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Deadly assassin X-7 has never failed to complete a mission--until now.

Unmasked and unarmed, he narrowly escapes from the Rebels with his life and little else. His cover may be blown, but he's not returning to Commander Rezi Soresh until his target has been eliminated. This time, he has a new plan. He'll gather six of the best pilots in the galaxy--all of them roguish mercenaries who care nothing about money--and turn them loose on Red Squadron.

He counts on his pilot's mercenary instincts to keep them in line. But one of them has a secret that could cost X-7 his victory.

Firefight Details

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Thomas says

Ugh. Just ... ugh. Wheeler takes us to Kaminoa, where a showdown takes place between our main characters and the Empire, and the whole thing is just a ridiculous mess. The main tension of the story comes from a "Is Luke alive?" plot, which is dumb, since we all know he is. I find it odd that authors choose to go this route, and this is the second time in this series alone that Wheeler uses this as a plot point. I can see a different writer managing to successfully work this kind of point against the reader's expectations, but here it doesn't work.

It also doesn't help that Wheeler drops characters and items into the story to serve no other purpose than to move the plot forward. First, we get a Kaminoan who tells Han, after he's given Luke up for dead, how Luke could still be alive. Later, the characters have to solve a problem, and Han has the solution, which is something that he noticed about 30 pages ago, but neglected to mention. It's sloppy, and Wheeler still doesn't seem to have a good grasp of the main characters. They sound right, but they don't act right, and they all make pretty dumb decisions.

This might be a good time to point out that I'm reading these books so you don't have to. Skip over this series all together. Yes, I'm only four books into it, but I can already tell you these aren't worth your time. They don't seem to add much to the Expanded Universe, either, so I'm not sure why anyone would want to read these.

Joseph says

So the assassin, X-7, is at it again looking to kill Luke. The gang head to Kamino. Of course Han didn't want to go and not sure why he would have gone since he has been trying to get out the Rebel base for awhile... But X-7 hires some people to do his job that he was supposed to do...ummm not sure about that. He would have tried to do it himself. I don't buy it.

This was alright, but the series is starting to go downhill. He makes Luke out to be more of a clumsy person, Han this expert marksmen, etc. Chewie gets some action. Not much more to say...

Lindsey says

While this book could definitely be considered a filler for Mr. Wheeler's series, it was still a lot of fun! The pacing was great and I enjoyed seeing Han, Luke, and Chewy work along side an enemy to fight the monsters of Kamino. Again, the characters were written well and there was a lot of tie ins for the movies and other EU books.

Colleen Mertens says

This book ends the series and is just a fun way to do so. It had plenty of action to keep things moving and make you want to read. Your favorite characters finish their adventures with X7. Good way to end.

Mike says

I didn't realize this was book 4 of a series until starting it, so I plan to read the first three, especially since I highly liked Firefight. So much I liked from this read; the quick pace moves everything along, the scenes were each quite memorable, it has a great beginning a great build-up, and a great ending implying more to come in the series. Ultimately, fast paced read and entertaining.

Adam says

This is still more of the same for this series. Luke, Han and Chewbacca are the ones in trouble this time. Through teamwork they make it out fine. The characters all keep their basic personalities like they should. It was kind of fun to imagine Chewbacca in an X-wing in this one though. There were a few familiar names and places in this but I am not sure how much the whole episode really ties into the rest of the series. I enjoyed it overall though.

Miss Clark says

So, after escaping from the Rebels, X-7 (who is having some identity issues) decides to farm out the task of actually killing Luke to a group of crack pilots that he hires.

Things don't quite work out as planned and the majority of them crash on Kamino.

This one reads more like a horror story for most of the middle as the crew tried to avoid being eaten by the new monster that was developed by the scientists on Kamino. Luke has to work with his erstwhile enemy Div, the only surviving pilot from the crew hired by X-7.

Not a whole lot happens to further the overall plot, such as it is.

J. Rice says

When I read this series it was during that time that Disney was releasing novels without being specific of what is and what isn't cannon. So I read this hoping it would be included in cannon, it even reads like it was, but I don't believe it is. Over all the series is Ok. I don't regret reading them, but had I not ever read them, I don't feel like I missed out on much.

Craig says

Very much liked this one, primarily for the appearance of a character from the Jude Watson series'.

I hear this series is going to end at only 6 books and I understand Lucasfilm is keeping the 'dark times' fairly uncluttered continuity-wise, but this volume makes me wish the series had a little time to mature.

Ellen says

My lackluster response to this book proves that I need to switch genres for a while. I found myself hoping that this book would be the last in the series. Unlike other readers, I appreciate the connections that are drawn between the "Last of the Jedi" series and the Star Wars universe we are all familiar with in "A New Hope." It was good to see Lune Divinian again, but I didn't feel that the book addressed his storyline well. In fact, the development of each character seemed only partially done. I hope that future volumes get back to the quality I enjoyed in books 1 and 2.

Ashley Marie says

X-7 is really annoying like omg give up already!

Victor Orozco says

Amazing. Further bridging the gap between the prequels the story takes its turn on the planet Kamino where the Alliance does its work to destroy a vicious project for the Empire. The planet's cloning works no longer appear to support the clone troopers that once supported the Republic/Empire during the Clone Wars. Most likely due to the invasion committed by Starkiller in Force Unleashed II. But even more unique is the involvement of Rogue Squadron in the fray. I also find it neat that they bring in a character from Jude Watson's "Last of the Jedi" series. C+

Peter DeSilvey says

A pretty solid series I know it's written for a younger audience which is made obvious by the publisher and the book length but it really isn't that childish and it's written at about the same reading level as most Star Wars books. They almost make me wish that this series was combined into a full length novel.

Willie says

Spoilers

Yes, it was a young adult novel.

Yes, I read it in one sitting.

Yes, the plot and some of the lines were cheesy.

But show me another Star Wars novel where Han Solo and Chewbacca flew X-wings, in the same squadron as Luke Skywalker and Wedge Antilles.

That short skirmish alone deserves 5 stars.

Jaime K says

This is much better than the third book in the series. It ties in quite well to the Last of the Jedi series.

X-7 hires mercenary pilots to help him get Luke. He puts 10 of them through a test; five survive. One of them is named Lune Divinian and I was going to wait to look him up. On page 96 I remembered the kid. I can see him becoming a merc! These things happen!

It's a bit eerie how Luke, Leia, and Han call X-7 by that name and not by Tobin Elad.

The Imperial base on Kamino was the most annoying thing. Bringing in this planet was unnecessary, IMO. The next annoying thing was that it seemed like everyone was disgusted with the clones, as if those men could have helped their conditioning (and, ahem, some did). Yet they weren't disgusted with the Kaminoans themselves until later. Thank goodness Han & Chewie learned the truth of the *aiwha bait*. And that's a phrase I understand now that I know what an aiwha is.
