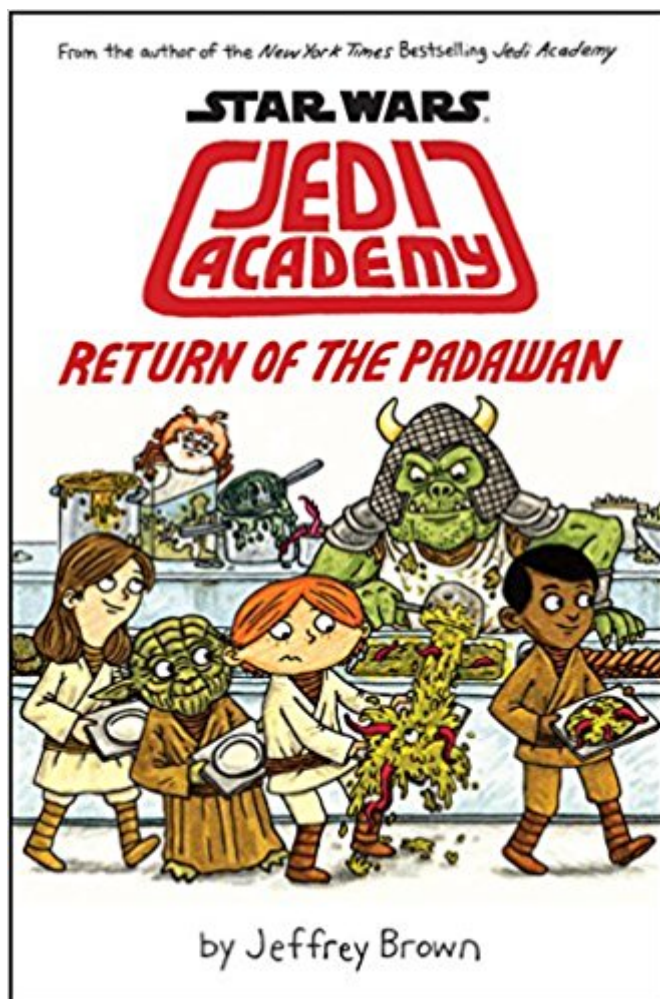



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# Star Wars: Jedi Academy, Return Of The Padawan (Book 2)



## Synopsis

Author/illustrator Jeffrey Brown returns in the highly anticipated sequel to the NY Times Bestseller *Star Wars: Jedi Academy!* It's time to return to middle school in a galaxy far, far away. . . . After surviving his first year at Jedi Academy, Roan Novachez thought his second year would be a breeze. He couldn't have been more wrong. Roan feels like he's drifting apart from his friends, and it's only made worse when Roan discovers he's not the amazing pilot he thought he'd be. When the school bullies take him under their wing, he decides they aren't so bad after all--or are they? This year, Roan will have to face alien poetry tests, menacing robots, food fights, flight simulation class, online bullies, more lightsaber duels, and worst of all . . . a girl who is mad at him. This incredible, original story captures all of the humor, awkwardness, fun, and frustrations of middle school--all told through one boy's comics, journal entries, letters, sketches, e-mails, and more. 

## Book Information

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## Customer Reviews

Gr 4-6 • Roan Novachez is back for a second year at Jedi Academy—a typical middle school with a Star Wars twist. Students communicate via messages posted to

holobook and endure disgusting cafeteria food served by the new Gamorrean chef, Gammy. Roan spends his days training to be a Jedi while navigating problematic situations with friends, embarrassing moments, bullies, and the worries of report cards. Classes are taught by Librarian Lackbar, Master Yoda, and other characters from the films. Yoda is an exception, but other familiar characters have slightly different names, like T-P30 and RW-22. The full-color cover is a bit misleading, since all graphics inside are rendered in black-and-white; however, the content makes up for any disappointment. This series of diary-format graphic novels is sure to be popular with elementary and middle-grade readers. Recommended for all public and school libraries. —Gaye Hinchliff, King County Library System, WA

Roan Novachez has high hopes for his second year at Jedi Academy, since he finally gets to start his pilot training. Because his dad is a pilot, Roan feels confident that he'll be great, but when he finally gets to class, he realizes he has a lot to learn. He also has a lot to learn about being a good friend: a few misunderstandings with his closest buddies lead to a lot of hurt feelings, and Roan falls in with the mean-kid crowd for a while. The contrasts between Roan's journal entries and the panels depicting his days at school demonstrate his still-burgeoning sense of emotional maturity and make the growth of his self-awareness and confidence that much more gratifying. Roan's comics for the school paper, as well as class schedules and cafeteria menus stuffed with Star Wars jokes, are delightful interludes. Best-selling Brown's naive, sketchy black-and-white illustrations are the perfect match for this journal-style comics hybrid, sure to appeal to fans of Jeff Kinney's Wimpy Kid series. HIGH-DEMAND BACKSTORY: The runaway success of Brown's Star Wars-themed graphic novels will likely keep growing, thanks to a sizable first printing. Grades 3-7. --Sarah Hunter

This is the sequel to Jedi Academy. If you read the first book, you are already in familiar territory. However, Jeffrey Brown is up to the game on this sequel. Besides putting a smile on my face, his book captured my attention to the point I couldn't put it down once I was by the middle of it. Who could have thought that you could have intrigue in middle school even in the Star War universe? In this book, Brown tells us what happens to Roan on his second year in the Jedi Academy. As in the first installment, this book is written in the fashion of a black and white comic book with interlaced pages from Roan's personal diary to give us an insight to Roan's mind and other notes such as letters and pages from the Padawan Observer to flesh out the Roan's world. This kind of story works because even as it happens in the Star Wars Universe, because Brown makes Roan's troubles in Jedi

Academy relatable. I was half way this book, having my chuckles and smiles, thinking that this is the kind of book you can easily put down. Then a twist happened, one that I could see building up for a few pages. Just a few more pages, I thought. No easy resolution in sight, even worst, things got complicated. Ok, maybe a few more. This book was supposed to be just fun and relaxing read, but I was so vested on Roan that I have to know what was going to happen at the end. The good thing is that it is only 176 pages long, so I was able to finish it in a few hours. The bad thing is that it is only 176 pages long and I finished it in a few hours. So I could easily recommend this book for Star Wars fans and, frankly, for anyone who wants a chuckle with a good and simple story. On top of that, this is a book that you could easily pass to your little ones as they start to read. Another great introduction to comic books and Star Wars, with a great morale too.

Well, we received this right on time and my son has already devoured it. This series has captured his interest so much he's read it through in just over 2 weeks (which is uncanny for him). He's in 4th grade and loves them!

I bought this for my 7yo. She's a marginal Star Wars fan, but loves comic books. At first, she wasn't too impressed with it. I think I enjoyed reading it more than she did, but after a few months, she's taken to it. She enjoys the humor and has begun talking about the book with her friends. Maybe I should have waited until she was a year older to buy this for her, but it's a fun book all the same.

My 7 year old told me that he read all the bubbles (dialogue). Anything that makes kids read is great! I got this recommendation from guysread.com I browsed through it--predictable, not funny really, too much mirroring this society--holobook=facebook, going to dance (never knew that's a skill of jedi) taking care of pet, bullies...very earthlink stuff. But hey, I am not right demographic;) I'd say this book works for age 7-10

My 8 year old son loves to read these

Well hey what's better than a Jedi Academy book along with a lightsaber.. My kids really enjoy these books and acting out parts of them. They have increased their reading since they found out they too could be a Jedi. Unfortunately I had to tell them that I could not afford the real Jedi Academy or else they would be on the first galactic ship outta here. Let the kids read and use their imagination!

I was concerned that this "non-canonical" text and story-line would frustrate my son who is an avid devotee of the original SW franchise. But this comic isn't "non-canonical" it isn't "extended-universe" it is just a really witty comic tangentially related to the future as seen through SW. My 9yr old son absolutely loved the book and re-read it a number of times. I read some of it and was impressed by the humorous plot. We look forward to the third in the series.

My 7 year old read in a day.

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