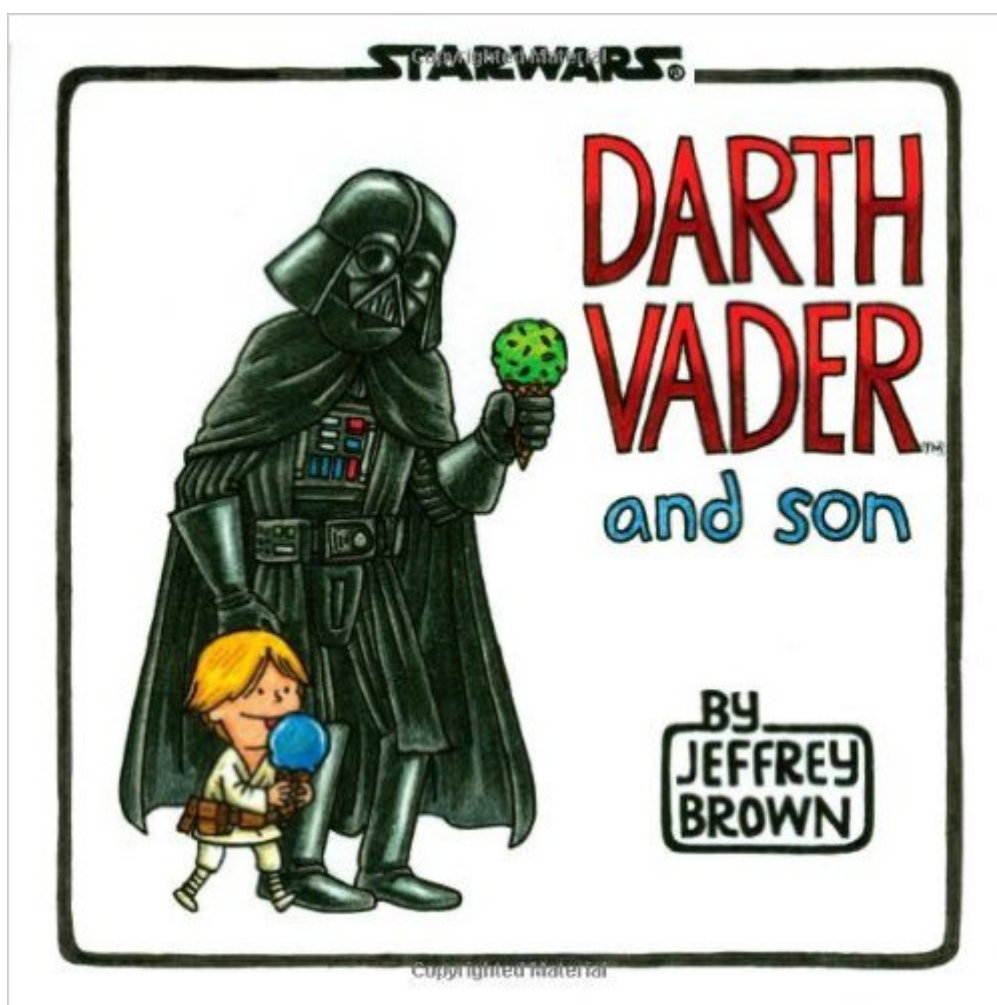


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Darth Vader And Son



Synopsis

What if Darth Vader took an active role in raising his son? What if "Luke, I am your father" was just a stern admonishment from an annoyed dad? In this hilarious and sweet comic reimagining, Darth Vader is a dad like any otherâexcept with all the baggage of being the Dark Lord of the Sith. Celebrated artist Jeffrey Brown's delightful illustrations give classic Star Wars® moments a fresh twist, presenting the trials and joys of parenting through the lens of a galaxy far, far away. Life lessons include lightsaber batting practice, using the Force to raid the cookie jar, Take Your Child to Work Day on the Death Star ("Er, he looks just like you, Lord Vader!"), and the special bond shared between any father and son.

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Customer Reviews

When looking at the pictures in the preview, I was sold on this book, but not for my son. I ended up buying it for my wife. Looked through it today and it's great, really adorable artwork. Don't buy if you're looking for a story to read your little kid, but for a mom or dad, this is just great. Like the other reviewers said, it's more of a gift book than anything else, but as a gift book for a parent it's fantastic.

Graphic novelist Jeffrey Brown is 37 years old, which is almost the cut-off for enjoying this irreverent (but tender) take on classic Star Wars to the fullest. [Darth Vader and son] was funnier and much more touching than I expected. I plan on buying several copies to give as gifts, especially for

expectant fathers. It would also make a timely Father's Day present. Men in this age bracket who grew up in the Seventies and now have children of their own will appreciate the father-son dynamic here. Lord Vader's dark reputation is very much softened as he raises young Luke as a single parent, apparently, affixing band-aids and playing checkers ("You have learned much, young one."). The positive vibe isn't an accident. Author-illustrator Brown admitted, "With my son being 4, I thought it would be really fun to do something along the lines of Luke being a 4-year-old and Darth Vader going through the same things I was going through as a parent." That perspective results in some LOL moments, for example: "When I was your age, we didn't even have star destroyers." Luke, pick up your toys this instant. Luke, I am your father. Do you want a time-out? Luke complains, "I don't want a sister," as Leia plays nearby (and puts Luke's action figures in dresses). Quality construction on the hardcover itself. Chronicle continues to publish wonderfully offbeat titles. Not sure why currently shows availability as "Usually ships within 1 to 3 months." FYI, it's available (albeit at full price) at Chronicle's own site. [The reviewer was provided with a complimentary copy of the book.]

If you know a guy Star Wars fan with a young son, this is the perfect gift. Cute and sweet it will certainly bring smiles again and again

My husband is a Star Wars fan, so of course in 2011 when we found out we were expecting boy/girl twins the first thing that came out of his mouth is he wanted to name them Luke and Leia. It of course was a joke since I'm just barely getting into Star Wars myself, but ever since then though we have agreed they are our little Luke and Leia. So when we saw this book at B&N a few months ago my husband was overjoyed. He sat and showed our then almost 1 year old son the pictures and just was so happy. Of course I hate spending the actual retail price for books even more so when it's a cute gift idea and something that won't be used everyday, so I told my husband to wait and we would find it somewhere else cheaper. My husband deployed and since he's been gone he's missed Christmas and our wedding anniversary. When I got on today and saw that they were coming out with a Princess Leia version I KNEW I had to order both of them since this is the perfect gift for my husband. Even more so when I can get both books for the price of just the one at B&N. I love the cute pictures and it's not a story time type book, but something perfect for all the Star Wars lover in all of us. :)

I grew up during the Star Wars era - where Anakin Skywalker was a mangled, cyberfilled ball of hate

with only the vocal talents of James Earl Jones saving him from eternal peril (that Jones' voice can save the soul of a man who blew up a flipping planet is quite a testament). My little princess grew up during the airing of Star Wars The Clone Wars where Anakin Skywalker was a barely scarred, good-natured, slightly impatient hero teaching a padawan while still needing guidance himself. For children who's first glimpse of Anakin wasn't one of a genocidal vassal of Darth Sidious and parents who don't want to bring that up until later, this is a beautifully entertaining book. Purists risk hating it and imagining using The Force to give wedgies to its author. It's cute, touching, endearing, and filled with moments where parents will relate to the poor Sith lord and children will see the Jedi in themselves. I've read this to my daughter; she's read it to her friends; and her friends have read it to her. It's pure, sentimental gold. Its only flaw is that it makes me crave the arrival of "Vader's Little Princess" that much more.

My young son and I absolutely love Jeffrey Brown's humor with the Star Wars' characters. This makes light of these movies - especially Darth Vader and Luke - together as son and father. Darth Vader plays the caring father to his young son and daughter. It's so funny seeing the characters in this type of setting, especially after the movies. The artwork is well-done, and as I said before the humor is what really makes this product a great buy for any Star wars fan who likes to laugh.

Definitely for the star wars fan who grew up and had a son. There also one for Vader and his daughter. Its definitely for adults, not in terms of inappropriate content or anything. If you haven't seen and probably loved the original movies, you won't get the references. A fun birthday or father's day gift for sure. Luke in the book remains a kid (probably 7 - 10 years old) in all the scenes. The Leia one has her grow from a kid to a teenage daughter, probably because teen daughter give Dad's a big headache. Very cute.

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