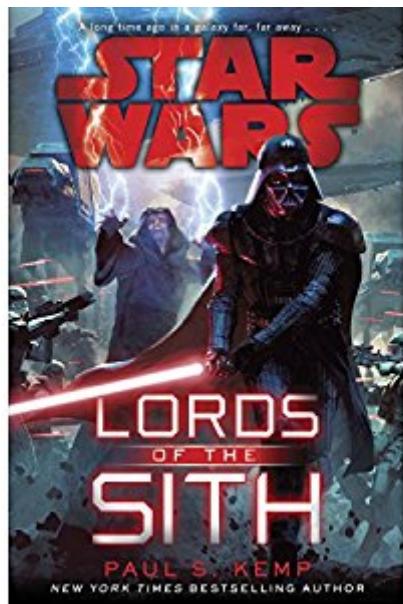


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Lords Of The Sith: Star Wars



Synopsis

A long time ago in a galaxy far, far away.... When the Emperor and his notorious apprentice Darth Vader find themselves stranded in the middle of insurgent action on an inhospitable planet, they must rely on each other, the Force, and their own ruthlessness to prevail. "It appears things are as you suspected, Lord Vader. We are indeed hunted." Anakin Skywalker, Jedi Knight, is just a memory. Darth Vader, newly anointed Sith Lord, is ascendant. The Emperor's chosen apprentice has swiftly proven his loyalty to the dark side. Still, the history of the Sith Order is one of duplicity, betrayal, and acolytes violently usurping their Masters - and the truest measure of Vader's allegiance has yet to be taken. Until now. On Ryloth, a planet crucial to the growing Empire as a source of slave labor and the narcotic known as "spice", an aggressive resistance movement has arisen, led by Cham Syndulla, an idealistic freedom fighter, and Isval, a vengeful former slave. But Emperor Palpatine means to control the embattled world and its precious resources - by political power or firepower - and he will be neither intimidated nor denied. Accompanied by his merciless disciple, Darth Vader, he sets out on a rare personal mission to ensure his will is done. For Syndulla and Isval, it's the opportunity to strike at the very heart of the ruthless dictatorship sweeping the galaxy. And for the Emperor and Darth Vader, Ryloth becomes more than just a matter of putting down an insurrection: When an ambush sends them crashing to the planet's surface, where inhospitable terrain and an army of resistance fighters await them, they will find their relationship tested as never before. With only their lightsabers, the dark side of the Force, and each other to depend on, the two Sith must decide if the brutal bond they share will make them victorious allies or lethal adversaries.

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Customer Reviews

This was a great addition to the Star Wars Universe. The writer managed to create a sense of urgency and set up a "The Good The Bad and The Ugly" style standoff by the end of the book. It also helped that I recently began watching the Star Wars: Clone Wars animated series. One of the principle characters in the book - Cham Syndulla - is featured in the series. It was a cool coincidence as I had no knowledge of the character beforehand. Since Star Wars: Clone Wars predates the story in Lords of the Sith it provided an informative background for Cham's motivations. I love this book. This is a great story. It made some very stressful days much more bearable for me as I always looked forward to the moments during my day that I could refrain from the daily chaos of my career and dive back into this story. Kudos to the author, Paul S. Kemp. I was thoroughly entertained from beginning to end.

I've read Tarkin and Battlefront Twilight Company and this novel easily tops both of those great books. The flow of Lords of the Sith was phenomenal. Many great books have those dry periods like Tarkin and Battlefront had, but Lords of the Sith simply forced you to keep reading. The dialogue, the characters, and settings were all fantastic. This was the first book I've read in a long, long time where I read deep into the night around 2AM on multiple occasions, even with work in the morning. The pacing was just so well executed. I plan on giving this a second read after I finish A New Dawn and Lost Stars, something I don't do too often for the hundreds of books I've read in the past. The characters were great and the connections and references to the Clone Wars era were surprisingly appreciated, especially Vader's. It was such a phenomenal read and I look forward to Paul's other titles.

I know that the Star Wars universe is not high literature, but I'm a sucker for it. Must be from loving SW as a kid so much. I'm OK with some storey telling if they are not that.... strong as long as they move the entire arc forward with back story or insights to other parts of the expanded universe or newly anointed official cannon, but this book didn't do that. It reads as one of the 'young reader' novels with little depth of character for new and established players in the SW universe. No real insights either, nothing new. I purchased it to have something to read on my new kindle, should have chosen better.

First time reading any book on my own really. I read this with audible and was great. Felt like I was watching an intense version of the clone wars TV show. Really wish they can make a short film out of this. Really really appreciated this book. Will look into other reads. But I think a short movie adaptation would be great for a lot of these other books and short stories as well. Although I'd prefer to recommend the book because of the writing. I especially enjoyed how they went into detail where a film couldn't express. How someone felt or how someone thought as they moved but not showing how they felt externally really but depth in a lot of characters. Nevertheless a film of this would be enjoyable to see. It would sure enough catch attention but the only thing I worry is if the attention would stray away from people reading the book. Maybe just give it time before making an animated movie. I think it could be a good idea. The book was great I can go on and on.

As someone who has bought just about every single expanded universe book to date I bought this expecting something like the Darth Bane books by Drew Karpyshyn. Instead, I got a mediocre story with cardboard characters and stale writing. If this had been named Rebels of Ryloth or something similar I wouldnt have been as disappointed.**might be some spoilers ahead** The story mainly focused on Twi'lek Cham Syndulla and his band of rebels trying to kill Darth Vader and the Emperor on a visit to Ryloth. The first half or so of the book is the Rebels plotting to blow up an Imperial Star Destroyer carrying Darth Vader and the Emperor. The second half or so is the aftermath of the attack on the Star Destroyer. The interactions between Sidious and Vader were poorly written and were poorly developed. Instead of Darth Vader the intimidating, terrifying executioner we get Darth Vader the thoughtful. I was also really disappointed with the Imperial Guards who are supposed to be elite troops but mostly seem like average soldiers throughout this story. The Imperials don't really seem like they are competent whatsoever in this. Disney seems to want to make all the Rebels THE GOOD GUYS and all the Imperials THE BAD GUYS with no nuance or other characteristics. Gone are the days of Grand Admiral Thrawn who was a well developed character that was on the other side. Not every villain needs to be lazy, incompetent or stupid. Not everyone who works for the Empire is evil, some of them are just doing a job. The new canon seems to want to paint everything as black and white when shades of gray are much more interesting. Overall, I would give it a pass. If you are looking for backstory on the Sith or decent writing you wont find it here. The plot is predictable and the action is not as well written as I had hoped. Stick to A Darth Bane: Star Wars 3-Book Bundle: Path of Destruction, Rule of Two, Dynasty of Evil (Star Wars: Darth Bane Trilogy - Legends)

Best Star Wars book I've read all year! If you like reading about the baddies, then this is the book for you. Part of the "new cannon", which means that it lines up with the new movies that are due to come out in the next few years. Also leads in to the Disney animated show "Rebels". A great book and a great gift to give any Star Wars fan this holiday season!

With Lords of the Smith there is a lot of action right from the beginning. As a result, it was a really quick read. It is well written and even has an air about it that is reminiscent of the original trilogy movies. I immediately pictured Vader and the Emperor as they are in ANH/TESB, and as I read about their adventure depicted in this book i gained more information about the unique and twisted relationship they shared. A must read for any Star Wars fan.

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