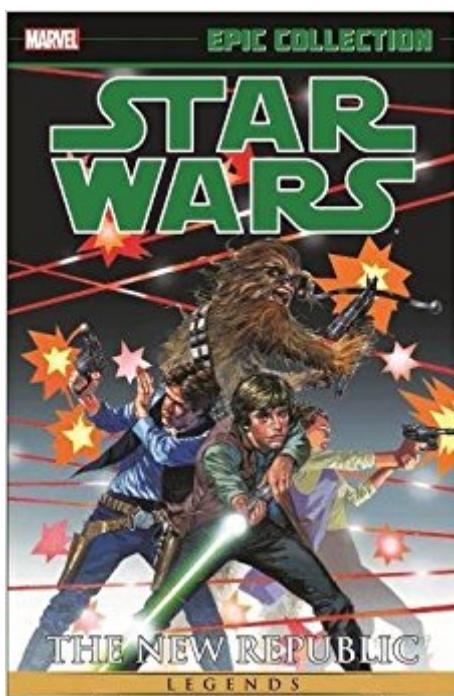


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# Star Wars Legends Epic Collection: The New Republic Volume 1 (Epic Collection: Star Wars)



## Synopsis

When the Empire falls, a New Republic rises! After the events of RETURN OF THE JEDI, Emperor Palpatine is dead--but can his faithful Hand, Mara Jade, complete her final mission of revenge? Replica droid assassin Guri has also lost her master...but as she struggles for humanity, her android brain makes her a target! When rivals clash over the late Jabba the Hutt's criminal empire, the Bloated one makes a surprising appearance! And a mysterious doppelganger is asking for trouble impersonating everyone's favorite bounty hunter--it's Boba Fett vs. Boba Fett! COLLECTING: STAR WARS: MARA JADE - BY THE EMPEROR'S HAND 0-6, STAR WARS: SHADOWS OF THE EMPIRE - EVOLUTION 1-5, STAR WARS: THE JABBA TAPE, STAR WARS: BOBA FETT-TWIN ENGINES OF DESTRUCTION; MATERIAL FROM STAR WARS TALES 1, 3-5, 10, 14-15, 20; 22.

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## Customer Reviews

This is a collection of Dark Horse Comics that are being republished by Marvel now that they have the license back. This is near Omnibus status, 440 some odd pages of pure Star Wars comics circa the middle to late 90's, very heavy on Mara Jade stories so don't expect to see too much Han, Luke or Leia, but they are in a decent amount of the issues collected here. I like the inclusion of the original comic's covers as well. Any fan of Dark Horse's run of Star Wars comics should grab this since they're out of print from Dark Horse now. I'm hoping Marvel will reissue some of Dark Horse's run on Star Wars Tales or Clone Wars. Luckily here we get some Shadow's of the Empire issues

and they're releasing volumes of the Old Republic. I know people will want the Thrawn trilogy and Dark Empire, those go for big money now that they're out of print. I'm glad that these are being produced and at a reasonable price with tons of content per volume, thanks Marvel. FULLY APPROVED.

This is one of the new Star Wars Legends Epic Collection TPBs in the line of Marvel's Dark Horse reprints. This is the first volume of the New Republic books. This first TPB collects Mara Jade "By the Emperor's Hand" #0-6, Star Wars Tales #1, 15, 10, 5, Star Wars: Shadows of the Empire "Evolution" #1-5, Star Wars: The Jabba Tape, Star Wars Tales #4, 3, 14, and 22, Boba Fett: Twin Engines of Destruction, and Star Wars Tales #10 and #20 in that order. The first story is about Mara Jade and introduces her background as the Emperor's Hand and her quest to take down Black Nebula. The plot was written by Timothy Zahn so you know it was done well. The first Tales story is also a Mara Jade story when she was hunting down a target. The next two are short stories about Luke and the droids immediately after the destruction of the second Death Star. Star Wars Tales #5 has the adventures of Lando after the Death Star battle as he's still helping the Rebels in the Millennium Falcon. Next are the five Shadows of the Empire "Evolution" issues. These stories actually involve Luke and the gang a bit and entail them trying to find a human replica droid named Guri before the remnants of Black Sun get a hold of her. The art here is really good and the writing works well if you don't know the Shadows of the Empire story but knowing it beforehand makes the story a tad bit better; especially the ending. The Jabba Tape follows with a tale of Swoop bikers trying to take what they can after Jabba's death. However, they'll have to battle with a member of the Hutt clan to make out with their bounty! Tales #4 takes place directly after the Jabba Tapes and has the bikers having to take down an Imperial Dark Trooper droid! Tales #3 takes a look at the life of a Gamorrean Guard after the death of Jabba the Hutt. Tales #14 moves into an Imperial tale of how exactly a bunch of cute Ewoks defeated the Empire on the forest moon of Endor. Boba Fett: Twin Engines of Destruction has the bounty hunter hunting down an imposter named Jodo Kast who is cashing in on Fett's fame. Another story from Star Wars Tale #10 has Chewbacca jealous that Han is always hanging out with Leia instead of him now! Then in Tales #20, the book finishes off with a funny issue where Han hires some computer tech help from Endor. All in all, this feels a bit mish-mashed. Some of the stories are excellent like Mara Jade and Twin Engines of Destruction. However, they're interspersed with all these Tales stories that are "cartoony" and provide no real story insight. Just a bunch of goofy one-off tales with poor art. The last one in

the book has art akin to a newspaper comic. *Shadows of the Empire: Evolution* was a neat inclusion as well with great art but it still doesn't make up for being taken out of the story by these Tales issues. Grab this book if you want to find out what everyone was up to after the second Death Star was destroyed. Otherwise, this book is entirely skippable.

While some of these stories, *Shadow of the Empire: Evolution* and the *Boba Fett* are excellent, many of them, including the art, are middle of the road. Worth a read, but that's about it.

The Mara Jade and Guri story lines are good (but not great). The rest is a mish-mash of random single or double issue stories that are mediocre at best.

Son loves these Star Wars books. He gets so into it he can't put them down

Great read! Has a great collection of the best star wars comics from years past!

A great collection of Star Wars comics with lots of tie-ins to the expanded universe. It starts off with a new Mara Jade story telling what happened to her after the Emperor's death. If you don't know who Mara Jade is, you should find out. Timothy Zahn wrote the first 3 EU books and they are fantastic. Zahn also writes Mara's story here. We also have a followup to the *Shadows of the Empire* novel with some great art by Ron Randall. All in all a great group of Star Wars stories.

It was good the first Christmas present that I got online for my wife that actually showed up except the chess boards pillow and case never came

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