***A Brief Synopsis of***

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The man who pitched Star Trek in 1964 as a “Gunsmoke in space,” had really no idea what type of phenomena he was unleashing. Yet while his initial vision was of a mixed-race/ethnicity crew who would sail the universe “where no one has gone before,” seeking adventure, what resulted was a utopian vision of humanity without violence, money, or want. His vision was so at odds with the chaos and crisis of 1960s America it quickly became a cultural bell-weather. The Trek phenomenon was amazing, but it was really just another fabulous chapter in Roddenberry’s life. He was a war hero pilot, then a hero as a civilian pilot, later a police officer and finally tele-visionary. He was an amazingly brilliant man whose complex story captures all the forces that shaped America from 1930s to the 1990s. In short Gene’s fascinating story takes the America of the Model A, and rockets it into the stars.