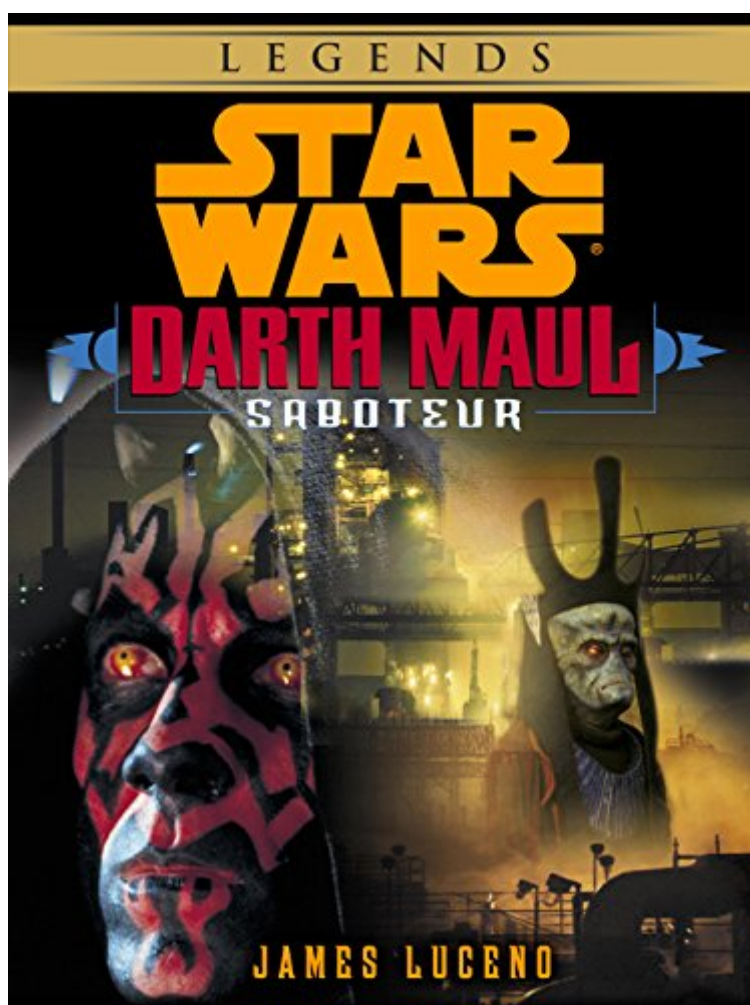


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Synopsis

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Customer Reviews

As someone who loves Darth Maul, I have to say that this story was really good! I loved seeing Darth Maul on what I assume is his very first mission (This was before *Shadow Hunter*), going out

and using not only his fighting skills but also his brains and cunning to outwit his enemies. He manages to make two factions fight each other and destroy one another in order to make way for the Trade Federation to take over the planet's primary industry. If you are looking for a story that has Darth Maul in heavy combat, this may not be the story for you. He does engage in combat in this book, but it's more planning and subterfuge than just battle and Maul slicing through people with his double-bladed lightsaber. But I really enjoyed this story and I enjoyed every bit of it and I recommend it to any fans of Darth Maul. Check it out!

This was a fantastic short story featuring Darth Maul. Set after the events in another of James Luceno's books, *Cloak of Deception*, Darth Sidious continues to arrange events to bring the Trade Federation in focus before the events in the *Phantom Menace*. Maul creates deceptions to arrange an outcome desired by Lord Sidious. As with all of Luceno's books, it is expertly written, grabbing your attention and holding it until the very end. The only complaint is that it is too short, but sets up the next book, *Darth Maul Shadow Hunter*.

So I have to admit, Darth Maul is one of my favorite characters in the Star Wars universe and he just did not receive nearly enough attention in the *Phantom Menace*. That is why I am glad that the expanded universe has included a couple of volumes specific to him. Along with *Darth Maul: Saboteur*, there is *Darth Maul: Shadow Hunter* (Star Wars: Darth Maul) and *Star Wars: Darth Maul, Edition #1* (which takes place right after this one). In this volume, we are taken to the world of Dorvalla, that has a highly sought after mineral. There are two competing mining companies that are looking for dominance: Intergalactic Ore and Lommite Limited (abbreviated LL throughout the book). Intergalactic has been sabotaging LL's ships and the recent one (closer to the beginning of the book) caused a lot of damage and enraged the CEO of the company. They make the decision to fight fire with fire, since going to the senate would be worthless. In comes Darth Maul, who is sent to make the situation favorable. The Sith are looking to set up a relationship with the Trade Federation, and this is a great way to do it. Without spoiling too much, the book is mostly espionage, both corporate and force wielding. Keep in mind that this book is short. If it was printed, it would be under 100 pages. The storyline is not overly complicated, unlike some of the others in the expanded universe. There is not a whole lot of action, it's more subterfuge than anything else. It's a good, quick read. I didn't think it was as focused on Darth Maul as the title led me to believe but that is really my only "complaint". Good book and definitely worth the buck and a half.

The movies tell us plenty about the Jedi, but the Sith are a total mystery (which is cool). I love the literature and comics focusing on the Sith and their history, especially Sidious and Maul.

I do not own an e-reader...I'm a bit more of the old-fashioned type. So when I discovered after setting out to read all the Star Wars novels in order that one of them (this one) was ONLY available in electronic format, I was a bit upset. But I had the answer for that, and a friend of mine brought it to my attention that I could download the Kindle software for my PC free of charge. While the strain on the eyes can get to you after a while from reading off a computer screen, this story was short enough that I was able to read it cover to cover (not literally, of course) all in one sitting. And the plot was such that I didn't want to put the book down (figuratively) until I had finished. I rated the book with only 4 stars because I don't have an e-reader and felt slighted that I couldn't simply go to the bookstore or library and acquire a physical copy of the book. However, if you're looking for a great quick read and either own an e-reader or don't mind reading from a computer or phone screen, then 5 stars all the way.

This was the first sci-fi book (story) I read. The only problem I have is trying to pronounce the names. I also have the problem of figuring out what some of these creature things look like. I read this because I wanted to read more about Darth Maul. This just caused me to fall head first into the Star Wars expanded universe. I just wish there could have been more stories about Darth Maul's adventures. I thought this was a good place to start with Star Wars and Sci-Fi. I liked it because it seemed normal. This was a normal mission that Maul was sent on. It was realistic in its unrealistic-ness... if that makes sense.

This is not a jaw-dropping, revelation-filled, "I am your father" story by any means, but if you're looking for more Darth Maul action, this is a good read, and it's quick. It was cool to see DM doing some stealth work instead of straight up slaughter. Reminded me of an 80's action flick. This story also fills in some gaps in the EU. Not important ones, but when you read the book Darth Plagueis and you wonder what the heck Darth Sidious is referencing, well this is one of those things. Just read it already! :)

It was good; for being as short as it was. I much more prefer longer novels. I like the series of events unfolding.

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