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'Standard by Seven: an unofficial but comprehensive guide to Blake's 7' by David McIntee



Classic TV Press is pleased to announce the forthcoming publication of 'Standard by Seven' by David McIntee.

Terry Nation's cult sci-fi classic *Blake's 7*, which ran for four series between 1978 and 1981, told the story of Roj Blake (Gareth Thomas) and his band of rebels as they battled against the corrupt Federation headed up by the ruthless Servalan (Jacqueline Pearce). As many as ten million viewers regularly tuned in to catch up with the exploits

of the crew of the *Liberator*, who also included unscrupulous Avon, smuggler Jenna, cowardly thief Vila, telepath Cally and intelligent super-computers Zen and Orac.

This new guidebook is penned by David McIntee, writer and life-long *Blake's 7* fan, who examines the series's themes, plotlines and characters and the attitudes to politics, history and previous drama that they reflect. He also explores the production of the series, looking at why *Blake's 7* was made the way it was and its place and legacy both in the history and development of SF and British TV.

Asked why he wanted to write this book, McIntee replies: "Because I'm a fan, because I was hooked from its first episode and stayed hooked despite many re-viewings on video and DVD... And because it deserves it. It's a show with a surprisingly wide and influential legacy, as well as being a showcase of many years of BBC drama experience."

David McIntee is the author of numerous TV tie-in novels (as David A. McIntee), including *Doctor Who* New and Missing Adventures, Past Doctor and Eighth Doctor Adventures, as well as several based on *Star Trek*, *Final Destination* and *Space: 1999*. He has scripted *Doctor Who* audio plays for Big Finish, and contributed to various popular science-fiction genre magazines. His non-fiction work includes *Delta Quadrant*, a guide to *Star Trek: Voyager*, and *Beautiful Monsters*, a guide to the *Alien* and *Predator* films.



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