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Star Wars: Jedi Academy



Synopsis

New York Times bestselling author/illustrator Jeffrey Brown takes readers to a middle school in a galaxy far, far away....This incredible, original story captures all of the humor, awkwardness, fun, and frustrations of middle school--all told through one boy's comics, journal entries, letters, doodles, and newspaper clippings. The setting? A galaxy far, far away...Roan's one dream is to leave home and attend Pilot Academy like his older brother, father, and grandfather. But just as Roan is mysteriously denied entrance to Pilot School, he is invited to attend Jedi Academy--a school that he didn't apply to and only recruits children when they are just a few years old. That is, until now...This inventive novel follows Roan's first year at Jedi Academy where, under the tutelage of Master Yoda, he learns that he possesses more strength and potential than he could have ever dreamed. Oh, and he learns other important things too--like how to make a baking soda volcano, fence with a lightsaber, slow dance with a girl, and lift boulders with the Force.

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Customer Reviews

Gr 3& "8" Roan Novachez has been personally invited by Yoda to attend Jedi Academy, but he's afraid that he'll flunk out and have to attend the Agriculture Academy on Tatooine next year. This Diary of a Wimpy Kid-like graphic novel follows Roan's adventures from the summer after

elementary school through his first year at the academy as he makes friends (and enemies) and struggles to learn how to use the Force. Interspersed throughout the panels depicting events referred to in the diary are other items of interest, such as the boy's schedule and report card. The book's style matched with the popular subject will guarantee circulation in any collection. With the exception of Yoda, Brown has created an entirely new cast of characters set in the Star Wars universe around the events of *The Phantom Menace*. While it might be disappointing for those familiar with this world to see scant representation of beloved characters, it makes the book an easy starting point for new fans. There are plenty of references to other elements (the T-16 Skyhopper and Jedi training remotes, for example) for diehards to get excited about. Brown combines Star Wars excitement with real-life kid problems to make a fresh, inspiring, and humorous take on the franchise.âJ. M. Poole, Webster Public Library, NY

Starred Review A long time ago in a galaxy far, far away, Roan Novachez thought he was destined to attend Pilot Academy Middle School, just as his older brother and father did. His dreams are crushed when he is rejected by Pilot Academy and accepted into a sketchy new school called Coruscant Jedi Academy. Roan has no idea what to expect at the academy and feels pressured after learning he is the oldest student ever to enroll there. Confused and struggling to keep up, Roan tries to fly under the radar and passes the time drawing comics of his daily life at his strange boarding school. This fantastic chapter book by Brown will satisfy those who loved his previous Star Wars works, *Darth Vader and Son* (2012) and *Vaderâs Little Princess* (2013). With its mix of comics and text, it will also appeal to fans of Jeff Kinneyâs *Diary of a Wimpy Kid* and Dav Pilkeyâs *Captain Underpants* hybrid books. On a deeper level, this book tackles serious issues like failure, bullying, friendship, determination, and starting a new school in a fun and funny way. Perhaps best of all, it encourages readers to practice creativity and to start their own journals. Grades 3-7. --Candice Mack

I bought this book for my 8 year old grandson. He had discovered Jeffrey Brown from another one of his books and asked if we could find another. It is situational for a boy named Roan, who has just finished elementary school and is going on to middle school. As we read the book together, my grandson laughed out loud at some of the events, and was sympathetic in others. We are now reading Book 3 of the 4 book series.....so that should give you an idea as to whether or not to explore it. My little guy is a good reader..... reading about 3rd grade level....in second grade and could easily manage the book.

I purchased this book for my 8 year old son. He couldn't put it down and finished it in about half a day. The book was well worth the money. My son loves to read and I will do whatever it takes to encourage his passion.

My son and I really enjoyed this book! It was a great way to introduce him to his first year at school and continue fostering his love for Star Wars. We're both really looking forward to reading the rest of the books in the series.

My son (6 years old last month) read this on his kindle. He is homeschooled and usually balks at the idea of reading. So typically I either let him choose his books for casual reading time or I pick books that have subject matter I think he will enjoy. The latter is how he came to read this one. He was completely engrossed despite stubbornly telling me the book was "just okay". When I told him that he could stop when he wanted, he told me he wanted to keep reading and continued. He finished the book by the end of that week. He has read many books but this was his longest, and based on my observations, his most enjoyable. So on that front the author did a remarkable job. I will remember this book as the one who got my son to say "I like reading now". When I got him the hardcover for the sequel shouted out a resounding "YES!". As I type this, after handing over part 2 to him 15 minutes ago, he is cuddled up with his dog reading. He did have a complaint though which counts for half of the star removal. He wants all of the pictures to be in color. I know this book is not targeted towards his age group, the draw back of his advanced reading abilities is that chapter books don't typically have pictures. It's a bonus that this one does at all! But I agree, if you would have pictures, make them color in hardcover. Especially at this price point, which is what I spend on my own books that are at least 2-3 times as long pagewise. Which brings me to the other half star, you can't put a price on capturing the interest of my child and introducing him to the JOY in reading a book. Even with that in mind I think the price is a bit steep. I think for a kids book \$5 would be a bit more reasonable, maybe \$6. That is what prevented me from getting it in hardcover for this one, since the kindle version was \$3. But now I will buy it anyway so he has the full set! I wonder if I could get a discount towards purchase of a physical copy... Thank you Mr. Brown for this series which allows my son to read star wars at his reading level without the inappropriate for his age subject matter. Please continue to write books that he can read!

Middle school is hard, but Roan manages to survive with grace and compassion - and a rockin'

journal! It is an easy read, but pay attention so you don't miss any of the clever story and character development.

My seven (7) year old loved this so much, he refused to go to bed and read the entire book in one night. It took a while to get him interested in it because it doesn't read like a normal book. It's basically diary of a wimpy kid in the star wars universe. After getting him past the first few pages, he was off to the races and read through the entire thing. He asked me about a few of the words, but only those that were names of places or people since they are all made up from Star Wars. Definitely recommend, just be prepared to get the next couple books right away.

I got this for my brother-in-law who: 1. loves Star Wars 2. loves Jeffrey Brown's work. It was the perfect Christmas gift & I am now in the awesome department.

As a Star Wars fan with young children, this was a no-brainer! Both my children thoroughly enjoyed Brown's books focused on a young Luke and Leia growing up with Vader (who tries to be a good dad this time). When Jedi Academy was published, I ordered this for my son. The story revolves around a fictional student named Roan Novachez and describes his adventures over the first year of schooling at Jedi Academy (from a 1st-person point of view). Good, age-appropriate humor---even though this is aimed more at kids 8-11 years of age. The main character's perspective is presented in newspaper, comic, and journal-styled format, changing up often enough to create varied interest in the reader. We've read this together multiple times and he goes back to it every couple of weeks to read again. (We're now moving onto the 2nd book in the series...)

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