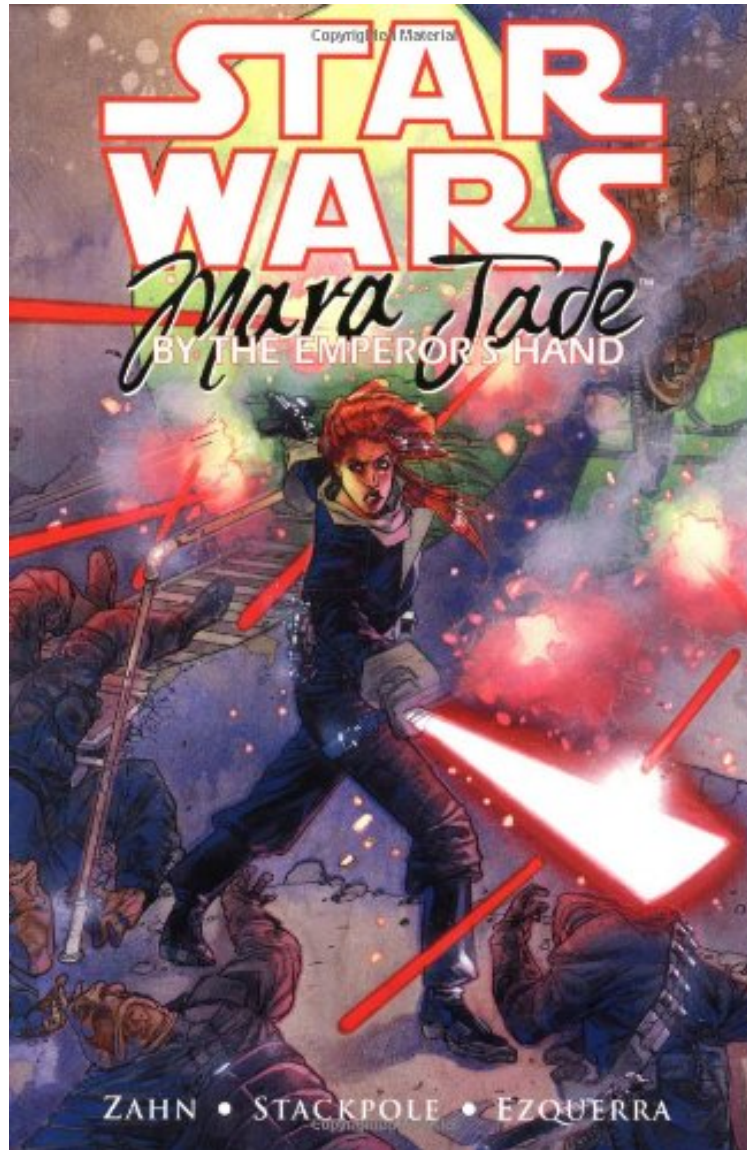


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**Timothy Zahn, Michael A. Stackpole : Star Wars: Mara Jade - By the Emperor's Hand** before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Star Wars: Mara Jade - By the Emperor's Hand:

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Mara Jade - A Beauty and a Powerhouse!By Vader's DomainFor anyone who is a die-hard Star Wars fan, a fan of the expanded universe, or merely a fan of Mara Jade, this is one to add to your collection. This story stars Mara Jade, also known as the Emperor's Hand, whom debuted in the Thrawn

Trilogy, and has been a huge EU character ever since. Set primarily after Return of the Jedi, Mara sets out to fulfill her master's last orders as an agent of the Empire. The art work done the time this story came out I was unsure of at first, probably to the fact that it's pretty much outdated, does give a great visual to the story itself. Here, Mara is displayed as a dominant woman, complete with beauty, intelligence, skill, and power. It's great to see her adapted within a live-action film. She is an awesome Star Wars character! I highly recommend this graphic novel!

2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. The Emperor's Hand By Jane Grey fanReading "Star Wars: Mara Jade by the Emperor's Hand" along with Timothy Zahn's "Allegiance" tie-in novel gives you a great way to know Mara Jade in her pre-Luke Skywalker days. As the Emperor's Hand, Mara Jade has it all - looks, brains, a personal spacecraft and droid, a power-boost in the Force courtesy of Emperor Palpatine, and every means available to carry out her assignments. When the Emperor dies aboard the Second Death Star, Mara's life crashes and burns while her Force skills atrophy. She's then imprisoned by Palpatine's self-appointed successor, Imperial Director Ysanne Isard, who fears that Mara's insider knowledge of the Empire threatens Isard's powerbase. Mara uses her skill and cunning to escape and flee into outer space to far-off planets, where her adventures continue as she resolves to carry out Palpatine's last two commands: Assassinate Dequac, leader of the Black Nebula crime syndicate, and then kill Jedi Knight Luke Skywalker. To call this tale a page-turner is an understatement. Timothy Zahn and co-writer Michael A. Stackpole do a terrific job of telling her story up to the Emperor's demise and beyond in true cloak-and-dagger style. The artwork is excellent and I love the different costumes that Mara wears in different situations. But I have a few minor quibbles. Mara is supposed to be two years younger than Luke Skywalker, but here she looks 31 as compared to his age of 23. Another thing I noticed is that Mara and Isard have near-identical faces; you'd think they were fraternal twins. Still another problem is the periodic narration. It's told in the first-person up to Mara's capture by Isard, then it disappears during Mara's imprisonment and comes back in the second-person after her escape. It's like somebody either gradually forgot or lost track of the fact that there was supposed to be first-person narration sprinkled throughout the tale, as if these were personal memories recorded by Mara herself.

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. MARA JADE By Kindle Customer It was nice to have a change of perspective with STAR WARS normally you follow the hero this time you followed the villain who becomes an anti hero at the end of the novel. The story takes place during Return Of The Jedi and follows Emperor's Hand Mara Jade as she at first tries to assassinate Luke Skywalker only to fail and is given another task while the events of JEDI take place. Once the emperor dies she is tasked to one final mission as an Hand and she will finish it but will she survive.

Mara Jade is beautiful, intelligent and deadly! She is the personal assassin of the Empire's dark overlord. But after the Emperor's death, an unforeseen variable is about to enter the scene of her final mission, the assassination of the leader of the Black Nebula crime organization. Though her master is dead, Jade must complete her final mission...even if it costs her life!