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Star Wars: DARTH VADER Vol. 1



Synopsis

One of the greatest antagonists in all of fiction stars in his first volume of villainy! Fresh from a stinging defeat at the hands of the Rebel Alliance, Darth Vader must rise again to reassert the Empire's iron grip on the galaxy. But will his personal desire for vengeance against the young Jedi who destroyed the Death Star distract from Vader's duty to the Emperor? As a fateful quest begins, the Dark Lord of the Sith will face a fresh threat to his power. And as other villains old and new play their parts-from Boba Fett and Jabba the Hutt to diabolical debutant Aphra, as well as the killer droids Triple Zero and BeeTee-how long until Vader's dangerous alliances blow up in his face? Join Darth Vader and feel the power of the dark side! >: DARTH VADER 1-12

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Customer Reviews

This arch greatly enriches the subtext of the existing Skywalker story. While paralleling the events in the main Star Wars comic series, Darth Vader explores his roll in the Empire and sets about a journey to ensure his position within it. Excellent read, great illustrations, clever reintroduction to classic characters, and memorable new ones are all reasons why I'm on my 3rd reading within almost a week.

At this point after the events of Star Wars: Episode IV - A New Hope scheming Emperor Palpatine is playing games with Darth Vader, testing him after the failure he had in the destruction of the Death

Star, using him like a tool and looking for ways to improve his tool. Vader having not one it, begins seeing of his own and finding out the lies Palpatine has been feeding and plans his moves against the emperor -as it the Sith way, that the apprentice will betray his master-. While Vader keeps his iconic silent -seeming always in thought- characterization, you get to see Vader in a more humane way on different moments and not only as a tool of the Emperor -a non-second guessing murder-. See how he finds out and reacts to the truth, and that he hasn't forgotten his past, to finding out to what will lead to the revelation of a pivotal key-moment in Star Wars: Episode V - The Empire's Strike Back. Those are the moments, that make this book a fantastic read for every Star Wars fan. New characters are introduced, though not memorable help to speak for the character that Darth Vader is. Good writing gives each (new) character it's own identity and help to empathize, like them and care for their faiths and future. The art holds up on it's end, nothing special, simple but effective, but having some great shots that make it feel like a space-opera that it's based on. As bonus you get all the (variant) covers that were used for the individual comics, with some amazing one's.

I'm an avid graphic novel reader, and this one is at best simply OK. I would have given it 2.5 stars if it hadn't been hyped up so much by Star Wars lovers. It's not that great of a story, but if I were to say what it does well I'd say it lets Darth Vader kill people all the time. That's true to his attitude after "A New Hope" when this comic sets out.

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