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Princess Leia's journal entries recall the details of her intergalactic capture and rescue, and how she really feels about Han Solo and Luke Skywalker. Original.

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Meadow Frisbie says

This book is the diary of Princess Leia Organa on the Death Star, there she is tortured and mocked, but leia won't give in. Or will she?

I was totally into the whole Star Wars thing when I was little. I read this one and really enjoyed the personal thoughts from Leia.

Amy Rae says

This is the only Star Wars book I read as a kid--as much as I had a Star Wars Thing for a year or two in middle school, I had very little sense of what was out there or that I could read it. I never even read the other books in this series. And that fact is why I'm glad that Star Wars has improved its marketing to children in the last decade and a half. It's much harder to be a kid who only has a random Princess Leia book she picked up at a book fair and no idea whether there might be other things like it.

Anyway, I found a copy of *Captive to Evil* this morning and reread it for the heck of it. It's not terrible, even if the concept is kind of silly; it's a diary book where the main character doesn't really have time to make some of the diary entries, and they don't really read like dictation so much as plain old first-person narrative. I'm not the hugest fan of how Han is written in this one, and a lot of it turns into ANH summary.

But it's fun to get a (now thoroughly decanonized) look at the mission to get the Death Star plans, as well as an escape attempt from the Death Star before Luke and Han show up. And Leia is sassy as fuck throughout the book, which I'm basically always fine with. Not the worst way to spend an hour by any means.

Laura says

It was really interesting seeing things from Leia's point of view. I liked her before this, but now I'm a big fan. I loved her time on the Death Star and before that, it was really intense and she has an interesting mind. She's like Padme's political skills combined with Anakin's stubborn attitude.

Like Anakin's, this was more of a "he said and she said" type of book, but unlike Anakin's, it worked. It wasn't just plaining, "He suggested this and this person agreed," but it gave interesting words and ways to describe their talk without actually directly quoting them. The writing was also a lot better.

Lauren Kell says

This is honestly one of the best Leia centric books I've ever read and it's partially because she's ready to bite someone's head off the entire book. At one point she literally attacks Vader and tries to pull off his helmet so she could look her torturer in the eyes. She is terrified but so ready to put everything on the line for the

Alliance. This was a fun, short read that I'm sure I'll come back to in the future.

Hazel says

This is probably the best Jude Watson book I've read. If it isn't it's pretty close. Leia and Han's voices aren't necessarily the most accurate but they're a lot closer than Luke's was in the previous book. The voice is also really over the top and there is new story here. Definitely a fun little read.

Miss Clark says

2.5 stars

I liked how there was a whole series of adventures prior to her capture with the Death Star plans. At only 18, a princess and a senator, she had already been recruiting members for the Rebellion, running weapons and smuggling supplies and in general wreaking havoc for the Empire!

"Grief frightened me. It was so big, so total. I knew I had to feel every bit of it eventually. But not until after the battle."

I liked the mentions of Leia's Force sensitivity and connection. They never downplay her grief and sorrow. The story acknowledges that she had to defer her grieving and focus completely on her mission before she could allow herself to mourn and face the enormity of her loss.

I also appreciated that this shows how close Leia and Bail were - a great deal of respect and affection.

I liked Entry 6 when Leia and Vader argue. She *sounds* 18, defiant, and disdainful. She physically attacks Vader and tried to rip off his helmet.

She escapes her cell briefly in Entry 8.

"But finding General Kenobi isn't my biggest problem. Convincing him to join the Rebellion is. He gave everything of himself in the great battles of the Clone Wars. He is an old man now, and if anyone deserves peace, it is Obi-Wan. I will have to ask of him something I have no right to ask. But I will do it."

If that rumor of Obi-Wan being a hermit (possibly with the location of Tatooine attached) was floating around, how was he **not** being hunted down by Vader and the Empire? Unless that information was passed onto Leia from Bail in the guise of a rumor, it doesn't make much sense. I could see Bail keeping some form of contact with Obi-Wan....

Why is "evil" always "icy"? "An icy wave of evil emanated", "the evil gave off an icy chill", etc.

Were Leia's aunts on her mother's side or father's? Both? Tia, Rouge, and Celly.

But if fighting is impossible, I'll have to will myself to die. I know how to do this. I've been taught this, too. It's said to be the most difficult mind-act there is, especially if you are young and healthy.

Wait. So... suicide basically?

The writing was blunt and juvenile. It doesn't match the maturity and vivacity of Leia's character in the films nor is it consistent with who she is shown to be in the book.
