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Star Wars: Darth Vader Vol. 2: Shadows And Secrets (Star Wars (Marvel))



Synopsis

Bounty Hunters on the attack--against the Empire! Vader has a new mission to do for the Empire. Unfortunately, it's completely at odds with his own mission. What's a Dark Lord to do? Plus: Who is Tagge's mysterious new agent? COLLECTING: Darth Vader 7-12

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Customer Reviews

I have to say that I really had a tough time wrapping my head around both the writing and art style of the Darth Vader graphic novels. Kieron Gillen isn't very clear in his approach and I find myself having to re-read several portions to understand what's going on. Same goes for Salvador Larocca's artwork. It's just so mysterious at times and I find myself needing re-cover material that should have a simple flow to it. All that being said, Gillen is a visionary and has come up with some brilliant concepts that are enjoyable to experience. Telling the story from the perspective of the Empire, and slowly seeing Darth Vader's character develop from what we see between A New Hope and Empire Strikes Back is quite enjoyable. All-in-all a solid-enough story to get 4-star review from me.

I love the colours of space and Anthan 13. Ah, it's stunning and beautiful. The cover for issue 9 is

FANTASTIC and brilliant. The holo in Commodore Tahn's office was one of my biggest peeves though. The moment I looked at the image, I knew something was wrong. In fact, I couldn't even continue the story for a few minutes before I realized what was wrong. Half of the people are wearing tee shirts. It looks incredibly out of place in a "Star Wars" story. It's intriguing that Aphra has a device that turns a meteoroid/asteroid into an asteroid field. I can't believe that Tagge got away with telling Vader he can't hunt [Luke] because he's personally invested. I like seeing Aphra help Vader in different ways, although I became confused about everything that she does. Still, Vader gives her some freedom to take initiatives and hunt down what he wants, which says a lot about her character. Learning more about her was a lot of fun too. I am very certain that she doesn't have much more of a future though (even with her series taking place before Lando's). Vader is aided by Inspector Thanos who is, as his title states, very aware of minor details. I like him; he's extremely interesting. The twins irritate me in this TPB more than before. The Ante, a Givin, is not drawn well, IMO. It looks more like the "Scream" mask than other renditions ever have.

So, so so good. It's very Vader, right down to how he reacts to EVERYTHING. The supporting characters are so fantastic too, especially the murderbots, and I enjoy learning about some of the story that's been left untold.

It's time to dig up the original movie soundtracks so I can listen while I journey far away and long ago. It's the past that never was, as the talented artists and writers valiantly try to fill all of the Lucas plot holes. It's a daunting task, but the path is enthralling.

This excellent series continues with a very strong 2nd volume. The art is solid. The plot and pacing are nicely handled. Darth Vader is a what you want him to be, but he has to deal with the bureaucracy of the empire and the conflicting motives of his rivals. It is deftly handled. It's a fun read and a nice addition to the new Star Wars universe.

I love Doctor Aphra, tripple 0 (imagine a murderous C3P0) and Darth Vader. The balance between serious and humorous is hard to achieve but this comic does it. Plus I just love to see Vader be a moving weapon of mass destruction. I also love reading about his own secret agenda and maneuvers. It shows he is a true sith. Not just a murdering machine but also an agent acting in the shadows. Not just against the Rebellion, but even the Empire if the Empire and Palpatine happen to have different interests from Vader.

A good follow up to the first comic, although I do not care for the secondary character. She does not add much to the comic and the four stars is for her pulling down an otherwise enjoyable Darth Vader story. She is not a good foil for Vader and it seems like the authors went to great pains to attempt to make her out to be 'rogueish' and necessary to Vader. I did not like all of the strange errors in judgment Vader made forcing him to accept her continued existence.

Or Luke or something after the return of the Jedi. I like these, the new novels are boring they are some kind of weird firefly knock off with no jedi. These are good funny and original.

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