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Can't wait for The Last Jedi? Lose yourself in a galaxy far, far away with this ebook sampler of excerpts from Del Rey's latest Star Wars novels—including a Rogue One adaptation and prequel. Timothy Zahn returns with a revealing portrait of one of the most cunning and ruthless warriors in the history of the Galactic Empire. Chuck Wendig completes his epic trilogy bridging the gap between Episodes VI and VII. And Senator Leia Organa stars in her own novel set in the years before The Force Awakens. Plus, don't miss five Star Wars short stories new to the 2017 sampler: "Scorched" by Delilah S. Dawson, "Blade Squadron: Kuat" by David J. Williams & Mark S. Williams, "Voice of the Empire" by Mur Lafferty, "Turning Point" by Jason M. Hough, and "TK-462" by Sylvain Neuvel. THRAWN by Timothy Zahn In this definitive novel, readers will follow Thrawn's rise to power, uncovering the events that created one of the most iconic villains in Star Wars history. BLOODLINE by Claudia Gray Following the Battle of Endor, Leia Organa—now a respected senator—must protect the fledgling democracy from both outside dangers and treachery from within. AFTERMATH: LIFE DEBT by Chuck Wendig As the New Republic fights to restore peace to the galaxy, Norra Wexley leads a search and rescue mission to the Wookiee homeworld, where Chewbecca has been captured and Han Solo has disappeared. CATALYST by James Luceno In this prequel to Rogue One: A Star Wars Story, Jyn Erso's family must untangle a web of deception to save themselves—and the galaxy itself. ROGUE ONE by Alexander Freed A new hope rests in the hands of an unlikely band of allies—if only they can capture the plans to a machine of unimaginable destructive power. Go beyond the film with a novelization featuring new scenes and expanded material. AFTERMATH: EMPIRE'S END by Chuck Wendig As the final showdown between the New Republic and the Empire draws near, all eyes turn to a once-isolated planet: Jakku.

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Sir John Seeley once wrote that the British Empire was acquired in "a fit of absence of mind." Whatever the truth of this comment, it is certainly arguable that the Empire was dismantled in such a fit. This collection deals with a neglected subject in post-Confederation Canadian history -- the implications to Canada and Canadians of British decolonization and the end of empire. Canada and the End of Empire looks at Canadian diplomatic relations with the United Kingdom and the United States, the Suez crisis, the changing economic relationship with Great Britain in the 1950s and 1960s, the role of educational and cultural institutions in maintaining the British connection, the royal tour of 1959, the decision to adopt a new flag in 1964, the efforts to find a formula for repatriating the constitution, the Canadianization of the Royal Canadian Navy, and the attitude of First Nations to the changed nature of the Anglo-Canadian relationship. Historians in Commonwealth countries tend to view the end of British rule from a nationalist perspective. Canada and the End of Empire challenges this view and demonstrates the centrality of imperial history in Canadian historiography. An important addition to the growing canon of empire studies and imperial history, this book will be of interest to historians of the Commonwealth, and to scholars and students interested in the relationship between colonialism and nationalism.

The choices that individuals make in moments of crisis can transform them. By focusing on fictional characters trapped on fictional islands, the book examines how individuals react when forced to make hard choices within the liminal space of a "prison" island. At stake is the perception of choice: do characters believe that they have the power to choose, or do they think that they are at the mercy of fate? The results reveal certain patterns--psychological, historical, social, and political--that exist across a variety of popular/public cultures and time periods. This book focuses on how the interplay between liminality and the Locus of Control theory creates dynamic sites of negotiated meaning. This psychological concept has never before been used for literary analysis. Offered here as an alternative to the defects of Freudian psychology, the Locus of Control theory has been proven reliable in thousands of studies, and the results have been found, with few exceptions, to be consistent in both women and men. That consistency is explored through close readings of islands found in popular culture books, films, and television shows, with suggestions for future research.

This is a special Star Wars adventure featuring Princess Leia and Han Solo, by the "New York Times" bestselling author of "Star Wars: The New Jedi Order; Star by Star."

Empire's End: Aftermath (Star Wars)Del Rey

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Shows how space technology is being used by the US military to create and control endless preventative war.

The first novel in a new trilogy starring veteran New Republic pilots! On the brink of victory in a brutal war, five New Republic pilots transform from hunted to hunters in this epic Star Wars adventure. Set after Return of the Jedi, Alphabet Squadron follows a unique team, each flying a different class of starfighter as they struggle to end their war once and for all. The Emperor is dead. His final weapon has been destroyed. The Imperial Army is in disarray. In the aftermath, Yrica Quell is just one of thousands of defectors from her former cause living in a deserters' shantytown—until she is selected to join Alphabet Squadron. Cobbled together from an eclectic assortment of pilots and starfighters, the five members of Alphabet are tasked by New Republic general Hera Syndulla herself. Like Yrica, each is a talented pilot struggling to find their place in a changing galaxy. Their mission: to track down and destroy the mysterious Shadow Wing, a lethal force of TIE fighters exacting bloody, reckless vengeance in the twilight of their reign. The newly formed unit embodies the heart and soul of the Rebellion: ragtag, resourceful, scrappy, and emboldened by their most audacious victory in decades. But going from underdog rebels to celebrated heroes isn't as easy as it seems, and their inner demons threaten them as much as their enemies among the stars. The wayward warriors of Alphabet Squadron will have to learn to fly together if they want to protect the new era of peace they've fought so hard to achieve. Part of a Marvel and Del Rey crossover event, Alphabet Squadron is the counterpart to Marvel's TIE Fighter miniseries, which follows the exploits of Shadow Wing as they scheme to thwart the New Republic.

explores a different form of the quest as he transforms from immature warrior to patriarch. This book tracks the journeys of over 20 characters throughout the franchise.

Cael McAvoy, living in the corn-overrun Heartland below extravagant sky flotillas, grows tired of scavenging and living in the Emyrean Empire's shadow and vows to do something to change his lot in life. When C.M. Turnbull's *A History of Singapore, 1819-1975* appeared in 1977, it quickly achieved recognition as the definitive history of Singapore. A second edition published in 1989 brought the story up to the elections held in 1988. In this fully revised edition, rewritten to take into account recent scholarship on Singapore, the author has added a chapter on Goh Chok Tong's premiership (1990-2004) and the transition to a government headed by Lee Hsien Loong. The book now ends in 2005, when the Republic of Singapore celebrated its 40th anniversary as an independent nation. Major changes occurred in the 1990s as the generation of leaders that oversaw the transition from a colony to independence stepped aside in favour of a younger generation of leaders. Their task was to shape a course that sustained the economic growth and social stability achieved by their predecessors, and they would be tested towards the end of the decade when Southeast Asia experienced a severe financial crisis. Many modern studies on Singapore focus on current affairs or very recent events and pay a great deal of attention to Singapore's successful transition from the developing to the developed world. However, younger historians are increasingly interested in other aspects of the country's past, particularly social and cultural issues. *A History of Modern Singapore, 1819-2005* provides a solid foundation and an overarching framework for this research, surveying Singapore's trajectory from a small British port to a major trading and financial hub within the British Empire and finally to the modern city state that Singapore became after gaining independence in 1965.

Journey to Star Wars: The Force Awakens The second Death Star has been destroyed, the Emperor killed, and Darth Vader struck down. Devastating blows against the Empire, and major victories for the Rebel Alliance. But the battle for freedom is far from over. As the Empire reels from its critical defeats at the Battle of Endor, the Rebel Alliance "now a fledgling New Republic" presses its advantage by hunting down the enemy's scattered forces before they can regroup and retaliate. But above the remote planet Akiva, an ominous show of the enemy's strength is unfolding. Out on a lone reconnaissance mission, pilot Wedge Antilles watches Imperial Star Destroyers gather like birds of prey circling for a kill, but he's taken captive before he can report back to the New Republic leaders. Meanwhile, on the planet's surface, former rebel fighter Norra Wexley has returned to her native world "war weary, ready to reunite with her estranged son, and eager to build a new life in some distant place. But when Norra intercepts Wedge Antilles' urgent distress call, she realizes her time as a freedom fighter is not yet over. What she doesn't know is just how close the enemy is or how decisive and dangerous her new mission will be. Determined to preserve the Empire's power, the surviving Imperial elite are converging on Akiva for a top-secret emergency summit to consolidate their forces and rally for a counterstrike. But they haven't reckoned on Norra and her newfound allies "her technical-genius son, a Zabrak bounty hunter, and a reprobate Imperial defector" who are prepared to do whatever they must to end the Empire's oppressive reign once and for all.

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