Walter Koenig writes candidly about his experiences with Star Trek and many other topics regarding his career as an actor and writer. His recollections of his years on the TOS is quite interesting and provides quite a bit of "behind the scene" glimpses of certain episodes. Being a die hard Trekkie, I found this book to be a very enjoyable read! I have also read the other supporting cast member's books and feel that Walter's is one of the most articulate and amusing...some of his recollections of his "life on the road" with James Doohan and George Takei making video store appearances are hilarious!

Walter also writes deeply about his feelings toward William Shatner and reveals how hurt he felt on a couple of occasions. After reading the other cast member's books you can't help but feel that there was "something" going on there...It's kind of like if you worked for a company for many years and are treated as if you were "nothing" and just a body to kick around.

I'm sure in life there are many who are placed into this role who feel extremely stressed and down...it's no different with actors I'm sure...However, Walter seemed to maintain his dignity throughout...sometimes in life you just have to live by "the golden rule"...Treat others as you would like to be treated..." I think if everyone followed this simple principle life would be grand!

Star Trek has given pleasure to many fans around the world and it is quite interesting to read the memoirs of cast members to truly see how the show has affected their lives and to laugh at their interesting anecdotes! There are plenty to be found in this book and asides from talking about Star Trek, Walter talks about his career as a struggling actor in the beginning and his later career as a writer. Walter writes very well and I feel he should write more books on other topics! He definitely has a talent in this area!
I've never watched Babylon 5 so I'm not familiar with his role as Alfred Bester but I have seen all 79 TOS episodes and all 6 of the films so I am quite aware of his work as Chekhov. It would be interesting to see Walter in some of his other work. As an example, I recently saw George Takei in "The Encounter". A classic Twilight Zone episode and was blown away by his acting! George's role was very powerful however, you were never really able to witness it much in Star Trek. I think that's why some of the other supporting cast members held some resentment towards Shatner because they felt that he was trying to minimize their contributions. Hearing Shatner's take on it in the wonderful documentary, "Mind Meld" with Leonard Nimoy..you feel as if Shatner felt these claims were trivial and that he truly did not understand what these actors were going through. I really have a hard time believing that...Walter, although hurt by Shatner's behavior over the years still has a begrudging respect for him as do the others with the exception of perhaps..James Doohan.

Anyways, if you are a Trekkie this book is a must read and an important one to have in your collection! It's very entertaining and insightful!

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