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Star Wars: Ahsoka



Synopsis

Fans have long wondered what happened to Ahsoka after she left the Jedi Order near the end of the Clone Wars and before she reappeared as the mysterious Rebel operative Fulcrum in *Rebels*. Finally her story will begin to be told. Following her experiences with the Jedi and the devastation of Order 66, Ahsoka is unsure she can be part of a larger whole ever again. But her desire to fight the evils of the Empire and protect those who need it will lead her right to Bail Organa - and the Rebel Alliance.

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Customer Reviews

E.K. Johnston's Star Wars: Ahsoka begins following the adventures of the Togruta Force user exactly one year after the establishment of the Galactic Empire. This Young Adult novel is intended for ages 12-18 and grades 7-12. However, this 40-year-old reviewer loved the book, mainly due to my unashamed love of Ahsoka Tano and The Clone Wars. Here are some of the highlights. Jedi Padawan Ahsoka Tano was first introduced in the Star Wars: The Clone Wars animated series and quickly became a fan favorite. Viewers watched her grow from a "snippy, brash padawan learner to a confident young warrior who frequently saved the day for her master, Anakin Skywalker. Thrust into the crucible of combat with the besieged clone battalion and their Jedi on the planet of Christophsis, Ahsoka had to learn quickly and be a strong warrior from an early age. Through the remainder of the Clone Wars, Ahsoka was present at several key battles and forged tight relationships with many, including Clone

Captain Rex, the astromech R2-D2, and Senator Bail Organa. All three of these characters figure into Ahsoka in important ways.*** VERY MILD SPOILERS FOLLOW***The novel features many flashbacks, interludes, and scenes which answer some lingering questions since the end of The Clone Wars, raise a few more, and provide detail that help link the prequel and original trilogies. Here are some of my favorites: 'Maul and Ahsoka at Mandalore' Ahsoka's last interaction with Rex (until Star Wars Rebels reunites them)' Insight into Anakin's thoughts as "Obi-Wan's new padawan" approaches Christophsis' Obi-Wan's solitude and finding an old friend on Tatooine' The origin of Ahsoka's white lightsabers and the codename Fulcrum' Ahsoka's thoughts about Barriss OffeeMost of the plot of the novel centers on Ahsoka's life as she maintains a low profile to avoid attention from the Empire. She has to find odd jobs to get by, and tries not to form close relationships with others. Her connection with the Force is weakened. She thinks of the "family" she has lost due to the destruction of the Jedi Order, and searches her feelings to try to discern Anakin's fate. Readers can feel her loneliness. Ahsoka has always been a jovial, outgoing person, quick to make friends and gain others' trust. As it turns out, her charisma and leadership qualities have not suffered since the end of The Clone Wars; she continues to draw others to her and gain their trust, despite her efforts to live a simple life. As can be expected, she quickly finds herself at the center of a conflict. Also as can be expected, she must decide between using the Force to save the day, thus exposing herself, and maintaining her anonymity and allowing her new friends to suffer.Overall, E.K. Johnston absolutely matches the feel of The Clone Wars and Star Wars Rebels. Ahsoka does a fantastic job of bridging the gap, though it does not account for the entire time period between Ahsoka leaving the Jedi Order and her first appearance at the end of the first season of the current cartoon series. Perhaps there are more books forthcoming and hopefully also penned by Johnston!Ahsoka is also available as an audiobook narrated by Ashley Eckstein. Eckstein, of course, is the only actor who has ever voiced Ahsoka's character. For what it's worth, I could hear Ashley reading all of Ahsoka's lines in my head when I read the print version. It's unavoidable.Fans of Ahsoka Tano, The Clone Wars, and Star Wars Rebels will devour this book. Highly recommended.

Having fallen in love with The Clone Wars series, I was pretty disappointed to have watched the last episode, so was thrilled to hear about the release of Ahsoka by E.K. Johnston. The book shares a

secret hidden side of Ahsoka which was not evident in the animated series. While she was overall portrayed as clever and brave, I always felt she was a bit clumsy, always getting into trouble--of course, one expects that of a Padawan Learner, especially with a stubborn minded Master like Anakin! The book takes away the clumsiness, and shows how independent she has become. No longer desiring attention, she now walks in the shadows, revealing only pieces of herself to new friends to avoid being discovered by the Empire. She is now a leader seeking not only her own survival from the harsh rulership of Stormtroopers, but the survival of those who have warmly welcomed her into their lives. It was interesting to learn in depth what an Imperial takeover of a planet looks like--beginning with censorship and imposed curfews and laws, to the forced labor of a planet's inhabitants who must grow only the crops which best benefit the Stormtroopers. While there is humor in the book, there is beautifully technical writing and the writing gives Ahsoka a powerfully organized mind, tremendous drive, and shows the advanced level of creativity which Force-sensitives are known to possess. I enjoyed the story, the author's writing style, and the overall presentation of the book. I also like very much that it is a good quality hardcover book costing the same as many paperback books, and for those reasons, I will be giving this book out as gifts to others. I look forward to future Star Wars novels by E.K. Johnston! As a side note--if you enjoyed this book or like Ahsoka as a character, The Ahsoka Black Series 6 inch figure is a must have. It is a fancy detailed figure, which stands tall, and has all of the glitter and shine of the Ahsoka on this book cover!

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