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After Obi-Wan Kenobi and Qui-Gon Jinn are hijacked to the planet Phindar, they find themselves trapped in a world gone mad. The ruling Syndicat controls the people by erasing their memories. The planet's only hope lies with a band of thieving rebels.

Qui-Gon and Obi-Wan are caught in a mind war. And if they're not careful, their own pasts will be wiped out forever.

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Nolany says

Un troisième tome plus court que les précédents mais tout aussi agréable à lire parce que j'ai aimé que l'auteur aille à l'essentiel. C'est une petite aventure sans prise de tête et grâce à ça, on voit bien que les liens entre Qui-Gon et Obi-Wan se renforcent encore davantage. De plus, pour les néophytes comme moi, ça permet de découvrir cette univers de science-fiction énorme qu'est la saga Star Wars.

Rachel Wanlass says

Man. Obi-Wan gets captured A LOT! I guess that's what you expect with apprentices. I really enjoyed how Obi-Wan withstood the memory wipe droid. Qui-Gon was totally crazy with stress from Obi-Wan's disappearance, which to me showed how much Qui-Gon really cares about Obi-Wan though he never shows it.

The rock/present was very humorous.

Peter DeSilvey says

I know I am reading way below my reading level with this one but as a Sci-Fi and Star Wars fan these usually keep my satisfied especially if I am not ready to Dive into a 800 Page Novel. That being said I found this one a little hard to get in to. It wasn't bad but it definitely didn't stand out to me and didn't really catch my attention the way a lot of other similar ones did

Branwen Sedai *of the White Ajah* says

"If routine you count on, disappointed your hopes will bet. It is better to expect nothing, and let each moment surprise you."

Nothing is lost where the Force dwells, and the Force is everywhere.

When Qui-Gon Jinn and his padawan Obi-Wan Kenobi are hijacked to the planet Phindar during a mission they find themselves caught in the middle of a civil war between the planets inhabitants and the greedy syndicate that controls them they find that not only are their lives at stake, but something far more potent...their memories.

It's Qui-Gon and Obi-Wan's first official mission together since they became Master and padawan! Huzzah! Despite this book being intended for a younger audience I enjoyed it immensely. It was a pretty short read however it was not at all lacking in story or character development. I was really intrigued by the political unrest in Phindar and how the Jedi solved the issues plaguing the natives. And I also really enjoyed watching Obi-Wan and Qui-Gon interact as they learned to trust one another and form a stronger bond.

Love this series so far!

Jerry says

A fun space opera story; can't wait to see what happens next!

Julie says

Still liking this series. They fly by really fast. Lots of insight into how Obi-Wan and Qui-Gon are feeling and interpreting situations which makes their reactions to each other easier to understand. They're both very flawed and make lots of mistakes in developing their relationship and I guess that's why the series is as long as it is. Heh.

Miss Clark says

3.5 stars

Obi-Wan and Qui-Gon's first mission together as a Jedi team. The blurb is fairly accurate. They go to a world controlled by a despotic government that maintains control by wiping people's memories.

One of my favorite scenes was after Obi-Wan survives an attempt to wipe his memory.

“I’m glad of one thing, Padawan,” Qui-Gon said. “You have held on to your memories.”

“Your river stone helped me,” Obi-Wan said, placing his hand over his inner pocket. “I did not realize the stone was Force-sensitive. I should have known you would have given me something of great value.”

“Force-sensitive?” Qui-Gon frowned. “What do you know. I thought it was just a pretty rock.”

Obi-Wan gave him a startled glance. Qui-Gon’s face was impassive as he strode toward the transport. Was his Master kidding or serious? He had no idea.

They started up the entry ramp. A smile stole over Obi-Wan’s face. Another mission lay ahead. Perhaps through its trials he would grow to understand Qui-Gon. But somehow he thought not. It would likely take a lifetime before he figured his Master out.

kesseljunkie says

It's good! Captures the spirit of Star Wars, and the Flash Gordon source material that inspired it. Worth a turn, and tremendous fun to see a story point long known by fans as a part of the unofficial mythos, used very shortly before "Episode II" negated it. Watson's got an easy style that's tremendous fun.

Jen says

Right, so in re-reading this series I have to keep reminding myself that they're kids books and aren't meant to get into meaty and deep stuff like, say, *Animorphs* would. But they're entertaining as all get-out and I'm totally here for how Watson is starting to develop the bond between Obi-Wan and Qui-Gon. Both have some serious issues heading into this master/padawan relationship and I'm surprisingly pleased by how well those get laid out and how the clashes of their unresolved stuff gets brought into play.

The Derida brothers of Phindar come to the fore in this book and, while some may have Jar-Jar flashbacks, I really liked them. I also like the (admittedly surface-level) way that Watson gets into family dynamics and what "family" means and how people are connected to each other. The descriptions of the Force and what it can do here are great; perhaps it's the pastoral part of me coming out, but I'm always interested in seeing how the Force gets named and used and what it can allow characters to do.

So if you're looking for depth and phenomenal writing, look elsewhere. If you're looking for a quick, engaging, entertaining read, have at it. I'm certainly looking forward to the next book.

Anthea says

3 1/2 stars.

How fitting that the first book I completed in 2018 should be a Star Wars tie-in (now no longer canon), since I have spent the past 3 weeks completely immersed in all things Star Wars, thanks to the *fantastic* The Last Jedi.

About the book itself, it is part of the Jedi Apprentice series that chronicles Obi-Wan's adventures as Qui-Gon's padawan. It is somewhat difficult to rate this book, since it is essentially an adventure for children and thus there are not many ~deep reflections to be found here and the world-building remains at a rather basic level. It was, however, a very enjoyable romp through the galaxy far, far away that kept me interested and invested in the characters, even the ones that don't appear outside of the series (or even just this book). I especially liked the two Phindian brothers that challenge the two Jedi's patience on more than one occasion.

I think I will continue with this series, or maybe re-read the first two. They are quick reads that nevertheless manage to be engaging, and, despite the book's shortness, add to the characters.

Jim C says

This is part of a series but can be read as a stand alone. This book continues the story about the development of the relationship between Qui-Gon and Obi-Wan. These two Jedi are hijacked to a planet where its inhabitants are suffering because all supplies are being withheld from them. Obviously, our heroes intervene.

I thought this offering was the best one from this series. These are books meant for kids but with that being said, this book had a scene with gravitas which surprised me. I have said this before with the earlier books of this series and I will say it again. The highlight of this series is the relationship between padawan and master. I am really enjoying the look into Obi-Wan as a padawan and learning about how to become a Jedi. It is also a nice look into Qui-Gon which we never really received from the movies.

I am enjoying this series and I especially think kids will enjoy this series. One can tell these are books meant for children with the writing but they are still enjoyable and a quick read.

John Walker says

Solid short story. Didn't care so much for the overall plot. But I liked how it had returning side characters from previous books. It mainly got a 4 from me because I liked how Qui-Gon Jinn and Obi-Wan's relationship has developed and how Competent Obi-Wan is getting.

If you're already reading this series I wouldn't NOT recommend it. You already know what you're here for and you will get it.

Cassandra says

I have a couple things to say about this book and maybe the Star Wars universe in general. I HATE when characters speak in stupid ways, like Jar Jar Binks (gods below I hated the way he spoke) so to hear what is essentially a similar way to that horror show was kind of painful. The Phindian's language just got on my nerves and made reading this tiny book that much longer. Okay rant over...

OBI-WAN!!!! Let's be honest, I'm reading these for him (when don't I read books for Obi-Wan?) and he did not disappoint. This is Obi-wan's first mission with Qui-Gon as his master and it was a nice dip in the pond to see them sort of have moments where Qui-Gon recognized his padawan's strong points but to also see his weak points. His initial thoughts on Obi-Wan were that he was courageous, had good instincts, and was able to read a situation quickly. He also thought he was a bit of a stickler for the rules (some things never change), too fast paced in fighting and forgot his own stamina, and was irritated very easily, very quickly. And to hear him say "Shut up and obey me" to a prince made me laugh a little, the Great Negotiator he is not yet. It's baby Obi-Wan I get it.

Qui-gon didn't seem as cold as in other books I've read, he does remember Obi-Wan's birthday, he does show concern for his padawan, and when he thought Obi-Wan's memories had been wiped he was devastated. It's a refreshing sight to see a Qui-Gon that does care about his padawan, so kudos to Watson for that. Overall a nice little series that has some character traits that don't stick out as too out there for characters we always enjoy reading about (about by characters I mean Obi-Wan...and sometimes Qui-gon if he's nice to his

padawan. But mostly Obi-Wan).

Drew Ck says

Obi Wan is Qui Gon's Padawan, in their first official mission as Master and Apprentice they are detoured and forced to land on a neighboring planet where things are drastic. People are being controlled by erasing memories of dissenters.

Emily Miller says

I got really excited when I found this series for free. These books were my childhood. Some read Harry Potter growing up, I read these books. This books are great for any Star Wars nerd regardless of age who wants to know the background “origin” story of Qui-Gon Jinn and Obi-Wan Kenobi, and how their relationship gets off to a quite literal “rocky” start.
