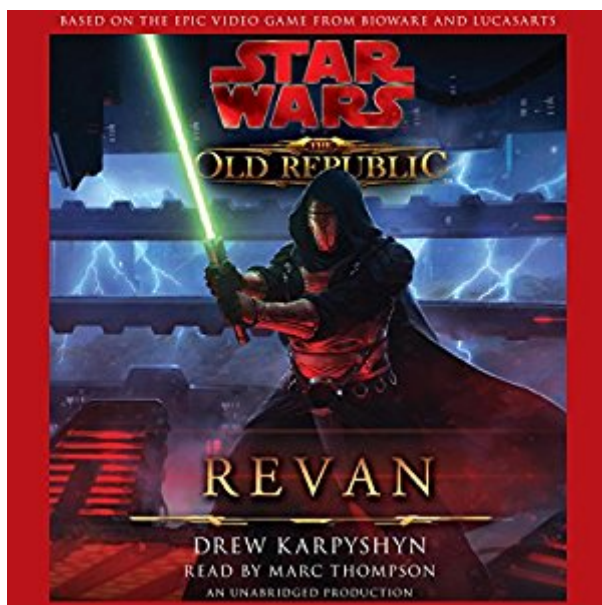


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Star Wars: The Old Republic: Revan



Synopsis

There's something out there: a juggernaut of evil bearing down to crush the Republic - unless one lone Jedi, shunned and reviled, can stop it. Revan: hero, traitor, conqueror, villain, savior. A Jedi who left Coruscant to defeat Mandalorians -and returned a disciple of the dark side, bent on destroying the Republic. The Jedi Council gave Revan his life back, but the price of redemption was high. His memories have been erased. All that's left are nightmares - and deep, abiding fear. What exactly happened beyond the Outer Rim? Revan can't quite remember, yet can't entirely forget. Somehow he stumbled across a terrible secret that threatens the very existence of the Republic. With no idea what it is, or how to stop it, Revan may very well fail, for he's never faced a more powerful and diabolic enemy. But only death can stop him from trying.

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Customer Reviews

One of the single worst books I have had the displeasure of reading in my entire adult life. What more can I say? The writing style is at best ham-fisted and at worst unreadable. The story is simplistic, boring, and ends in such a sharp cutoff that you are left wondering why you picked up the book at all. If you read this on a Kindle, realize that the "book" only comprises the first 68%. The rest is filler to make it look longer than it actually is.

After playing the MMO "The Old Republic" (TOR) on and off for a few years, I finally started to get into the lore of the game. Outside of the game the first place I looked - after some player

recommendations - was "Revan." The novel "fills in the blanks" between not just Knights of the Old Republic (KotOR) 2 and TOR, but also between the first two KotOR games. "Revan" sets the stage for SOME of the storylines in TOR, but nothing too earth shattering. I read this in hindsight, and unfortunately the novel's short length doesn't allow for a whole of additional "meat" than, say, a Wiki entry. I'm sure at the time of the release of the novel - and before players could truly get into TOR - this novel would have been a great addition to the game's lore (and a great setup to a few of the stories, as mentioned), but after two and a half years of playing I just wasn't too enthralled with it. It does a great job at what it was supposed to do (fill in some of the blanks before players could explore the TOR galaxy in-depth), but as a Star Wars title, Revan definitely does NOT stand on its own. I'd recommend this to anyone who has played the original KotOR games and is thinking about trying TOR, but for anyone without an interest in that era/those games I would avoid the title. Even if you're not a fan of the games, there is one title - "Annihilation" - that I strongly recommend if you're just looking for a Star Wars novel that can stand on its own merits.

This was an extremely disappointing book and not worth your money. Not even the Kindle price. The last third of the kindle version is full of sample chapters for other books. If I wanted samples of those books I would have downloaded them for free on my own instead of unwittingly paying for them. But about the book. For KOTOR fans it was a huge let down. The characters from KOTOR 1 are all mentioned by name at least once, but only Canderous plays some sort of significant role. Bastilla just sits on Courasant while Revan goes off on an adventure. The events of KOTOR 2 are given a few very meager paragraphs that don't do much to explain the game. The time between the two games is addressed somewhat with Canderous, but it's ultimately not enough. Then the author invents a Sith empire out of nowhere. The Emperor has powers almost exactly like Darth Nihilus from KOTOR 2. How original....not. In his attempt to stop the Emperor, Revan spends most of the book in captivity. In fact, that's how the book ends. Yup, that's really what I wanted to read about: one of the most powerful and complex figures in the Star Wars universe sitting in a cell and having an eternal battle of wills with a Sith strong enough to destroy an entire planet yet somehow afraid of invading the Republic. I expected much better from the author of the Bane trilogy. This was shoddy work, plain and simple.

I read this book without having the perspective given by playing the Knights of the Old Republic video game, where the character of Revan was introduced. Without that background I would say this is a good ancillary novel (much along the lines of the author's other Star Wars universe novels),

which does a good job of establishing and fleshing out the back story to the "main" "Star Wars story and characters we all know. It is set many years before the events of A New Hope, and involves a threat by a different Emperor with many of the same ambitions as Sidious. However his ultimate goal was so extreme that the other sith worked together against him. Revan, who was himself a Jedi turned Sith turned Jedi again, but with no memory of his past, went in search of the threat to the Republic he knows is out there, but cannot identify. The first half to 2/3 of the book involves Revan trying to find answers from his past, intertwined with the internal Sith plot to stop the Emperor. The last part of the book (after a time jump) brings the two stories together. It is a book where a lot happens, and contains much of the action you would expect from the novels as well as some suspense. Nothing is tied up in a nice bow in terms of the story at the end. Although we know that the Sith will eventually be whittled down to two during the Darth Bane years, this leaves everything open when it comes to getting to the point where the Darth Bane novels begin. While some who are more tied to the characters from the video game do not seem to like the book, I think it is an enjoyable read, although nothing you are likely to read over and over again.

This book was pretty good. I've been reading a lot of these lately, and for the ones I've read it isn't bad. I wish there was more character development, not a whole lot changed throughout. Even among the main characters they stayed kind of the same. Still, it had a lot of good information and the story was pretty steady. I enjoyed it as a whole. There was a twist or two I wasn't expecting so that made it that much more enjoyable.

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