

Star Wars Darth Plagueis Legends

Darth Vader, the evil emperor's powerful enforcer, sets out to eliminate all resistance to the Empire, a mission that reveals his true strength and role as the Emperor's iron fist.

NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER • This essential Star Wars Legends novel chronicles the tragedy of Darth Plagueis the Wise, and the origins of the saga's most enduring evil—the malevolent Sith master Palpatine. “The best Star Wars publication to date . . . [James] Luceno takes Darth Plagueis down the dark path and never looks back.”—Newsday Darth Plagueis: one of the most brilliant Sith Lords who ever lived. Possessing power is all he desires; losing it is the only thing he fears. As an apprentice, he embraces the ruthless ways of the Sith. When the time is right, he destroys his Master—and vows never to suffer the same fate. For like no other disciple of the dark side, Darth Plagueis learns to command the ultimate power . . . over life and death. Darth Sidious: Plagueis's chosen apprentice. Under the guidance of his Master, he secretly studies the ways of the Sith while publicly rising to power in the galactic government, first as Senator, then as Chancellor, and eventually as Emperor. Darth Plagueis and Darth Sidious, Master and acolyte, target the galaxy for domination—and the Jedi Order for annihilation. But can they defy the merciless Sith tradition? Or will the desire of one to rule supreme, and the dream of the other to live forever, sow the seeds of their destruction? “Luceno draws on his storytelling skill and prodigious knowledge of the [Star Wars] world . . . to craft a complex tale of ambition and desire.”—Library Journal

"The Tragedy of Darth Plagueis the Wise: Once, not so long ago, there was a great Sith Lord called Darth Plagueis. So powerful and wise was Darth Plagueis that he could manipulate the dark side of the Force to save others from dying. Eventually Darth Plagueis became so powerful that the only thing he feared was losing his power. Then, as is the way of the Sith, he was murdered by his apprentice, Darth Sidious. So went the tale told by Chancellor Palpatine--Darth Sidious himself--to Anakin Skywalker, and since that moment in Star Wars: Revenge of the Sith, fans have clamored to know the true story of Darth Plagueis and Darth Sidious. This stand-alone novel is a dark and moving tale of two Sith and their quest for ultimate power over life and death...."

The epic tale of Darth Bane, the most famous Sith Lord ever, finds the forces of evil clashing in a spectacular battle, with the future of the Sith hanging in the balance.

In Star Wars: The Phantom Menace, Palpatine tells Amidala that "the Chancellor has little real power . . . he is mired down by baseless accusations of corruption. A manufactured scandal surrounds him." In this prequel novel, which takes place shortly before the events of The Phantom Menace, Valorum struggles with his fall from power. As part of this struggle, he has the Jedi Council send some Jedi Knights to a political hotspot, in the hopes of solving a problem and reconsolidating his power.

"THAT'S NO MOON." –Obi-Wan Kenobi The Death Star's name says it all, with bone-chilling accuracy. It is a virtual world unto itself—equipped with uncanny power for a singularly brutal purpose: to obliterate entire planets in the blink of an eye. Its annihilation of the planet Alderaan, at the merciless command of Grand Moff Tarkin, lives in infamy. And its own ultimate destruction, at the hands of Luke Skywalker, is the stuff of legend. But what is the whole story, and who are the players, behind the creation of this world-killing satellite of doom? The near extermination of the Jedi order cleared the way for Palpatine—power-hungry Senator and Sith Lord—to seize control of the Republic, declare himself Emperor, and usher in a fearsome, totalitarian regime. But even with the dreaded Darth Vader enforcing Palpatine's sinister will, the threat of rebellion still looms. And the Emperor knows that only abject fear—and the ability to punish dissent with devastating consequences—can ensure his unchallenged control of the galaxy. Enter ambitious and ruthless government official Wilhuff Tarkin, architect of the Emperor's terrifying dream come true. From inception to completion, construction of the

unprecedented Death Star is awash in the intrigues, hidden agendas, unexpected revelations, and daring gambits of those involved on every level. The brightest minds and boldest egos, the most ambitious and corrupt, the desperate and the devious, all have a stake in the Death Star—and its potential to control the fate of the galaxy. Soldiers and slaves, loyalists and Rebels, spies and avengers, the innocent and the evil—all their paths and fates will cross and intertwine as the Death Star moves from its maiden voyage to its final showdown. And a shadowy chapter of Star Wars history is stunningly illuminated in a thrilling, unforgettable adventure. Features a bonus section following the novel that includes a primer on the Star Wars expanded universe, and over half a dozen excerpts from some of the most popular Star Wars books of the last thirty years!

Witness the rise of the Empire with these two thrilling Star Wars novels—plus exclusive short stories by Melissa Scott, John Jackson Miller, and Jason Fry! TARKIN “Compelling . . . The villains of Star Wars are as much fun as the good guys.”—New York Daily News Under Governor Wilhuff Tarkin’s guidance, an ultimate weapon of unparalleled destruction—the so-called Death Star—moves ever closer to becoming a terrifying reality. Until then, insurgency remains a genuine threat. Guerrilla attacks by an elusive band of freedom fighters must be countered with swift and brutal action—a mission the Emperor entrusts to his most formidable agents: Darth Vader, the fearsome new Sith enforcer, and Tarkin, whose tactical cunning and cold-blooded efficiency will pave the way for the Empire’s supremacy—and its enemies’ extinction. A NEW DAWN Foreword by Dave Filoni “A story with pacing and dialogue that feels like classic Star Wars.”—Nerdist Ever since the Jedi were marked for death, Kanan Jarrus has devoted himself to staying alive rather than serving the Force. So when he discovers a conflict brewing between Imperial forces and desperate revolutionaries, he’s not about to get caught in the crossfire. Then the brutal death of a friend forces him to choose between bowing down to fear or standing up to fight. But Jarrus won’t be fighting alone. Soon he is joined by Hera Syndulla—a mysterious agent provocateur with motives of her own—in challenging the Empire for the sake of a world and its people.

When fourteen-year-old Padmé Naberrie wins the election for Queen of Naboo, she adopts the name Amidala and leaves her family to the rule from the royal palace. To keep her safe and secure, she’ll need a group of skilled handmaidens who can be her assistants, confidantes, defenders, and decoys. Each girl is selected for her particular talents, but it will be up to Padmé to unite them as a group. When Naboo is invaded by forces of the Trade Federation, Queen Amidala and her handmaidens will face the greatest test--of themselves, and of each other.

Tells the complete tale of Grand Moff Tarkin, who guides the creation of the Death Star and paves the way for the Empire’s supremacy--and whom even the dreaded Darth Vader obeys. Merciless attacks by an invincible alien force have left the New Republic reeling. Dozens of worlds have succumbed to occupation or annihilation, and even the Jedi Knights have tasted defeat. In these darkest of times, the noble Chewbacca is laid to rest, having died as heroically as he lived--and a grief-stricken Han Solo is left to fit the pieces of his shattered soul back together before he loses everything: friends, family, and faith. Refusing help from Leia or Luke, Han becomes the loner he once was, seeking to escape the pain of his partner's death in adventure . . . and revenge. When he learns that an old friend from his smuggling days is operating as a mercenary for the enemy, he sets out to expose the traitor. But Han's investigation uncovers an even greater evil: a sinister conspiracy aimed at the very heart of the New Republic's will and ability to fight--the Jedi. Now Han must face down his inner demons and, with the help of a

new and unexpected ally, honor Chewbacca's sacrifice in the only way that matters--by being worthy of it. Features a bonus section following the novel that includes a primer on the Star Wars expanded universe, and over half a dozen excerpts from some of the most popular Star Wars books of the last thirty years!

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Before the onset of the Clone Wars, a group of explorers consisting of six Jedi Masters, twelve Jedi Knights, and a fifty-thousand-member crew set out on a mission to search for intelligent life outside the known galaxy.

Forged by rage. Taken as a child and trained in the ways of the Sith, he became the apprentice to the greatest evil the galaxy has ever known... Honed by the dark side. After years of plotting in secrecy, he and his Master will take revenge on the Jedi Order--and the once-mighty Republic will tremble... The savage story of Darth Maul has been shrouded in mystery--until now.

Whether we're together or apart, there's plenty to be thankful for this

Thanksgiving! Learning the importance of thankfulness is as easy as 1-2-3 with this sweet board book that fosters social emotional development. One little thank you can go a long, long way. Two strong arms to hug somebody tight. Three cheers for friends and everything they do. Learn your 123s while discovering the value of celebrating gratitude with this irresistibly illustrated board book that's perfect for Thanksgiving and all year round! Learn to love and love to learn!

Complete the series with ABCs of Kindness and Happiness is a Rainbow!

Darth Plagueis The Wise has become one of the most infamous and interesting characters in Star Wars despite never appearing on screen. He was directly responsible for just about everything that happened over the course of the Star Wars movies, and unbeknownst to many, was even alive for most of Episode I. Darth Plagueis was a bit of a recluse, especially in his later years, so not much is known about him beyond the secondhand accounts of his former apprentice Palpatine. This book will dispel much of the mystery surrounding the famous Sith Lord by exploring his history, his relationship with the Emperor, and how the ripple effects of his actions are still being felt in the Star Wars universe today. In this essential Star Wars Legends novel, the second in the Darth Bane trilogy, the fearsome Sith lord takes on a deadly new apprentice. Darth Bane's twisted genius made him a natural leader among the Sith--until his radical embrace of an all-but-forgotten wisdom drove him to destroy his own order . . . and create it anew from the ashes. As the last surviving Sith, Darth Bane promulgated a harsh new directive: the Rule of Two. Two there should be; no more, no less. One to embody the power, the other to crave it. Now Darth Bane is ready to put his policy into action and thinks he has found the key element that will make his triumph complete: a student to train in the ways of the dark side. Though she is young, Zannah possesses an instinctive link to the dark side that rivals his own. With his guidance, she will become essential in his quest to destroy the Jedi and dominate the galaxy.

A dazzling new short story featuring Darth Maul, merciless apprentice of evil . . .

On the distant planet Dorvalla, precious ore is mined by two competing companies: InterGalactic Ore and Lommite Limited. Neither rival suspects that they are central to a sinister plot masterminded by Darth Sidious, Lord of the Sith, himself. Dispatched by Sidious on his very first solo mission, Darth Maul infiltrates Lommite Limited. There, his unique gifts of deception and subterfuge will set off an explosive chain of events that could destroy both companies, leaving them ripe for takeover by the Trade Federation. But a vengeful Lommite Limited Manager with his own thirst for retaliation against InterGal could blow Maul's cover--and all of Sidious's fiendishly laid plans . . . BONUS: This edition contains an excerpt from Star Wars: Darth Maul: Shadow Hunter.

Do you remember when you believed in magic? An enchanting, magical novel set in a mysterious toyshop - perfect for fans of Erin Morgenstern's *The Night Circus* and Stephanie Garber's *Caraval* by way of Jessie Burton's *The Miniaturist*. It is 1917, and while war wages across Europe, in the heart of London, there is a place of hope and enchantment. The Emporium sells toys that capture the imagination of children and adults alike: patchwork dogs that seem alive, toy boxes that are bigger on the inside, soldiers that can fight battles of their own. Into this family business comes young Cathy Wray, running away from a shameful past. The Emporium takes her in, makes her one of its own. But Cathy is about to discover that the Emporium has secrets of its own... 'engaging and enchanting ... a fairytale for adults, with all the wonder – and terror – that that entails...it is the sense of joy that lingers in this fine book.' *The Observer* An EBook Number 1 bestseller with over 400 5* reviews - readers are enchanted by this magic tale: 'If you only buy one book this year - buy this one' 'As if Terry Pratchett has come back to life Disney Toy Story style' 'Best book I've read for many years' 'A book to lose yourself in'

In his quest for total domination, Darth Sidious compiled six legendary dark side texts detailing Sith history and philosophy by Sorzus Syn, Darth Malgus, Darth Bane, Mother Talzin, Darth Plagueis, and himself. Together these documents form the Book of Sith. Over the centuries, the texts were passed among Force users who left handwritten notes and annotations in the margins, including Darth Vader, Yoda, Mace Windu, and Luke Skywalker, among others. Collected by acclaimed Star Wars writer Daniel Wallace and embellished by numerous esteemed Star Wars illustrators, this volume introduces new characters and history, and delves deeper into understanding the philosophies and methods behind the dark side of the Force.

A follow-up to *Star Wars: Dark Plagueis* is a Darth Maul prison tale set before the events of *The Phantom Menace* that finds Darth Maul dispatched on a secret mission to infiltrate a criminal prison empire where he must compete in gladiatorial death matches while carrying out his masters' clandestine commands. By the author of *Star Wars: Death Troopers*.

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While Princess Leia struggles to evacuate several planets in the wake of an alien

onslaught, Luke Skywalker tries to hold the Jedi Knights together. Original. Two years have passed since Jacen Solo, seduced by the dark side and reanointed as the brutal Sith Lord Darth Caedus, died at the hands of his twin sister, Jaina, Sword of the Jedi. For a grieving Han and Leia, the shadow of their son's tragic downfall still looms large. But Jacen's own bright and loving daughter, Allana, offers a ray of hope for the future as she thrives in her grandparents' care. And when the eager, inquisitive girl, in whom the Force grows ever stronger, makes a curious discovery aboard her grandfather's beloved spacecraft—the much-overhauled but ever-dependable Millennium Falcon—the Solo family finds itself at a new turning point, about to set out on an odyssey into uncertain territory, untold adventure, and unexpected rewards. To Han, who knows every bolt, weld, and sensor of the Falcon as if they were parts of himself, the strange device Allana shows him is utterly alien. But its confounding presence—and Allana's infectious desire to unravel its mystery—are impossible to dismiss. The only answer lies in backtracking into the past on a fact-finding expedition to retrace the people, places, and events in the checkered history of the vessel that's done everything from making the Kessel Run “in less than twelve parsecs” to helping topple an evil empire. From the moment the Falcon broke loose from a Corellian assembly line like an untamed creature with a will of its own, it seemed destined to seek out trouble. It wasn't long before the feisty YT-1300 freighter went from shuttling cargo to smuggling contraband. But it's a fateful rendezvous on Coruscant, at the explosive height of the Republic/Separatist uprising, that launches a galaxywide cat-and-mouse game whose newest players are Han, Leia, Allana, and C-3PO. And they're not alone: Crime lords, galactic pirates, rogue politicians, and fortune hunters alike loom at every turn of the quest—each with his or her own desperate stake in the Millennium Falcon's most momentous mission. Through the years and across the stars, from the Rim worlds to unknown points beyond, the race will lead them all to a final standoff for a prize some will risk everything to find—and pay any cost to possess. Features a bonus section following the novel that includes a primer on the Star Wars expanded universe, and over half a dozen excerpts from some of the most popular Star Wars books of the last thirty years!

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Follows Anakin Skywalker as he struggles with his duty as a Jedi Knight and his role as the secret husband of Senator Padme Amidala, and chronicles the creation of Darth Vader and the birth of Luke Skywalker and Princess Leia Organa.

For the first time in one thrilling volume, three novels—Labyrinth of Evil, Revenge of the Sith, and Dark Lord: The Rise of Darth Vader—that follow an epic chain of events: the last days of the Republic, the creation of the Empire, and the ultimate transformation of Jedi Anakin Skywalker into the notorious Darth Vader. On the planet Neimoidia, Jedi Knights Obi-Wan Kenobi and Anakin Skywalker seize an unexpected prize: intelligence capable of leading the Republic forces to the ever-elusive Darth Sidious, who is ruthlessly orchestrating a campaign to divide and overwhelm the Jedi forces. As combat escalates across the galaxy, and Darth Sidious remains one step ahead of his pursuers, the stage is set for an explosive endgame. Tormented by unspeakable visions, Anakin edges closer to the brink of a galaxy-shaping decision, while Darth

Sidious plots to strike the final staggering blow against the Republic—and to ordain a fearsome new Sith Lord: Darth Vader. Once the most powerful Knight ever known to the Jedi Order, Anakin becomes Darth Vader, a disciple of the dark side, a lord of the dreaded Sith, and the avenging right hand of the galaxy's ruthless new Emperor. As a few surviving Jedi lead a charge on a Separatist stronghold, the deadliest threat still rests in the swift and lethal crimson lightsaber of Darth Vader—behind whose brooding mask lies a shattered heart, a poisoned soul, and a cunning, twisted mind hell-bent on vengeance. For the handful of scattered Jedi hunted across space, survival is imperative if the light side of the Force is to be protected and the galaxy reclaimed. LABYRINTH OF EVIL by James Luceno REVENGE OF THE SITH by Matthew Stover, based on the story and screenplay by George Lucas DARK LORD The Rise of Darth Vader by James Luceno Features a bonus section following the novel that includes a primer on the Star Wars expanded universe, and over half a dozen excerpts from some of the most popular Star Wars books of the last thirty years!

Exiled to Tatooine, Obi-Wan Kenobi works to hide his Jedi powers and establish an alternate identity for himself as an eccentric hermit while protecting an infant Luke Skywalker and aiding the residents of Tatooine.

In the seventh novel in New York Times bestselling Stuart Gibbs's FunJungle series, Teddy Fitzroy returns as FunJungle's resident sleuth to solve the disappearances of endangered bison and an irreplaceable necklace. Teddy Fitzroy, his family, and some other FunJungle employees have been invited to visit a bison ranch just outside Yellowstone National Park that FunJungle's owner, J.J. McCracken, is considering purchasing. But as usual, trouble isn't far behind. The ranch's endangered bison have been mysteriously disappearing. Then a massive local grizzly bear named Sasquatch breaks into the house, causing chaos. In the aftermath, Kandace McCracken discovers that her exceptionally expensive sapphire necklace has vanished. Was it stolen? Or did Sasquatch eat it? (And if so, can it be recovered?) And what's been happening to the bison? With over a dozen suspects, it's up to Teddy to detangle this hairy situation, before his family or friends—or any more expensive objects—become dinner.

Stellar exploration—and depredation—in the exciting first novel in the Solar Queen series from a “superb storyteller” (The New York Times). In the future, venturing out into the stars is more than a way for humanity to chart the cosmos—it's big business. Every time a new planet is discovered, the highest bidder gets first dibs with exclusive property rights for a year. Anything they can find, they can keep. The planet Limbo was considered a waste of rock to most, which is the only reason apprentice cargo master Dane Thorson and the rest of the crew of the Solar Queen could afford to bid on it. But they soon discover that Limbo is far from uninhabited, the Solar Queen is far from the first ship to explore it—and they can never leave . . . With her many beloved series, including the Solar Queen novels, Science Fiction Writers of America Grand Master Andre Norton remains “one of the most popular authors of our time” (Publishers Weekly). Sargasso of Space is the 1st book in the Solar Queen Series, but you may enjoy reading the series in any order.

Not just an epic videogame from BioWare and LucasArts, Star Wars: The Old Republic™ spawned a New York Times bestselling series of novels—which are now together in one electrifying ebook bundle. Fatal Alliance, Deceived, Revan, and Annihilation tell four daringly original stories of Jedi and Sith that embody this unique,

beloved era in Star Wars Legends storytelling. . . . FATAL ALLIANCE by Sean Williams From across the galaxy they've come: a Jedi Padawan, an ex-trooper drummed out of the Republic's elite Blackstar Squad, and a mysterious Mandalorian. An extraordinary auction has drawn them all together, in quest of a prize whose value may be the wealth of a world itself. None intend to leave empty-handed. All have secrets, desires, and schemes. And nothing could ever unite them as allies—except the truth about the deadly danger of the object they covet. But can Sith and Jedi, Republic and Empire, join as one against the certain doom of the galaxy? DECEIVED by Paul S. Kemp A Sith warrior to rival the most sinister of the Order's Dark Lords, Darth Malgus brought down the Jedi Temple on Coruscant in a brutal assault that shocked the galaxy. But if war crowned him the darkest of Sith heroes, peace will transform him into something far more heinous—something Malgus would never want to be but cannot stop becoming, any more than he can stop the rogue Jedi fast approaching. Her name is Aryn Leneer—and the lone Jedi Knight that Malgus cut down in the fierce battle for the Jedi Temple was her Master. REVAN by Drew Karpysyn Hero, traitor, conqueror, villain, savior—Revan has been all of these. He left Coruscant a Jedi, on a mission to defeat the Mandalorians. He returned a Sith disciple, bent on destroying the Republic. The Jedi Council gave Revan his life back, but the price of redemption was the loss of his memories. All that's left are nightmares—and deep, abiding fear. One thing he's certain of: Something very dark is plotting against the Republic. With no idea how to identify the threat, let alone stop it, Revan may be doomed to fail. But only death can stop him from trying. ANNIHILATION by Drew Karpysyn After his triumphant destruction of a Sith superweapon arsenal, covert agent Theron Shan is recruited for an even more dangerous mission. A power struggle has the Empire in flux, but Darth Karrid remains bent on total domination, using a fearsome Imperial cruiser in her reign of terror. Now, joined by a hotheaded smuggler and Karrid's former Jedi Master, Theron must match wits and weapons with a crew of the most cold-blooded dark side disciples. And if they don't seize their one chance to succeed, they will have countless opportunities to die. Darth Maul is dispatched on a secret mission to infiltrate a criminal prison empire where he must compete in gladiatorial death matches while carrying out his masters' clandestine commands.

As attacks by an alien force threaten to devastate the New Republic, Han Solo seeks solace from his grief over the death of Chewbacca and embarks on a quest to avenge his partner's death.

Obi-Wan Kenobi and Anakin Skywalker embark on a mission to uncover the whereabouts of the evil Sith Lord, Darth Sidious, only to become trapped in a labyrinthine web of lies, betrayal, and intrigue.

Detective-story master Dashiell Hammett gives us yet another unforgettable read in Red Harvest: When the last honest citizen of Poisonville was murdered, the Continental Op stayed on to punish the guilty—even if that meant taking on an entire town. Red Harvest is more than a superb crime novel: it is a classic exploration of corruption and violence in the American grain.

The exciting follow-up to 2020 IBPA award winner Star Wars: The Secrets of the Jedi. If you only knew the power of the dark side! Discover the ways of the Sith in this thrilling, informative, and fully illustrated children's book. Join Emperor Palpatine, otherwise known as Darth Sidious, in this exploration of the Sith and the evil allies of the dark

side. *Star Wars: The Secrets of the Sith* will thrill young fans with dark-side knowledge, incredible artwork, and interactive features, such as pop-ups, booklets, and lift-the-flap inserts. • Experience the power of the dark side: Narrated by Emperor Palpatine, this book will give young readers insight into the might of the dark side. • Learn about some of the greatest *Star Wars* dark-side villains: Spanning films, television shows, books, comics, and video games, *Star Wars: The Secrets of the Sith* chronicles some of the dark side's most infamous practitioners, including Darth Maul, Count Dooku, Asajj Ventress, Darth Vader, the Grand Inquisitor, and Kylo Ren. • Amazing original illustrations: *Star Wars: The Secrets of the Sith* is a beautifully illustrated children's book that readers will want to revisit time and again. Including a frameable 11" x 17" poster of the cover art, this book is a great gift for *Star Wars* fans. • Full of exciting interactive features: Pop-ups, booklets, and lift-the-flap inserts will thrill young fans, making for an engaging experience while delving into stories about the Sith. • The perfect addition to any *Star Wars* library: This beautifully bound hardcover book is a must-have for any young fan's collection.

An insider's tour of the making of the latest *Star Wars* film provides photographs from the Lucasfilm archives, portraits of its actors and creators, and a behind-the-scenes look at everything from set designs to character development to special effects magic. Simultaneous. 40,000 first printing.

Set a thousand years before the events of *Star Wars: A New Hope*, Drew Karpysyn's electrifying *Darth Bane* novels take us deep into the dark side. This action-packed series follows the transformation of a lost young man who becomes a legendary Sith Lord, able to wield the awesome power of the Force as never before. Packed with nonstop thrills, the entire *Darth Bane* trilogy is now available as an eBook bundle featuring *PATH OF DESTRUCTION*, *RULE OF TWO*, and *DYNASTY OF EVIL*. After a high-stakes card game ends violently, Dessel, a lowly miner, vanishes into the ranks of the Sith army and ships out to join the war against the Republic and its Jedi champions. There, Dessel's brutality, cunning, and exceptional command of the Force swiftly win him renown as a warrior. But in the eyes of his watchful masters, a far greater destiny awaits him . . . if he can prove himself worthy. As an acolyte in the Sith Academy, studying at the feet of its greatest masters, Dessel embraces his new identity: Bane. However, in order to gain full acceptance into this chilling Brotherhood, he must surrender completely to the dark side. Only by defying the most sacred traditions of the Sith can Bane hope to triumph—and forge from the ashes a new era of absolute power. Sent to aid a local dictator facing a revolution, Hallena Devis finds herself in danger as she is surrounded by belligerent freedom fighters at the same time Captain Gilad Pellaeon is facing a decision whether to rescue Hallena or stay true to the Republic. A long time ago in a galaxy far, far away... A world is threatened. A young queen must save her people. A dark evil rises again. A young Jedi is discovered. The journey begins.

Anakin Skywalker searches for the evil Darth Sidious, struggles with his duty as a Jedi Knight and role as the secret husband of Senator Padme Amidala, and strives to eliminate all resistance to the Empire in his new role as Darth Vader.

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