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As the young Jedi Knights continue their search for Raynor Thul's father, they turn for assistance to a dangerous resource, the reprogrammed assassin droid IG-88, a fearsome bounty hunter that the young Jedi's may or may not have under control. Original."

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Ola says

Boba Fett, Dengar, IG-88 och Zekk.

Melkirdin says

Another Kevin Anderson masterpiece. Good plot, good detail.

Z says

Hmmm...the plot thickens. I like how the fact that this is "just" a kids' book didn't stop the authors from pulling in important characters and having a plot that will seriously affect the future.

Jaime K says

A lot is uncovered, though gradually, brining the reader through the story. Enough irritated me though to make me really give this 2.5 stars.

This starts off with Jaina nearly pining over Zekk (and leaving him adorably cheerful messages), the gort hatching - which sounds adorable - and Jacen goggling over Tenel Ka. There are a lot of teenage emotions that are written well and make me smile. Jaina especially starts missing Zekk even more when Raaba is back on the scene.

It's obvious that Raaba's existence will cause trouble and that she will force Lowie in a hard place. So the question is whether he'll be able to bring her back to the "humans aren't evil" side.

The word "nicta[te]" is used 4 times in 2 full pages. It's an annoying word. granted, I'm glad to have learned new vocabulary, but that was ridiculous.

I'm tickled by Zekk following a "what would Fett do?" train of thought.

Chapters 3-5 offer some early surprise twists.

- Zekk is sent to look for Tyko Thul from a seemingly unlikely source.
- Em Teedee is insanely annoying and complains more than he did before. He grates on me.
- Chapter 4 was almost too fast to follow and quite abrupt.
- Chapter 5 has a friend from the past (:D) give some horrifying information about the Diversity Alliance.

Actually, the entire Diversity Alliance is exposed to the reader. We see the lies it feeds to its members and how easily bigots/speciesists/racist twist the truth to hide the biases the leaders harbor.

I love that the kids try to cheer Raynar and that they're chosen to help Tionne with new trainees.

Chapter 7 is beautiful.

It makes sense why Lowie isn't on the cover towards the middle of the story, but now I'm comparing this to #8. That cover should have had Tenel Ka and THIS one Raynar Thul. Luke is barely mentioned in this one; he shouldn't be on the cover!

Em TeeDee's modifications are pretty neat and make me smile.

Ari says

I read this whole series several times when I was a kid. These were a lot of fun and easy to read. They really helped me along my way to enjoy reading and becoming obsessed with Star Wars. We meet alot of charaters that became close frinds to the reader. I feel Anderson was able to identify what a young adult would be lookig for in characters and hit it bullseye. Kudos for a great series.

K says

4.5/5

Jessica says

I'm totally in love with the Young Jedi Knights books. They're so silly, but they were a big part of my childhood, from about age 10-13. I wanted to be Jaina Solo so badly. XD

The Third Place A Teen Library says

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Science Fiction

Beth Anne says

This was always one of my favorites in the series, but I found I didn't remember the plot going into it. I had a few inklings to what was going to happen, but on the whole u thought things played out really well and in a feel consistent with Star Wars. Super fun.

Chad says

Predictable but fun to read.

Cameron Martinez says

In my opinion, this book will not be appealing to Star Wars fans. At the beginning of the book, it says Jaina Solo, but Han Solo never had kids at the point in time of the book, around the Clone Wars. To me, the writing is simple, bland, and just not exciting. Some pros of this book is that it is a weird twist to the beloved franchise, but some cons are that I was confused for half of the book. If I would give this book to a friend they would kill me for giving them a book that ruins Star Wars. Although this isn't the greatest book, it did have a good view of how kids learned and the action is pretty decent. This is book 9, which I didn't know until I got onto Good Reads, and I would not continue this series. In all, I would NOT recommend this book to a friend.

Kelly says

Another addition in the Young Jedi Knight Series. I will say, I like this one better than its predecessor 'Diversity Alliance.' There's more action, more plot development, and I daresay more character development.

One of the themes I have fun looking out for in this book is which moments tied into the title 'Delusions of Grandeur.' Raaba certainly has some when she recruits Lowie and Sirra to the Diversity Alliance, thinking she's won back her best friends (whom we must remember she has let think she was DEAD for the last year or so) and now they are all part of something that will totally change the galaxy for the better forever.

Then we have Raynar, who has been feeling a little low and useless since his father disappeared, but after some inspiration from *Da-da-da-DUM* a potential love interest, he decides he can at least go and run his Uncle's factories on Mechs 3 until he is found.

And speaking of his Uncle... Oh wow, where do I start? Typo Thul is officially one of the most irritating, arrogant fops to come out of this series. (But since I don't think we're really supposed to like or sympathize with him, it works.) Anyway, it turns out in this story that Tyko faked his kidnapping in the last book because he is convinced his brother is in hiding for a totally selfish and BS reason, and hoped to lure him out of hiding to come to his rescue. Geez. If there is any character in this book that truly embodies a 'delusion of grandeur,' it is Tyko Thul.

The last case, which I think is by far the most interesting (as is often the case in this series), belongs to Zekk. He is hired by a mysterious employer to track down Tyko Thul when the whole galaxy is looking for Bornan Thul. The client also asks that Zekk transmit a message to the Bornaryn fleet; from this Zekk quickly puts the pieces together and realizes that his client is indeed Bornan Thul himself. He contemplates turning Thul in to Nolaa Tarkona, thus claiming the reward and earning himself renown that most bounty hunters only dream of. Then again, how many people would trust him if he betrays his employer? Also, perhaps Thul has a very good reason for going into hiding... is the reward he could earn worth what consequences could potentially come from his actions? Really poignant questions in that story thread.

All that said though, I must say, with the current tense political climate, the book's addressing of racial inequality was making me squirm a bit. We're supposed to think of the 'Diversity Alliance' as the 'bad guys,' but they have some fair points. What the Empire did to many alien races during the Emperor's reign (enslavment, appropriating their planets, mass genocide) were reprehensible. Nolaa Tarkona has some good points, which is how she draws Raaba and so many others to her. Until she becomes a political power, her

own home-planet of Ryloth was horrible patriarchal and allowed the selling of their women slavers... however, she proves just as ruthless as her adversaries. Her ideas of all alien races created equal is great! Her ideas of mass genocide for all humans... yeah, that's just evil. (Still Tarkona is a great villain compared to the earlier characters of Tamith Kai and Brakes, as she has a certain amount of poise and charm, and a strong political agenda, rather than just I am evil-- because I am evil!)

Anyway, as I was saying, current political and social events in America have made me think a lot about racial, gender, and sexual orientation equality... and how it is still a very dicey and sore issue for many. Things are still pretty bad, and we need to work together to make them better. And while we may wish to silence or eject those who disagree with us, we can not; to cut off their rights is to set a precedent to violate our own later. We need to protect and stand with our minorities. Much like the Young Jedi Knights, we must stick together and be a force for good in our communities and the world, or be prepared for a grim future. ... Okay, now that I have gotten thoroughly preachy, I will sign off. Happy reading everyone!
