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Tales From Jabba's Palace (Star Wars) (Book 2)



Synopsis

In the dusty heat of twin-sunned Tatooine lives the wealthiest gangster in a hundred worlds, master of a vast crime empire and keeper of a vicious, flesh-eating monster for entertainment (and disposal of his enemies). Bloated and sinister, Jabba the Hutt might have made a good joke -- if he weren't so dangerous. A cast of soldiers, spies, assassins, scoundrels, bounty hunters, and pleasure seekers have come to his palace, and every visitor to Jabba's grand abode has a story. Some of them may even live to tell it. . . .Featuring original stories by: Kevin J. Anderson, M. Shayne Bell, John Gregory Betancourt, Mark Budz and Marina Fitch, A.C. Crispin, Dan'l Danehy-Oakes, George Alec Effinger, Kenneth C. Flint, Esther Friesner, Barbara Hambly, Daryl F. Mallett, J.D. Montgomery, Judy and Gar Reeves-Stevens, Jennifer Roberson, Kathy Tyers, Deborah Wheeler, Dave Wolverton, William F. Wu, Timothy Zahn.

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Customer Reviews

One of the more prolific--and proficient--Star Wars authors, Kevin J. Anderson, edits and contributes to this anthology of ... well, tales from Jabba's palace. Each of the 19 short tales focuses on a different personality, from the rancor keeper to Salacious Crumb, putting faces and facts on the internecine intrigue swirling around everyone's favorite Hutttese crime lord. (As it turns out, you can find a more wretched hive of scum and villainy than Mos Eisley.) Find out how Bib Fortuna hoped to overthrow Jabba, or hear the philosophical ramblings of a not-so-bright teenage skiff guard. Or, perhaps best, learn how Boba Fett escaped the Sarlacc in the Great Pit of Carkoon. Style, mood,

and quality vary by author, but these Tales are mostly funny and mostly well done, including those by Anderson, Star Trek author A.C. Crispin, Nebula-winner George Alec Effinger, and Hugo-winner Timothy Zahn. --Paul Hughes

Kevin J. Anderson has written many bestsellers and has been nominated for the Nebula Award, the Bram Stoker Award, and the SFX Reader's Choice Award. He also holds the Guinness World Record for largest single-author signing.

I've read over half of the short stories in this book and I have yet to discover where the praise for it comes from. My first Tales book was of the Bounty Hunters and I enjoyed three out of the five stories of that one. I decided to read this one because of the many reviews in TotBH saying it was a superior Tales book and the stories meshed better. I found out why the latter is true; because they are incredibly short and they cover a select few (mostly unimportant) people within a day or two experiencing practically the same thing! I liked the Skiff Guard and Ephant Mon's stories; Boba Fett and Mara Jade's were ok too; though I do agree with another reviewer who said her story was out of place, and to a lesser degree the Gamorrean's tale was also entertaining. I absolutely did not care for any mention of the brain monks that share the palace with Jabba (for some reason) or the Anzati(?) assassin's. I have a crazy idea; instead of writing short stories about these nobodies how about making some the better known characters' story longer and adding people like Lando, Leia, R2, or even (gasp) Jabba? As a few others have said this book is not for everybody, but if you must read it for whatever reason (I am a fan of Fett) borrow it from someone or the library. I am betting this book would've sold half as many copies if Zahn did not contribute to it. He is an accomplished writer but primarily for the characters he has created. 2.5-3 stars

Brains in jars scampering on the backs of mechanical spider droids and a brain thirsty alien devouring other brains was just too over the top for me. It was nice seeing other perspectives of return of the Jedi. But after a while it got too repetitive. A couple of the stories stand out; the rancor story and the one about Boba Fett in and escaping the sarlacc pit. I would read some of the stories in the book again but only a minority.

I can't say enough great things about this book. Each story gives the background of characters that never had a voice before. I was mesmerized by every one. After reading, I immediately ordered and read the other two books in this series. The first thing I did after taking my daughter to see The

Force Awakens was buy her a copy of this book so she could enjoy the history associated with every character. This book was a wonderful idea and even better reality!

I finished it up 3 days ago and just as I thought it was better than Tales From Mos Eisley. You will have 19 stories that are excellent; and they will introduce you to the Star Wars characters more. I found with each story, I knew more about the characters that were in Return of the Jedi; and what their plans were for Jabba the Hutt. If you thought all those minions in Jabba's Palace were is friends you have another thing coming. I would recommend this book to any die-hard Star Wars fan, too me it's a must. In Tales From Mos Eisley, there were a couple of stories I didn't care for In Tales From Jabba's Palace they were all good.THX,Kris L. Cockayne

Loved this book. Invites you into the world of the Star Wars criminal underground that has never been revealed before. Many characters only seen momentarily in Return of the Jedi are brought to life in great detail. Can't recommend this highly enough. A great read !!!!!

Good and reliable

This is an interesting book. I was fully entertained hearing the stories of all the creatures who were in Jaba's palace when Luke arrived. Some of the author's were not that good but in all it is worth a read.

I CANNOT GET ENOUGH OF THIS G*DD*MN BOOK I HAVE IT MEMORIZED.

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