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## Unification Details

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### **Jennifer says**

It was okay overall. The amount of sexual references kind of surprised me, considering this is Star Trek. I'll never watch that episode the same way again. Wouldn't read the book again. I believe Ms. Taylor would say this was on the level of a one-night stand.

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### **Robert says**

Obviously a Star Trek novel isn't going to be life changing, but they always make for fun swift reads. This one, a novelization of the two-part Unification episode, expands nicely upon the final filmed version of the episode.

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### **Melissa says**

Ok, I merely picked up this book because i couldn't decided what to read and my finger landed on the sci-fi shelf. Being a typical episode to movie adaptation you can tell this story was originally written to be seen. I've actually seen the two episodes this book was based on and can attest to that sentiment. The one thing the book has that the episode didn't have was a horny Klingon named K'Vada. I throughly enjoyed every scene he was in. He was so funny. K'Vada had his elbow dislocated by his mate K'kam and spent a lot of time thinking of ways to get her back. Most of them referred to angry violent sex. It's such the opposite of how a Klingon is portrayed in the series. I was actually surprised to see it in the book. Nevertheless, it was a great addition. ^^

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### **Benjamin Siess says**

Who knew Vulcans could be so boring? What? That's kind of their thing? Well then. Maybe we should stop writing books about them.

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### **Brian says**

Totally uninspired. The book follows the show's scenes so much that I questioned why I was wasting my time reading a book adaptation. What I was hoping for was creativity between essential plot points, but I found none, with the exception of something uncalled for that added nothing to the plot of the episode.

For such a small book, it's sad that I was waiting and waiting for it to end. This is a total turnoff for all of the adaptations for the show.

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## Weavre says

Just adding a few more Star Trek novels I found while working in the shed, so they're in my list here; that way, I can easily see which ones we **don't** have and bookmooch only titles we're missing. But to be honest, I don't remember any of these stories particularly well, and will have to post an actual review when and if I get around to re-reading them in the future.

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## Nicholas says

Jeri Taylor offers exactly what a novelization of a TNG episode should; plenty of extra tidbits that add layers to what's realized onscreen, new material so as not to bore repeat tv viewers and a few fixes to flaws in the aired product.

Taylor enhances the story with the occasional theme of estranged fathers and sons, showcasing it through Riker, Picard, and Spock, linking them all in the narrative in a way that the televised episode doesn't. The final mind-meld, somewhat anticlimactic on television screens breathes a new life on paper, with a Taylor bringing home the emotional meaning of the story's title, Sarek, and Spock, at last, finding some unification through Picard.

The novelization substantially helps the side plot of Riker's investigation into the Vulcan hardware and helps it make a little more sense. Taylor adds some parts to broaden the investigation, for example, Riker helps interrogates the person responsible for helping to hide the what is going on at the shipyard (the captain of the mystery ship that exploded was romancing one of the low-level clerks who registered the junk ships at the yard).

There is also a secondary character introduced in the novel Ensign Naylor who adds something extra for those might be bored by just reading a straight adaption of the onscreen adventure. She starts off as a romantic possibility for Riker but is given something of a sad quality near the novel's end and more depth than just another fling for the First Officer.

Taylor livens things up at the end, something the aired product could have used, with some action involving Spock, Picard, and Data escaping the Romulans (they don't just casually walk out of the office like onscreen) and the Enterprise actually purses the Vulcan ships to the neutral zone.

Fans of the episode won't be disappointed.

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## Jamie says

Great novelisation of the televised episodes

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## Drew says

Unification (Star Trek The Next Generation) by Jeri Taylor (1991)

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**Kate says**

Technically a novelisation of an episode of TNG, I know, but I enjoy reading it as well as seeing it.

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**Betty says**

This was competently adapted, but I'm finding since I started writing myself that I want something more from a book than that it should just be competently written. I've seen some Star Trek Adaptations that really sang. This was not one of them. :P

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**Robert says**

Decent novelization of a fine episode.

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**Jerry says**

Interesting concept...poor execution.

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**Josiah says**

Plot: B

Writing: D

Vocabulary: D

Level: Easy

Rating: R (sexual fantasies, detailed violence, murder, political reprisals)

Worldview: ?

Admiral Lynn sends Captain Jean-Luc Picard to fetch apparently-rogue Ambassador Spock from Romulus, where a faction of the Romulan people are organizing underground for reunification with Vulcan.

This is the last Jeri Taylor novel I will ever read! Her plots are always so promising, but her books are like those of a dirty old man with the writing skills of a nine year old! Every character is a juvenile nymphomaniac attracted to every other character, and thinks of nothing but sex; makes me wonder how in the universe any of these characters ever got admitted to Starfleet Academy, never mind how they function in the adult world! Plot gaps abound, along with species irregularities, confusion over orthodox Star Trek history, incredulous motivations for actions, and even name spelling errors!

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**Craig says**

Unification was always an episode I wish they did more with and in. Now I have read a book that added more to the episode but it's pretty much padding with a not-really-going-anywhere romance with Riker and some added perspectives with characters which were... okay. I always wish more was said/discussed in the scene between Data and Spock and was hoping there was more here but there wasn't. Oh well. Still enjoyed it though.

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