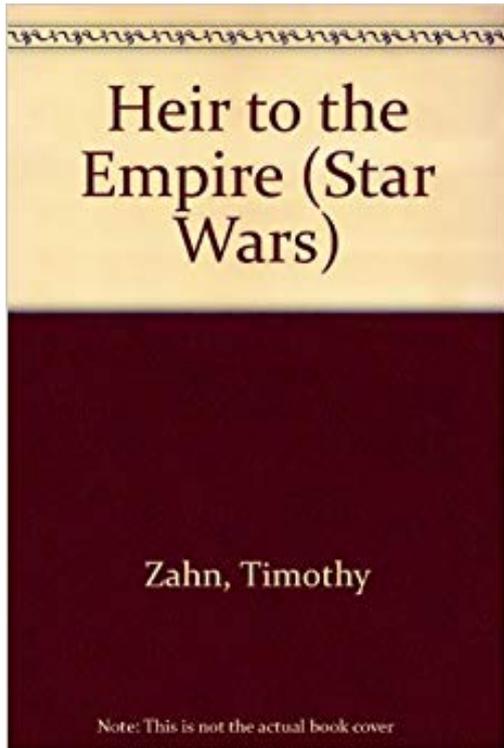


Star Wars: Heir to the Empire *by* Timothy Zahn



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Five years after they defeated Darth Vader and the Emperor, Princess Leia and Han Solo are married and expecting children, and Luke is a Jedi knight, unaware that the last of the Emperor's warlords plan to reclaim the empire



Reviews of the *Star Wars: Heir to the Empire* *by* Timothy Zahn

Gann

I've been reading this novel for the last week and am almost done with it. I actually didn't know when I bought it that it is an older novel and written in 1991 originally. The novel is a great read though and takes place shortly after the Battle of Yavin (Return of the Jedi). Luke continues to discover his force powers and Leia is attempting to begin her own training in the force while pregnant with Han Solo's kids. Grand Admiral Thrawn is the main Antagonist in the book and having never really read anything about him previously, without spoiling it, I can definitely tell why author Timothy Zahn has stated that he is a challenging character to write, but also his favorite. Its a great book! I highly recommend it.

Celace

Heir to the Empire was Timothy Zahn's first Star Wars novel (though not his first work), and started the Expanded Universe off with a rollicking ride of a real Star Wars story. A story that, if it could have been filmed in the 90s, might have sent the Star Wars universe in a very different direction. The Thrawn trilogy in particular were masterworks, fitting in to the universe perfectly with both familiar faces and new ones to add to the story including several that became fan favorites over the next twenty years. And this was literally the book that started it all.

If you haven't read it before, or if you're coming back to an old favorite like I did - enjoy it. This is some of the best writing in Star Wars. In any format, by anyone.

Neol

In a whirlwind of disappointing new Star Wars movies a small ray of hope peeks out from the thick cluster of cannon vs non-cannon in the form of the Thrawn series. Heir to the Empire is a true sequel to the original trilogy and has all of the feel of the Star Wars universe while giving the audience a new story with new characters and interesting political intrigue. Thrawn is the most effective villain I'd the pleasure of reading about for an incredibly long time. He has taste, a sense of tactics and strategy, and an understanding of the importance of knowing the enemy.

I've already started the next book and am currently kicking myself for not having read this series earlier.

Zetadda

I have been a fan of the Star Wars saga since the first movie came out back in the 1970s. I did not begin reading the Star Wars books until about six months ago. I recently purchased this 404 page (Star Wars Heir to the Empire volume 1 by Timothy Zahn) on Amazon for a bargain price and found it to be an exciting and fun read.

In this book it is five years after the Rebel Alliance destroyed the Death Star and defeated Darth Vader. Princess Leia and Han Solo are married and are expecting Jedi twins. Luke has become first in a long line of Jedi Knights.

Even though the Death Star was destroyed the dark side is actively organizing itself to again dominate the galaxy. I never like to give away too much information when reviewing a novel because it may spoil it for the reader; however, if you are a Star Wars fan this is a must read book.

Rating: 5 Stars. Joseph J. Truncala (Author: Practicing Combatives Alone on Amazon kindle).

Siatanni

The story that restarted the Star Wars universe, Heir To The Empire was the first expanded universe novel for the Star Wars universe. Picking up a few years after the events of the Return Of The Jedi film, Timothy Zahn not only played with the existing locations, characters, and stories as created by George Lucas, but fleshed it all out with characters and creatures of his own. Introducing the reader to characters like Talon Karrde, Mara Jade, and Grand Admiral Thrawn, Zahn peers into many elements of the universe that Lucas didn't get around to. If you have an interest in Star Wars, this is the starting point for your expanded universe. All the characters breathe and act realistically, whether established in the movies, or brand new to the settings, and all the locations are well thought out and introduced in interesting ways.

Debeme

Though a fan might have an original copy of Heir to the Empire, this is worth it in my eyes. It has annotations to parts of the original story that any true fan would enjoy reading along the original text (even re-reading the original text is fun after reading the annotations), and it has a new, additional story that serves as the prequel to Heir to the Empire. The additional story is a novella, which means it is much shorter than the length of a novel, but a true fan would enjoy it nonetheless. I sure did. However, I do want to say that it half way answered why Thrawn left the Empire of the Hand and returned to the Empire among the core worlds. I say this because, though Thrawn

defeated Nuso Esva and his cartel, I am not sure why he felt it necessary afterwards to deal with the Rebellion. I suppose he wanted to bring the original Empire into the fold of the new Empire to enlarge the Empire of the Hand, but it doesn't address why. I suppose it might be that he is still preparing for the Yuzhan Vong, but the Empire of the Hand is much larger by several times than the original Empire, and it doesn't have all the smug, arrogant, and biased (partial towards humans only) problems along with it that the original Empire has. Besides that, I wish that Zahn would do anniversary editions for the other two books from the trilogy, too, but that is highly unlikely since it has been some time now.

Gavinrage

Very good Star Wars story. It is easy to see why so many people would have wanted Zahn's Thrawn Trilogy to be the basis for Episodes 7-9. The book is fast-paced and interesting, though some events are just a little too convenient to be coincidence. Maybe the force?

I noticed Amazon and Goodreads have a slightly different meanings to their 5-point scale. I thought it was odd to have a different rating for the same book on two different sites, so I came up with my own scale below. For the record, it is fairly close to Amazon's scale, but allows me to be consistent between the two sites.

- 5 - Fantastic. Life-altering. Maybe only 25 in a lifetime.
- 4 - Very good.
- 3 - Worth your time.
- 2 - Not very good.
- 1 - Atrocious.

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