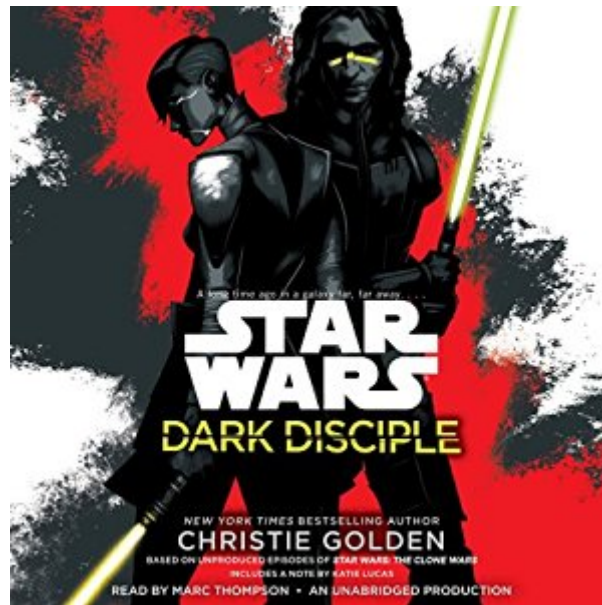


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Dark Disciple: Star Wars



Synopsis

Based on unproduced episodes of *Star Wars: The Clone Wars*, this new novel features Asajj Ventress, former Sith apprentice turned bounty hunter and one of the great antiheroines in *Star Wars* history. The only way to bring down the Sith's most dangerous warrior may be to join forces with the dark side. In the war for control of the galaxy between the armies of the dark side and the Republic, former Jedi Master turned ruthless Sith Lord Count Dooku has grown ever more brutal in his tactics. Despite the powers of the Jedi and the military prowess of their clone army, the sheer number of fatalities is taking a terrible toll. And when Dooku orders the massacre of a flotilla of helpless refugees, the Jedi Council feels it has no choice but to take drastic action: targeting the man responsible for so many war atrocities, Count Dooku himself. But the ever-elusive Dooku is dangerous prey for even the most skilled hunter. So the council makes the bold decision to bring both sides of the Force's power to bear - pairing brash Jedi Knight Quinlan Vos with infamous one-time Sith acolyte Asajj Ventress. Though Jedi distrust for the cunning killer who once served at Dooku's side still runs deep, Ventress' hatred for her former master runs deeper. She's more than willing to lend her copious talents as a bounty hunter - and assassin - to Vos' quest. Together Ventress and Vos are the best hope for eliminating Dooku - as long as the emerging feelings between them don't compromise their mission. But Ventress is determined to have her retribution and at last let go of her dark Sith past. Balancing the complicated emotions she feels for Vos with the fury of her warrior's spirit, she resolves to claim victory on all fronts - a vow that will be mercilessly tested by her deadly enemy... and her own doubt.

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Customer Reviews

The latest canon Star Wars novel, *Dark Disciple* actually comes from a script written by Katie Lucas, Matt Michnovetz, and Dave Filoni for *The Clone Wars* animated TV show before it was canceled. In *Dark Disciple*, the Jedi Council sends Quinlan Vos on a mission to recruit Asajj Ventress to help assassinate Count Dooku. I'll try not to reveal too many spoilers, which is especially difficult for this book, and will focus on plot developments that happen during the first quarter of the novel. Although Quinlan Vos and Asajj Ventress are both fan favorites, I'd never imagined that they'd appear together, much less in a *Clone Wars* novel. Yet, after having read the novel, the pairing seems natural. They're both strong, sexy - yes, sexy - characters who have touched the Dark Side. *Dark Disciple* is a character study of how these two learn to trust and respect one another. Before I go on, I want to reassure readers about Quinlan Vos. Both Vos and Ventress initially appeared in DarkHorse's Republic comic series (no longer considered canon). Ventress became a key character on *The Clone Wars* TV show, showing more depth and nuance than the comic version. By the end of Season 5, she had turned her back on Count Dooku and had become a bounty hunter who sometimes worked with the Jedi. By contrast, many fans were disheartened by Quinlan Vos's single appearance in "Hunt for Ziro" because he came across as a shallow beach bum rather than the brooding, sensual Jedi who had flirted with the Dark Side. Fortunately, *Dark Disciple* does much to rehabilitate Quinlan's character. The Quinlan Vos in *Dark Disciple* isn't an exact copy of the one from the Republic comics, but it's clear that the comics inspired Katie Lucas and Christie Golden.

Vos has been one of my favorite characters in the EU when he first appeared in the Dark Horse comics. His story was already established; that is up until he disappeared into the universe after order 66. Even hints of children with the woman he loved in the Dark horse universe in the Legacy run. So when Disney destroyed everything that had been established in the previous twenty years and turned the EU into Legends I really tried to hate this novel. The other character in the novel Ventress in the Dark Horse universe just flew off into space and disappeared. The *Clone Wars* series developed her character more and brought her into the Canon of Star Wars for everyone to enjoy. In all her manipulative beautiful evil ways. The series giving her a deeper history and linking her with the Night Sisters. Again I tried to hate this novel, as a matter of fact, up until the last twenty pages I thought that Golden had taken one of my favorite characters and completely destroyed him.

She had definitely taken Ventress and developed her into a richer character for us to enjoy. We really get into her character within this novel. Saying all that, this novel is still going to make a lot of fans of the old Canon completely furious. I don't want to give away any spoilers so I will leave it at that. The novel is based off of three Clone Wars episodes that never made it to air. The novel takes those episodes and expands them into a large epic that would of been great to actually see. Some stuff I wonder how it would of actually made it onto TV especially into cartoon network. You will understand once you read the novel. One of my favorite scenes in the book is how the bounty hunters are used in this novel and Golden references the Clone Wars episodes where Ventress humiliates Fett.

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