

## SPECULATIVE FICTION REVIEW by Stephanie Young

TITLE            Star Trek S.C.E. - *The Belly of the Beast*  
AUTHOR        Dean Wesley Smith  
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### Précis

The *Enterprise* under Picard disables a strange ship that is attacking an agricultural colony. The S.C.E. ship *DaVinci* is in the area and is assigned with investigating the ship. At first it appears that the ship has a very small crew, but then it is discovered that ship actually had a huge compliment of beings and what happened to them is the crux of the book.

**Protagonist** - Ensemble - away team from DaVinci and Geordi LaForge

**Antagonist** - Unknown aliens

**What I liked** - The story was well-paced with the tense battle scene at the beginning to the mystery of what happened on the ship, to the final struggle. This is a solid ST story that will satisfy any fan.

**What I didn't like** - The opening battle seemed stiff and I would like to have known a little more about the aliens.

**Final Comment** - This is a novella and one of four novellas in *Have Tech Will Travel* available in paperback. (it is still on Amazon as of April 2008). The book includes *Fatal Error* and *Interphase Book 1* which I also reviewed.

**Rating** 