

Darth Bane Path Of Destruction A Novel Of The Old Republic Star Wars Del Rey

As Darth Karrid, commander of the Imperial battle cruiser Ascendant Spear, continues her efforts to spread Sith domination in the galaxy, Theron Shan joins with smuggler Teff'ith and Jedi warrior Gnost-Dural for a dangerous mission to end Ascendant Spear's reign of terror.

New York Times bestselling author Drew Karpysyn spins ten fantastical tales of magic, mystery and the supernatural with his usual gift for world building and imagination. A man discovers a demon living in his basement, then hires it to advance his career. A young king in exile challenges a powerful wizard in a battle of wits to reclaim his throne. The Aztec pantheon gathers for an unusual contest to win the favor of the immortal Serpent King. A proud warrior queen plots bloody retribution to avenge her murdered family. With stories ranging from classic sword and sorcery adventures to contemporary horror to twisted takes on myth, legend and folklore, *A Minor Malevolent Spirit* delivers thrills, chills and even some laughs. As an added bonus, author notes for each of the ten stories examine Karpysyn's creative process and the craft of writing, giving fans a unique glimpse inside the mind of the acclaimed storyteller.

In this essential Star Wars Legends novel, the second in the Darth Bane trilogy, the fearsome Sith lord takes on a deadly new apprentice. Darth Bane's twisted genius made him a natural leader among the Sith--until his radical embrace of an all-but-forgotten wisdom drove him to destroy his own order . . . and create it anew from the ashes. As the last surviving Sith, Darth Bane promulgated a harsh new directive: the Rule of Two. Two there should be; no more, no less. One to embody the power, the other to crave it. Now Darth Bane is ready to put his policy into action and thinks he has found the key element that will make his triumph complete: a student to train in the ways of the dark side. Though she is young, Zannah possesses an instinctive link to the dark side that rivals his own. With his guidance, she will become essential in his quest to destroy the Jedi and dominate the galaxy.

Four unlikely champions, each touched with Chaos magic at birth, are all that can stop the return of Daemron the Slayer, a hero who became a god--and then a demon. Exiled by the Old Gods, Daemron has long plotted his vengeful return. Now that moment is at hand, as the barrier imprisoning him--the Legacy--crumbles.

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eyes of his watchful masters, a far greater destiny awaits him. As an acolyte in the Sith academy, studying the secrets and skills of the dark side, Dessel embraces his new identity: Bane. But the true test is yet to come. In order to gain acceptance into the Brotherhood of Darkness, he must defy the most sacred traditions and reject all he has been taught. It is a trial by fire in which he must surrender fully to the dark side--and forge from the ashes a new era of absolute power.

Location: Our galaxy, at a time set far in our future ... Every 50,000 years, a race of machines returns to harvest the galaxy's organic life forms. In the first MASS EFFECT game, it is the year 2183, and the machines are about to return once again. This book will be a bridging novel set between the first and second MASS EFFECT games.

With the end of the Sith Wars, the Jedi are convinced that the Sith have been destroyed, unaware that Darth Bane, the creator of the "Rule of Two," survives and is preparing in secret to build a new Sith Order, with which he plans to rule with his new apprentice at his side, in the sequel to Path of Destruction. Reprint. Millennia before the rise of Darth Vader and Darth Sidious, in an Old Republic marked by an ongoing struggle between the Sith and Jedi, Darth Bane plots to bring down the Brotherhood of the Sith and to replace it with a more powerful order.

For the first time ever, the "Star Wars" adult fiction program ventures back to the past, to a time when the Sith were as numerous as the Jedi.

"Continues the saga of four young wizards who are born with the power to wield the long-lost power of Chaos magic, and whose mastery of this ancient sorcery may save--or doom--the world"--

Darth Bane: The Monomyth's Dark Liberator is an original thesis based on Joseph Campbell's theory of the monomyth and Drew Karpysyn's Darth Bane Trilogy.

Campbell's theory of the monomyth has most commonly been called the hero's journey. For many years, the archetypal hero has been thought to be the only character that met the requirements of Campbell's theory. However, through Karpysyn's trilogy of novels about the Sith Lord, Darth Bane, Bane illustrates what the epitome of an antihero is and also that he can make the monomyth his own. The antihero is one of the most fascinating character types in literature, and through Bane's complicated journey as an antihero, he proves that he embodies all of the qualifications set down by Campbell's theory and experiences a monomythic adventure.

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sacred traditions and reject all he has been taught. It is a trial by fire in which he must surrender fully to the dark side—and forge from the ashes a new era of absolute power. Darth Bane suffers the effects of using the dark side, doubts his apprentice for her apparent lack of ambition, and pursues an artifact with the power of granting immortality.

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Abdel and his companions race to save the lives of Bhaal's offspring, who are being killed by people of Faerun who are unaware that each death provides additional power to an evil group of Bhaalspawn intent on returning their father to Toril.

There's something out there: a juggernaut of evil bearing down to crush the Republic—unless one lone Jedi, shunned and reviled, can stop it. Revan: hero, traitor, conqueror, villain, savior. A Jedi who left Coruscant to defeat Mandalorians—and returned a disciple of the dark side, bent on destroying the Republic. The Jedi Council gave Revan his life back, but the price of redemption was high. His memories have been erased. All that's left are nightmares—and deep, abiding fear. What exactly happened beyond the Outer Rim? Revan can't quite remember, yet can't entirely forget. Somehow he stumbled across a terrible secret that threatens the very existence of the Republic. With no idea what it is, or how to stop it, Revan may very well fail, for he's never faced a more powerful and diabolic enemy. But only death can stop him from trying. Features a bonus section following the novel that includes a primer on the Star Wars expanded universe, and over half a dozen excerpts from some of the most popular Star Wars books of the last thirty years!

Thousands of years before the rise of Darth Sidious and Darth Vader, the Old Republic was rife with the evil Sith, who were a constant thorn in the side of the Jedi. But greed and hunger for power were eating away at the Sith Order, destroying it from within. In the midst of this rose a new Sith, Darth Bane, who recognized that the Sith Order would fall if nothing was done. Thus it was he who, learning to cultivate patience and cunning, hid from the strife until it was over, and then rose to become the most powerful Sith Lord ever. This is the story of the transformation of Des, a young miner, into the legendary Sith Lord Darth Bane. Des - like many of the disenfranchised who live on the Outer Rim - is disillusioned with the stagnancy of the Old Republic. When the Sith unite to bring the Republic down, Des is one of many to join their cause. His heroism and skill in battle - along with his remarkable connection to the Force - draw the notice of the Sith Masters, and Des eventually finds himself studying at the Sith Academy on Korriban. He takes the name of Bane and, amidst the deception and backstabbing of the other students, he learns to unlock his latent dark-side talents. As his power grows, Bane realizes the Sith have lost their way. Under the leadership of Lord Kaan and his Brotherhood of Darkness, the Sith have turned their back on the true nature of the dark side. Through manipulation, cunning and strength, Bane destroys Kaan's Brotherhood and wipes out all the other Sith so he can found a new Order based on the rule of two: one Master, one apprentice.

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been protected from the Chaos realm by an invisible barrier known as the Legacy. But sealed behind the weakening barrier, the traitor Daemron makes one last, desperate bid for freedom: he casts his most deadly spell and curses four unsuspecting children. Born under the Blood Moon, they are destined to wield Daemron's talismans of power, to either save the barrier - or bring it crashing down...

Exploring what happened to Revan after "Knights of the Old Republic", this novel helps readers learn who the Sith Emperor is in the time of the Old Republic, where he came from and how he has held onto power for so long...

Humanity has reached the stars, joining the vast galactic community of alien species. But beyond the fringes of explored space lurk the Reapers, a race of sentient starships bent on "harvesting" the galaxy's organic species for their own dark purpose. The Illusive Man, leader of the pro-human black ops group Cerberus, is one of the few who know the truth about the Reapers. To ensure humanity's survival, he launches a desperate plan to uncover the enemy's strengths—and weaknesses—by studying someone implanted with modified Reaper technology. He knows the perfect subject for his horrific experiments: former Cerberus operative Paul Grayson, who wrested his daughter from the cabal's control with the help of Ascension project director Kahlee Sanders. But when Kahlee learns that Grayson is missing, she turns to the only person she can trust: Alliance war hero Captain David Anderson. Together they set out to find the secret Cerberus facility where Grayson is being held. But they aren't the only ones after him. And time is running out. As the experiments continue, the sinister Reaper technology twists Grayson's mind. The insidious whispers grow ever stronger in his head, threatening to take over his very identity and unleash the Reapers on an unsuspecting galaxy. This novel is based on a Mature-rated video game.

The epic tale of Darth Bane--the most famous Sith Lord ever--finds the forces of evil clashing in a spectacular battle, with the future of the Sith hanging in the balance.

When Lhasha Moonsilver, a fledgling thief, hires former warrior and town drunk, Corin, as a bodyguard, the two unlikely companions take on the Thieves' Guild, the Cult of the Dragon, and other deadly foes in the city of Elversult.

The future of the dark side hangs in the balance in the stunning conclusion to the Darth Bane series. Twenty years have passed since the Sith and their endless rivalries were eradicated and replaced with the Rule of Two. Darth Bane now reigns alongside his young acolyte, Zannah, who must study and train in the dark side of the Force until the time comes to strike down her master and claim the mantle for herself. But Bane's brutal new regime has one potential fatal flaw--how will their legacy continue if an apprentice fails to raise their blade in combat? The only solution must be for the Dark Lord of the Sith to rediscover a long-forgotten secret of the order--the key to immortality. Bane's doubt spurs his young apprentice into action, and Zannah vows to destroy her master at any cost. After he mysteriously vanishes, she tracks him across the galaxy to a desolate desert outpost, where the fate of the dark side will be forged by a final fight to the death.

The thrilling prequel to the award-winning video game from BioWare Every advanced society in the galaxy relies on the technology of the Protheans, an ancient species that vanished fifty thousand years ago. After discovering a cache of Prothean technology on Mars in 2148, humanity is spreading to the stars; the newest interstellar species, struggling to carve out its place in the greater galactic community. On the edge of colonized space, ship commander and Alliance war hero David Anderson investigates the remains of a top secret military research station; smoking ruins littered with bodies and unanswered questions. Who attacked this post and for what purpose? And where is Kahlee Sanders, the young scientist who mysteriously vanished from the base--hours before her colleagues were slaughtered? Sanders is now the

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prime suspect, but finding her creates more problems for Anderson than it solves. Partnered with a rogue alien agent he can't trust and pursued by an assassin he can't escape, Anderson battles impossible odds on uncharted worlds to uncover a sinister conspiracy . . . one he won't live to tell about. Or so the enemy thinks. **BONUS:** This edition includes an excerpt from Drew Karpysyn's *Mass Effect: Ascension*.

In the sequel to *Mass Effect: Revelation*, humankind once again battles a ruthless race of machines intent on harvesting all organic life, in an official novel based on the blockbuster videogame from Bioware. Original.

The Sith Empire is in flux. The Emperor is missing, presumed dead, and an ambitious Sith Lord's attempt to seize the throne has ended fatally. Still, Darth Karrid, commander of the fearsome Imperial battle cruiser *Ascendant Spear*, continues her relentless efforts to achieve total Sith domination of the galaxy. But Karrid's ruthless determination is more than matched in the steely resolve of Theron Shan, whose unfinished business with the Empire could change the course of the war for good. Though the son of a Jedi Master, Theron does not wield the Force - but like his renowned mother, the spirit of rebellion is in his blood. As a top covert agent for the Republic, he struck a crucial blow against the Empire by exposing and destroying a Sith superweapon arsenal - which makes him the ideal operative for a daring and dangerous mission to end *Ascendant Spear*'s reign of terror. Joined by hot-headed smuggler Teff'ith, with whom he has an inexplicable bond, and wise Jedi warrior Gnost-Dural, Darth Karrid's former master, Theron must match wits and weapons with a battle tested crew of the most cold-blooded dark side disciples. But time is brutally short. And if they don't seize their one chance to succeed, they will surely have countless opportunities to die.

Picking up where the bestselling videogames left off, the *Mass Effect* novels take readers into the far reaches of outer space. From the prequel novel, *Revelation*, to the series capstone, *Deception*, these original adventures weave together a science fiction epic as they follow Starship Alliance commander David Anderson and his young protégée, scientist Kahlee Sanders, in their battle to save humanity. Packaged together for the first time, this exhilarating eBook bundle includes: **REVELATION ASCENSION RETRIBUTION DECEPTION** Since discovering a cache of Prothean technology on Mars in 2148, humanity has spread to the stars. Now, on the edge of colonized space, ship commander and Alliance war hero David Anderson investigates the remains of a top secret military research station. Who attacked this post and for what purpose? And where is Kahlee Sanders, the young scientist who mysteriously vanished from the base hours before her colleagues were slaughtered? Sanders is now the prime suspect, but finding her creates more problems than it solves. Partnered with a rogue alien agent he can't trust and pursued by an assassin he can't escape, Anderson battles impossible odds on uncharted worlds to uncover a sinister conspiracy—one he won't live to tell about. Or so the enemy thinks. Set a thousand years before the events of *Star Wars: A New Hope*, Drew Karpysyn's electrifying *Darth Bane* novels take us deep into the dark side. This action-packed series follows the transformation of a lost young man who becomes a legendary Sith Lord, able to wield the awesome power of the Force as never before. Packed with nonstop thrills, the entire *Darth Bane* trilogy is now available as an eBook bundle featuring **PATH OF DESTRUCTION RULE OF TWO DYNASTY OF EVIL** After a high-stakes card game ends violently, Dessel,

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a lowly miner, vanishes into the ranks of the Sith army and ships out to join the war against the Republic and its Jedi champions. There, Dessel's brutality, cunning, and exceptional command of the Force swiftly win him renown as a warrior. But in the eyes of his watchful masters, a far greater destiny awaits him . . . if he can prove himself worthy. As an acolyte in the Sith Academy, studying at the feet of its greatest masters, Dessel embraces his new identity: Bane. However, in order to gain full acceptance into this chilling Brotherhood, he must surrender completely to the dark side. Only by defying the most sacred traditions of the Sith can Bane hope to triumph—and forge from the ashes a new era of absolute power.

When they vanished fifty thousand years ago, the Protheans left their advanced technology scattered throughout the galaxy. The chance discovery of a Prothean cache on Mars allows humanity to join those already reaping the rewards of the ancients' high-tech wizardry. But for one rogue militia, the goal is not participation but domination. Scientist Kahlee Sanders has left the Systems Alliance for the Ascension Project, a program that helps gifted "biotic" children harness their extraordinary powers. The program's most promising student is twelve-year-old Gillian Grayson, who is borderline autistic. What Kahlee doesn't know is that Gillian is an unwitting pawn of the outlawed black ops group Cerberus, which is sabotaging the program by conducting illegal experiments on the students. When the Cerberus plot is exposed, Gillian's father takes her away from the Ascension Project and flees into the lawless Terminus Systems. Determined to protect Gillian, Kahlee goes with them... unaware that the elder Grayson is, in fact, a Cerberus operative. To rescue the young girl Kahlee must travel to the farthest ends of the galaxy, battling fierce enemies and impossible odds. But how will she be able to save a daughter from her own father? This novel is based on a Mature-rated video game.

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The final showdown between Darth Bane, Dark Lord of the Sith, and his acolyte Zannah is complicated by the interference of Princess Serra of the Doan royal family who wants revenge on the Sith soldier who murdered her father and tortured her when she was a child.

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