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Left behind by a long-vanished civilisation, the mysterious portals known as the Gateways can enable spacefarers to travel unimaginable distances. This seven part saga includes characters from all four Star Trek television series.

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Fate's Lady says

The premise of a dangerous traverse was a little silly to start with (things in space are just not that close together to the point where you practically have to thread a needle. And an asteroid BELT, for example, is definitionally mostly flat, so... did we forget there are three dimensions? I think Golden definitely did.) The inter-species interactions are interesting, at least until the Q ex machina, which you have to buy a separate anthology to even GET, wherein everyone acts completely out of character and sings kumbaya and Janeway just shrugs at Q's offer to send her crew home with a weird "I think were meant to be here" comment, then DECIDES NOT TO TELL ANY OF HER SENIOR OFFICERS. Fucking hell.

Dustin says

This was my least favorite book in the Gateways series, but I'm not really much of a Voyager fan, so there is that.

Elizabeth Perez says

This Voyager book is about a bunch of aliens with a common goal, to get out of a hazardous area of space. Of course Voyager takes the lead of this make shift fleet and then some interesting things start to happen with a few interesting twists and turns along the way.

I sincerely think this is Golden's best book so far, and I have read about 10 of hers. The story is fast paced, there is lots of humor, and a few dramatic and very sad parts that are impossible to not empathize with. I thought she did great with the characters as she always does. If you are a pet lover of any kind I think there are some extra points in the book that you'll really love.

Also these vast array of aliens are probably the most interesting I have read in ANY science fiction book.

I now completely see why everyone said to read this and how so many people have this as a favorite.

One of my favorite quotes.

"...They seem to think that I have some kind of pull with their gods."

"Well, I knew you had clout, Chakotay, but I never dreamed"...

"You just remember that, Captain."

Matthew says

My favourite of the Gateways books. Even though it's a less epic story than the others, it's written so well. The author got the characters absolutely spot on and make it all feel natural, down to Chakotay being utterly useless and delivering every line with an inappropriate smirk.

If this had been a double-episode of the TV show I think it would have been the best thing it ever did (assuming they didn't change anything while adapting it).

Tammy says

Annoyingly, the endings of all the books in the series are in 'What Lay Beyond'.

Dan says

A solid, interesting entry in the Gateways series. The lack of coordination between this story and the rest of the series is a little disappointing, but does not detract too much from a generally interesting, if not overly compelling story.

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Crystal Bensley says

All the cliffhangers in this series are making me nuts! An interesting Voyager tale with lots on new alien races.

Erica says

So far this is my favorite book in the Gateways series! I thought it just got better and better until I reached the end, and now I can hardly wait for the "real" end in the last book. Though I admit that I might be a bit biased since Voyager is my favorite Star Trek and what got me into the Gateways series to begin with.

With that said I thought I'd tell you a little bit what I love about this book except for it being about my favorite crew and the fascinating gateways. First of all I love that we get to know many new alien races, like the Kuluuk for example, that are also described in a captivating way by Golden. In fact, I can't help but to wish we could have seen some of them when Voyager was still airing. And mentioning Golden I feel I have to say that I love her writing. Her books have, so far, pretty much more or less easily ended up among my favorite Star Trek books. And as you might have guessed by now this one is no exception. She's also good at giving me the, oh so much wanted, little glimpses of more intimate interaction between Janeway and Chakotay. I also love the story in itself with captain Janeway leading the fleet of lost aliens through dangerous space. It almost feels a bit poetic and beautiful with Voyager leading the way helping out other lost ships that suddenly found themselves in the same situation as Voyager did a few years earlier. But I guess that's, in part, why I love Voyager so much to begin with; the lost ship fighting to find its way back home.

So I'm very much looking forward to the last book in this series so I can get to know how it all ends, cause I loved this. But I already said that, so I guess I got it all covered. This is definitely a book you should read if you're a fan of Star Trek!

Ossy says

Hayoo.. Janeway ngilang kemana?

Jimyanni says

This may well be the best of the "Gateways" miniseries; the story is quite good, with an interesting plot, good characterizations, and good pacing. Unfortunately, it has the inevitable problem suffered by all of the books in this series: it ends on a cliffhanger. The first six books of the series are all incomplete, leaving their endings for book seven; book seven has no plot of its own, being simply six story endings. The concept was a cheesy excuse to sell an extra book; none of the first six books would have been made unduly long by including its ending, so there was no excuse other than marketing for arranging the series the way it was arranged.

If, like me, you are foolish enough to want to read all Star Trek novels, and are therefore intent on reading this series, I would suggest getting the whole series before beginning, and reading each book followed by its complementary segment in book seven, rather than reading each of the first six books before continuing to book seven. Of all the books in the series, this might really be the only one even marginally worth doing so for, but I'm unconvinced that even this story is worth the price of two books (which is what you need to buy in order to have it).

If, on the other hand, you actually LIKE cliffhanger endings and "come back next week, same bat time, same bat channel" stories, you'll LOVE this one.

Daniel O'donovan says

This book is a little uneven. It has some good parts certainly but I fail to see how it connects with the other books in the series. The gateways are present but Voyager, by the nature of the premise, is separated from the Federation.

To me the ending is problematic. We get Janeway doing the 'this is something I have to do' bit. And as almost always happens when a character says this there is no reason for it.

Furthermore the story has Janeway taking control of a group of ships. With the exception of the Hirogen none of the races none of the races know humans. I find it rather unbelievable that these races would follow Janeway. She is an unknown and just because she has a powerful ship doesn't mean you would follow her.

Janeway acts as if she should be in control. She refers to giving the group orders. All in all she rather comes across as a little power crazy. Though some would say that that is Janeway all over.

So far this series has been...

Book one: Dull.

Book Two: Boring and Incomprehensible.

Book Three: Interesting but a thin story.

Book Four: Better characterization and a more interesting plot.

And now book five. Its uneven. The Gateways are causing the problems but since the Voyager crew don't know that this is happening in the Alpha quadrant too there is no real connection.

Over all this series is a huge disappointment.

Maybe number six will be the charm.

Frank says

Worthy of Voyager fans

I'm no big fan of Voyager, but it's alright. The author did a good job capturing the feel of the show. It's got multiple alien species to be worked with, some not so nice, and a murder mystery to solve. Depending on how the cliffhanger is tied up in book 7 of the Gateways series, this could've been a stand-alone episode of the show. My only real complaint of this book would be there is not enough of the Dr.

Angela says

Voyager is about to pass through a dangerous part of space. It is surrounded by gateways that ships have come through. Janeway must keep the peace and lead these ships through No Mans Land. NB It does end on a cliff hanger. It's quite fun with all the new alien races and one old one. A bit predictable but has some good character moments. A good read.

Daniel says

Like all the Gateways books, this one continues the story from previous novels but with the associated franchise's perspective on the Iconian situation. In Voyager's instance, Janeway finds herself leading a caravan of displaced gateway travellers through a very difficult region of space filled with not only nebula and asteroid belts, but also randomly opening gateways and a fleet where few get along. Combine this with a deeping "Who done it?" mystery and you have a very well written book. In fact, this could have easily been made into a Voyager two hour special like "Dark Frontier." This installment of the Gateways saga takes place following the "Pathfinder" episode, well before the series finale. Despite what the Deep Space Nine installment of the Gateways series may have implied or hinted at, there is no DS9 crossover in this book. Also, like all the other books, this one annoyingly ends on a cliffhanger.

Steve Riedisser says

this story is very well done. this was one of the best voyager stories... the 'who-dun-it' was awesome.

