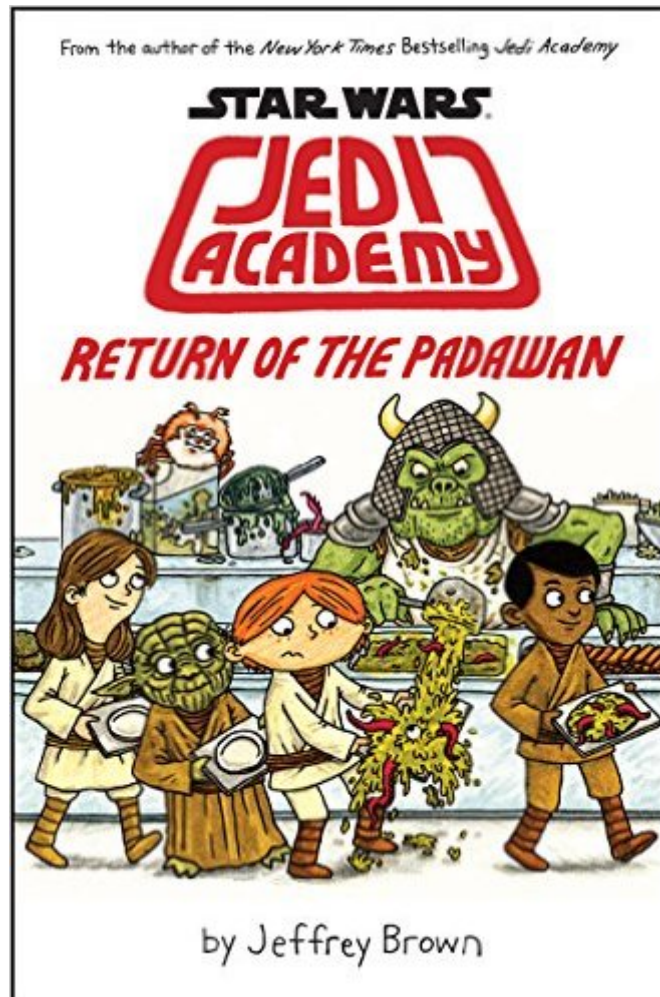


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# Star Wars: Jedi Academy, Return Of The Padawan (Book 2)



## 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. Â

## Book Information

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Age Range: 8 - 12 years

Grade Level: 3 - 7

## Customer Reviews

Like its predecessor this is a graphic-comic-chapter-book, and as such it works very well. But, this is the second Jedi Academy book. As the second volume it does not benefit from the novelty that

helped sustain the first book, and it needs a plot and some narrative urgency to keep it from being just more of the same. My bottom line is that the book does a fine job of addressing middle school life and works some interesting variations on the standard school daze conventions, but remains of special interest mostly because of the Star Wars angle, (not that there's anything wrong with that). In Volume One Mr. Brown took practically every important aspect of the Star Wars canon, rewrote it in a style that would be interesting for and accessible to an early reader, illustrated it with very clever and apt illustrations, and wrapped it all up as a "school days" adventure that featured a realistic and engaging hero. In this book we move to a more advanced level - addressing the kinds of missteps a middle grader could make with his friends and classmates and also celebrating the kinds of adventures and victories a middle grader could encounter. The experience feels authentic rather than contrived and Roan remains a decent and engaging hero. (It seems worth noting that a running theme through the book is a cautionary tale about the misuse of holobook, (read facebook), as a bullying tool. This is an especially timely topic and fits nicely into the whole middle school experience.) But as before, the true genius here is the way that everything is based on Star Wars. There are lots of inside jokes and references, so that you have both an engaging story that is open to a Star Wars newbie and an immersive and sly Star Wars compendium for really rabid fans.

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