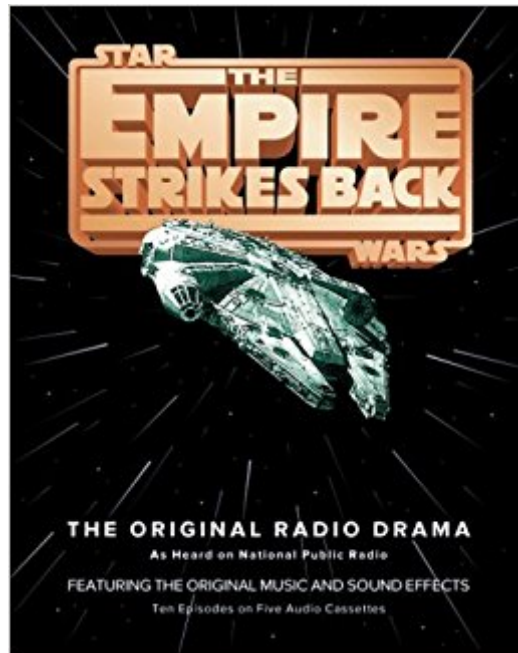




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The Empire Strikes Back (Star Wars (Penguin Audio))



Synopsis

National Public Radio's 1981 adaptation of Star Wars was one of the most successful presentations in the history of radio—and a very tough act to follow. Nevertheless, two years later, the members of the Star Wars production team eagerly returned to create a radio version of The Empire Strikes Back. Like its predecessor, this electrifying drama boasts an outstanding cast (including Mark Hamill as Luke Skywalker, Anthony Daniels as See Threepio, Billy Dee Williams as Lando Calrissian, and John Lithgow as Yoda); a greatly expanded script, with many scenes not found in the movie; and audio engineering of unparalleled excellence. The Empire Strikes Back takes you once more into a galaxy of pure sound and limitless imagination for an adventure you'll never forget. Star Wars™, ®, & © 1993 Lucasfilm Ltd.

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Customer Reviews

Perhaps you think the Star Wars trilogy cannot be fully realized with audio alone. You think you'd miss the stunning visuals, the emotions of the actors, and the special effects. You think it would be a disappointment. As Yoda might say, "So impossible is it? So certain are you?" This production of The Empire Strikes Back was created by the same team that produced National Public Radio's amazingly successful presentation of Star Wars: The Original Radio Drama in 1981. Presented in 10 episodes, the longer format allows for a great expansion of the story and new scenes--though purists may be disappointed by the slight but significant change in the story line while the Rebels

are on Hoth. Once again, Mark Hamill and Anthony Daniels are on hand to reprise their roles as Luke Skywalker and C-3PO, and this time they are joined by Billy Dee Williams reprising his part as Lando Calrissian. A fine cast performs the rest of the roles, notably John Lithgow as Yoda and the very compelling Perry King as the "slimy, double-crossing, no good swindler" Han Solo. Sound effects and John Williams's score from the movie have been remixed to help create a convincing soundscape--so good, you can really "see" the movie by listening to it. The Empire Strikes Back: The Original Radio Drama will thrill all Star Wars fans, whether or not they enjoy audiobooks. (Running time: 5 hours, 5 cassettes) --C.B. Delaney

Empire Strikes Back [brought to you by HighBridge Audio] was recorded in 1983 for National Public Radio, once again utilizing Mark Hamill as Luke Skywalker, Anthony Daniels C3PO, Billy Dee Williams as Lando Calrissian and John Lithgow as Yoda. Including the stunning music of John Williams performed by the London Symphony Orchestra, the ten episodes on five cassettes will capture the listener's imagination. I defy anyone to strap on headphones, or go for a very long drive listening to this show, and not fall right into the story itself. Sound separation and fidelity is unsurpassed, and hey, the story's not too bad either. -- Baby Boomer Collectibles, August 1994

I might have read this decades ago, honestly I don't remember. But in reading it this last week I could hear and see the movies images and music come to life in my head. There are a couple small differences between this and the movie which makes for some interesting Easter eggs hidden in the text. Even though you've seen the movie a thousand times, I'm sure you will enjoy reading The Empire Strikes Back.

We've all seen the film... The fifth episode in the Star Wars universe contains tons of details and surprises, and this book is certainly no exception! It's written to immerse the reader into a galaxy far, far away. Great writing interacts with exceptional character development to create a very memorable novelization of "The Empire Strikes Back." Very organized and complete! The book followed along very well to the film as well. Very good series of books! From one Star Wars fan to another, I definitely recommend to get the whole series for the best enjoyment possible!

If you need a break from life as badly as I do, the Star Wars books are a great way to accomplish that. This one is just as enjoyable as the movie (at least I thought so)

Loved these books when I was a kid and the movies first came out. Enjoyed reading them again, and my kids didn't need to be pushed to read these books. You get extra details and info when you read, perhaps invented by the author, but it all follows the storyline of the movie. These books are keepers!

I was initially disappointed that Empire only comprised five discs worth of material, but after listening to it, I was more satisfied with these five than A New Hope's seven. The extra scenes really stand out this time - my favorites were the space battle intro and the scene with Han & Luke recovering in Han's cold weather shelter on Hoth. They're interesting and add to the experience, much more than those in A New Hope. Nor do they detract from the pacing. Having Billy Dee Williams on board helped it feel more authentic, especially since he is usually opposite Anne Sachs, who is perfect as Leia. Brock Peters as Vader I may just be used to at this point, but Perry King turned in a better performance as Han this time around. My only gripes are John Lithgow's Yoda voice, and Han coming off as kind of a scumbag with Leia - I lost count of how many times she told Han to let go of her!

Book is ok. Has an annoying editing flaw in that it cuts to different characters or locals but not marked by a chapter break nor blank line. One minute you're reading about Luke studying with Yoda, then the next paragraph is Han in the asteroid belt, and 2 paragraphs later you're reading about Vader. Might be a flaw in how it was ported to electronic format, but it's annoying. Writing generally was OK. Not a lot of revelation not already found in the movies. Spoiler alert: Yoda is not green in the book!

George Lucas has created a great sequel in part to an extremely talented group of screenwriters who were able to create a great way to bring Lucas' vision to life in a compelling fashion. The novelisation is somewhat sloppy from the final product with extra scenes that were never filmed or would be shown on Blu-ray/DVD deleted scenes or other special collections. B+

I meant to buy the full book and got this one by mistake because I didn't read the description. That being said, this is written on a kid reading level, and my 7 year old had virtually no problems with it (other than the made up Star Wars words that she needed help reading). It's good quality and has pictures from the movie in it to go with the story. Overall she really enjoyed reading it.

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