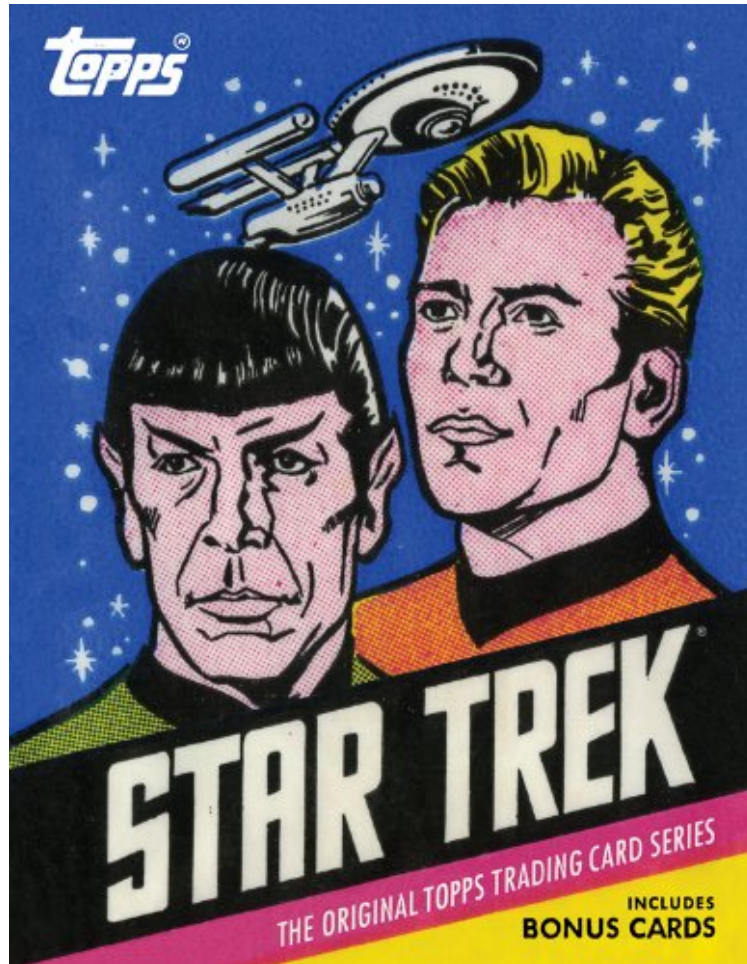


## Star Trek: The Original Topps Trading Card Series

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**Paula M. Block, Terry J. Erdmann, The Topps Company : Star Trek: The Original Topps Trading Card Series** before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Star Trek: The Original Topps Trading Card Series:

31 of 33 people found the following review helpful. Waxing nostalgic for vintage Topps trading cards! By Dave C. [[VIDEOID:mo3LR55C9K3XZ4C]] This is a fantastic little coffee table-sized book that is shaped just like a pack of original Topps Series 1 Star Trek trading cards. The dust jacket even perfectly duplicates the same vintage "Wax-Pack" wrapper look and feel! A complete set of these original cards can fetch hundreds of dollars on the collectors market now. Inside you will find page after page of photographs that have reprinted each individual trading card from the original 1976 Topps Star Trek Series 1 set. The images have been blown-up from their original size so the picture quality is a little fuzzy but still has something of a nostalgic look and charm. All 88 cards and 22 stickers which came only one per pack are presented along with insightful anecdotes and trivia from the people who made them about their

creation and why a particular image was chosen or why something in a card's text is off. The cardbacks have also been reprinted as well on the opposite page which include a synopsis about the episodes or description about the image. Hopefully this is just the first in a continuing series of Star Trek Topps non-sports trading card reference tomes very similar to their other fantastic collections such as Mars Attacks and Garbage Pail Kids. Whether you are nostalgic to get your hands on your old childhood vintage trading cards again, or you're a Star Trek fan who wasn't around to have experienced these first-hand, this is the perfect way to see these beautiful vintage cards collected in this awesome 216 page hardcover book. It even includes a set of 4 all-new trading cards stuck to the back of the book with the same slick printing on thick cardstock, two of which correct an oversight of the absence of Lieutenant Sulu on any of the original cards or stickers. And what pack of bubblegum cards would be complete without the bubblegum? Of course, they couldn't include an actual stick of bubblegum so they at least included a picture of it on the cover inside the waxy dust-jacket wrapper, including a broken piece on the back cover (as they often came broken up into tiny pieces in the wrapper)! For those of us who can remember, the gum was a disgusting rectangular stick of pink bubblegum sprinkled with white powdered sugar which was always hard as a rock when you would bite into it and would crumble apart in your mouth and deteriorate before you could chew it! Ahhhhhh... the Good 'Ol Days!

2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. It's OK. By StarTrek1701. Nothing much here. If you are a die-hard Trekker, you already have one or more books like this. One problem/issue is the way the book is laid-out, it's rather strange. It is as if the book was originally suppose to be bound one way but got hacked-up into a totally different configuration. For example, the word "introduction" in the introduction is cut-off. Also, the page numbers (I guess they are page numbers) are treated the same way. Another bizarre thing is that the page number on the bottom of one page also appears at the top of the next page; as I wrote "bizarre". It is as if one publisher started the project, but dropped it only to be taken-up by Abrams of New York who, apparently, had no idea what the original publisher had in mind. One good thing is that the book is heavy and appears to be solidly constructed and bound. So, I would expect many years of use. Publishing problems aside, the book has good information for the novice. From that standpoint, it is fine. For the die-hard fan that already has many such books, I would give it a pass.

6 of 6 people found the following review helpful. Wonderful! By C Cohen. Great looking hardback that takes a card by card look at the 1976 Topps Star Trek card set. After a brief introduction that covers the trading card history of The Original Series the reader is treated to the back and front of each card with some corresponding text. As a bonus 4 brand new real cards are included to round out the original set. The book is presented to look like a pack of cards and some real care went into that presentation. If you're a Trek fan or a Topps fan this will be a book that you want, and at under the \$13 that is currently selling it for it's a steal.

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