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Trekkie Fan Fiction Submission Criteria

Content:

In keeping with Gene Roddenberry's original vision of Star Trek, it is my intention to keep the content of this website family friendly. As a kid, I remember watching Star Trek on Saturday mornings and being enthralled by the stories of people and their adventures on other worlds and dealing with and experiencing the cultures of others. They were able to do this without undue swearing or gratuitous sex or violence. So, please keep these notions in mind when submitting your work for publication.

A few suggestions, if I may. A cover for your novel/short story is a real plus. There are plenty of great images available that you can draw from, and you can be surprised what you can do with the free NASA images you can download off the internet. My son-in-law recently educated me on how easy it is to create a stylised version of the Enterprise that could be used for a cover, free from copyright issues. So, consider the eye-catching assistance a book cover can offer.

Also, when it comes to it, most countries in the world respect copyright, but it's a good idea to mark your book at the start with your name, followed by the year of writing and a © for good measure. If you've used an artist's image for your book cover, it's a good idea to credit them on a credits page, along with your copyright. At the bottom of this PDF is an example of a page from one of my books for a suggestion.

Be advised that I may make suggestions to improve your layout and/or punctuation/spelling mistakes. I won't do so, however, without the author's consent. These pieces are your work, not mine, and they should reflect your ideas.

As TFF is a labour of love for me, and I wish to continue my own works of fiction, I want to make it understood that from 2018 on I will ask for a modest fee for editing submitted works. I am happy to do so, but I have recently spent so much time preparing other's works for publication that I've had little time for my own.

Costs for editing are as follows: short stories: \$20AUS. Novellas: \$40AUS. Novels: \$60AUS. Payment can be made via bank transfer or PayPal. Contact me for details if you're interested.

If you're willing to do your own editing, that's great. In fact, I'd prefer it! Just please remember that every story published on TFF will be expected to be of the highest, professional standard. As webmaster, I have the final say on each work that is posted here. Please pay close attention to the layout below and remember, punctuation is everything! 😊

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Format:

On TFF, we try to stick with three of the most commonly used eBook formats: ePub, Kinde (either Mobi or AZW) and PDF. I have added some useful hints on how to make your eBook presentable for this site. Any suggestions on improving these would be appreciated and I would be happy to add them here. As a guide, I do most of my writing in Microsoft Word as it has excellent editing functions, but then I do my actual formatting production in OpenOffice.

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- MP3s are for hard-core people like me who don't mind the sound of their own voice and are willing to spend quite some time with a decent computer, a copy of [Audacity](#) (which can be found freely online), a good headset, and some peace and quiet. If you have the time to sit and read your own book, or someone else's, for TFF, please do! The more audio books we have on the site, the merrier!

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Once You've Done That....

Once you've got your story ready, please send it to me at: [Sean O'Keefe - Editor, Trekkie Fan Fiction](#). I'll get to it as quickly as I can.

Keep on writing and sharing your wildest dreams with us at TFF!

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to be "Sean".

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