

## MY NAME IS GWEN AND I AM A TREKKIE

I am and ever shall be proud to refer to myself as a Trekkie. The word “Trekkie” was coined by a Science Fiction editor upon witnessing an early Star Trek convention.

**A Trekkie or Trekker is a fan of the Star Trek franchise, or of specific television series or films within that franchise.**

Yep. I am her and she is me. Though I admit that wearing those short skirted uniforms at this stage of my maturity, is not a good idea. And since they are getting a little tight on me, that issue is moot.

I am a colossal fan of the original television series. I will not say how old I was at the time of airing. I loved for the show so much, that when it was about to be cancelled, I was one of the 110,000 letter writers to NBC.

After that failed attempt to get Star Trek back on the air, I went so far as to boycott the so-called “Next Generation”. After a season or two, a trusted friend of mine told me that this incarnation of the now “franchise” was worth a look. I did so and so continue my loyalty to the notion of *new life and new civilizations i.e. to boldly go*.

I have since gone on to write three, or is it four Science Fiction books. In no way do these books mirror Star Trek, nor do the characters have pointed ears, speak Klingon, or beam themselves here or there. They do however navigate extraterrestrial space, by Time-Space Fold technology and/or good-old-fashioned time travel.

Back to the television franchise which includes Next Generation, Deep Space Nine and Enterprise, I can say that I been there all the way. But sadly, my appetite for it is not shared by enough people to make it commercially viable. Being a writer myself, ‘if I had dime every time an editor used viable in a sentence.....’ You get my drift.

But that’s not all! No! For posterity’s sake there are 10 (ten) Star Trek movies. I own all of them and I cry when the opening credits and music play...every time.

For those of you who scoff at or pity me, I say give space a chance. John Lennon I am not, but you don’t know what you’re missing. If you cannot stand the genre in general, then I am unable to beam you over to my world; my infinite world where galaxies are breached and time can be tinkered with.

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