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Editorial Review

From Publishers Weekly
Making books about Star Trek appears to have no end. This lastest entry is by the actress who played Lieutenant Uhura, communications officer on the Enterprise, and she has interesting stories to tell about her own life and struggles to remain a major character in the TV series and related films. As a young woman, Nichols achieved success as a singer-dancer, working with Duke Ellington and Katherine Dunham. After moving to the West Coast, she met and had a brief affair with Gene Roddenberry, who was simultaneously bedding the woman who became his second wife. The consequence of the affair, we are told, was that Roddenberry's attitude toward Nichols always had an element of the proprietary. He battled to cast this African American woman in a major role in the series, over the strong objections of studio executives. Given Nichols's great popularity, NASA hired her to recruit women and minorities. Photos not seen by PW. Author tour.
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From Library Journal
Nichols, the first African American woman to have a major continuing role in TV, focuses on key points in her life, offering a well-written and melodious work depicting the life of a true heroine.
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From Booklist
Famous as *Star Trek*'s Lieutenant Uhura, Nichols has lived long and prospered in quite a number of other endeavors besides acting, including singing, several varieties of dancing, songwriting, minority recruitment for NASA, space advocacy, and as an African American role model, wife, mother, daughter, and no-nonsense human being. The granddaughter of a slaveowner's son who married an African American woman more than a century ago and the daughter of a man who faced down one of Al Capone's hit squads, she has personally survived discrimination, family feuds, Hollywood, brushes with both the Mob and rape, and 30 years of the ups and downs of *Star Trek* (she is a definite partisan of Gene Roddenberry--hardly surprising, perhaps, since they considered marriage). Her frankness on all these matters eliminates any need for a future unauthorized biography. This fascinating and delightful book by and about someone who comes across as fascinating and delightful herself is a vital addition to both *Star Trek* literature and African American studies.
Roland Green

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