian search for how the torpedoes were fired.

Shakespeare is recited repeatedly as the old generals, Kirk and Klingon Gen. Chang (Christopher Plummer), face a new frontier — that of peace.

Reactionaries on both sides decide whether "to be or not to be," whether to forge ahead with peace or follow the old, reliable days of battle.

Shatner's Kirk, unlike *Trek V*, is fantastic as he battles his ego, gets the girl

again and uses his brilliant strategic abilities to guide the crew in battle.

Spock, who calls this his last journey as a Star Fleet officer, becomes more human with every movie and does not disappoint here.

Star Trek connoisseurs will enjoy this movie the most, as the crew returns to form for the last *Trek* film.

For those who are not rabid fans, *Star Trek VI* will plod along in parts as action gives way to more cerebral pursuits. Snappy dialogue helps, as does some off-beat humor.

What makes the *Star Trek* series endure is its ability to fuse futuristic visions with modern culture.

Science fiction haters may even enjoy the film as other literary and movie allusions keep *Trek VI* in the 20th century.

Trek VI is a fitting end to one glorious mission.

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Merry Christmas, Alyce. I hope your new year and your new school bring you lots of happiness. I'll miss our late-night gripe sessions!
Love always,
Sarah

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