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Editorial Review

From Publishers Weekly

In the latest Star Wars novel, Karpyshyn (*Temple Hill*) charts the evolution of an antihero almost as chilling as Darth Vader. "A thousand years before the Republic's collapse and Emperor Palpatine's rise to power," Des, the young "Force"-gifted son of an abusive miner, wins big in a high stakes game with some Republic soldiers, but kills a sore loser. To avoid imprisonment, Des joins the Sith's Brotherhood of Darkness that's battling the Jedi's Army of Light. Des becomes Lord Bane after his abilities earn him a place at the Sith Academy on the planet Korriban. Determined to excel, Bane secretly trains with the devious Githany, former Jedi turned Sith, but after she betrays him, he decides to fly solo and delve deeper into the Sith past. The intensity lets up on occasion, but on the whole the author delivers a solid space adventure sure to satisfy the Star Wars faithful. (*Sept.*)

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From School Library Journal

Adult/High School—Yoda introduced the world to the Rule of Two—Always two there are...no more...no less. A master and an apprentice—but it was left to Karpyshyn to refine it, flesh it out, and explain it. He takes Darth Bane from his former life as Dessel, a cortosis miner on Apatros, through a circuitous route to fulfill his destiny as a Sith'ari, the Sith version of the Jedi's chosen one. Taking his father's derogatory term for him proudly as his reborn name, Bane makes the code of the Sith his own. He gravitates to the library and learns as much or more from the scrolls and manuals than from his lessons. He develops the belief that he can find a key to the ancient powers of the Rakata, the first servants of the dark side. When he finds what he is looking for, all of the knowledge of the dark side becomes his. It is there that he develops the Rule of the Two—then all he has to do is bring down all the existing Sith and find the perfect disciple. If he were less, it would be impossible and there would be no story. This is an entertaining read, well written and consistent in its history. Readers new to the Star Wars series will like it, and fans won't be disappointed.—*Dana Cobern-Kullman, Luther Burbank Middle School, Burbank, CA*

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From [Booklist](#)

The new Star Wars novel harks back to the oldest republic of them all, in which there are thousands of dark lords of the Sith. Darth Bane, one of the most powerful, foresees that internecine quarrels are going to destroy everyone, and with them, possibly, the knowledge for using the dark side of the Force. He promulgates the Rule of Two--rule by two Sith at a time--a master and a loyal apprentice. First master: Darth Bane. A high body count ensues, also a galaxy-shaking alteration in how adepts approach the Force. *Roland Green*

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