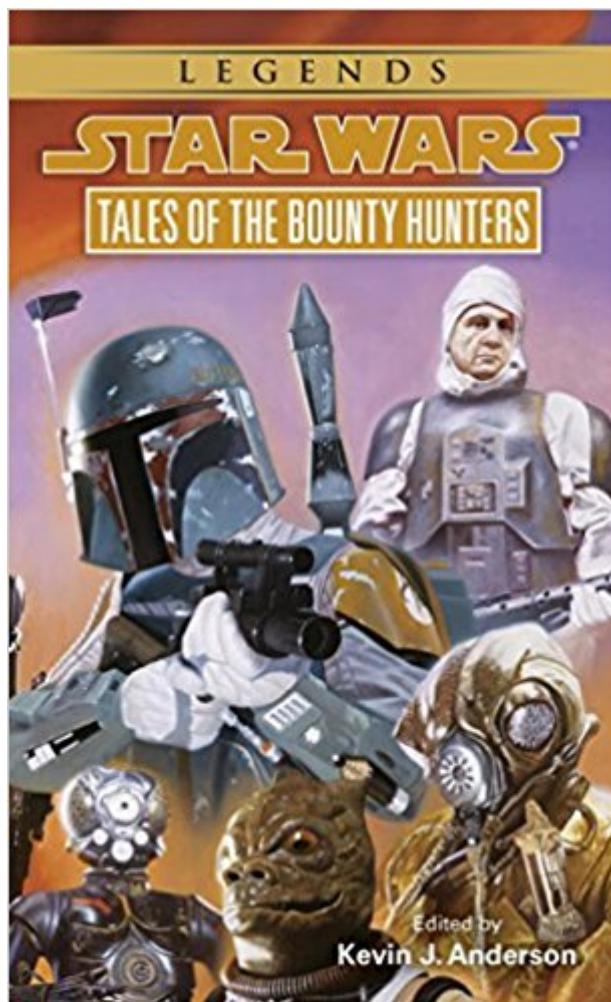


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# Tales Of The Bounty Hunters (Star Wars) (Book 3)



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## **Customer Reviews**

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Kevin J. Anderson has written many bestsellers and has been nominated for the Nebula Award, the Bram Stoker Award, and the SFX Reader's Choice Award. He also holds the

Guinness World Record for largest single-author signing.

I purchased this book intending to ONLY read Boba Fett's story, because he's by far my favorite bounty hunter and one of my favorite SW characters, but due several positive reviews I also read Dengar's, Zuckuss/4-LOM's, and reluctantly IG-88's. Initially I rated this with three stars, since I only read one story, but I would now rate this book closer to 4. *Last One Standing: The Tale of Boba Fett* was a great look into Boba throughout his life and there are some fantastic insights into his personality. The only problem I had with it was it was too short! What I can say about Fett is that he is a bit of a hypocrite in regards to his work, or at least has his beliefs are a bit backwards. He has no problem killing or working for some of the most vile criminals in the galaxy but he judges people on simple vices; such as drinking, and will not take advantage of a woman if she has no desire to be with him, even if she's a slave sent by his contractor. All Fett has is his work, and during much of this story he is beginning to lose some of his talent and passion for that work due to age and physical problems from his experience in the Sarlacc. This is not to say he is a 'whiner' or has lost a lot of his mystique from the movies, as SEVERAL of the other reviews have said, it simply shows that he is human and has been in the game long enough to know when to pick his battles. As for the reviews that say the character has been reduced so much in this story that he is no longer interesting, or what I mentioned earlier, what do you expect of a person who wears armor 24/7 and spent a couple days being digested? Of course he's gonna have a few complaints comparing himself to now and the 'good ole days'! Besides, any cool points Fett may have lost in this short-story is NOTHING compared to what George Lucas did to him and Jango during *AotC* (EP II) and Dave Filioni(?) did to him, Jango, and Mandalorians in general in the *Clone Wars* series! Although much of Fett's background featured in this story has been retconed by recent (and mostly terrible) plot changes if you're a Boba Fett fan this book is a MUST READ. *Payback*: This was a surprisingly interesting and entertaining story. I didn't know much about Dengar before, and what I did know wasn't enough for me to care about the character, but now I think he has better characterization than most of the new 'prequel' characters and interesting enough that a full novel could be written about him. I agree with some who said the ending was a little "sappy" and a little rushed but overall the story had a better flow than Boba Fett's IMHO. Fett also makes a fairly-significant cameo here but I felt he was a bit overused in a story about Dengar. There's also a contradiction about Fett here where he shares a drink with Dengar, yet in his own short-story it is mentioned more than once that he doesn't drink. A little interaction of known characters is nice but it didn't seem like the five authors got together much on their work. *Of Possible Futures*: As with the

Dengar tale, this story was a pleasant surprise. I felt I was really able to get to know the characters and the plot wasn't contrived, nor was the ending as sappy as other reviewers have stated. While I did thoroughly enjoy the story/plot of this short-story, I didn't much care for the writing style of author M. Shayne Bell. His sentence structure and dialog were at times quite elementary, but strangely hard to follow. Also, I don't think the portrayal of droids in this story, particularly 4-LOM of course, was very plausible; however, it does remain consistent with much of SW. Overall it was a well balanced story with a decent flow and plot, but not as good as the other two IMHO. Therefore I Am: This particular story wasn't as popular as the other three and for good reason; it's just not very believable. Although I enjoy KJS's writing style, quite frankly I think he should be ashamed of himself for even wanting to write a story about a droid. For one thing, what scientist in their right mind would design such an unpredictable machine? Secondly, there is a HUGE difference between being sentient and feeling emotion, a line that was neither drawn nor should IG-88 experience. In general I don't feel droids are presented very well in SW. What little I can say about real computers and machines versus a fictional depiction of them is that this story should not at all be possible. I mean giving sentience to a bunch of assembly line machines that shouldn't handle such a capacity; an entire planet that creates an enormous variety of droids, as well as a few things they weren't designed for; IG-88B being able to download the entire mainframe of Vader's super star destroyer into himself; IG-88A literally becoming the computer core for the Death Star 2...? Give me a break! I respect the character of IG-88 but skip this story. Although I didn't read all five stories I would still say this book is well worth it!

This book started off amazingly with IG-88's story and how 5 IG assassin droids broke out of a facility, and later tried to take over the death star computer core. But how one, IG-88 tried to capture Han solo but was defeated by Boba Fett another bounty hunter. Next came the story about Dengar, the story was a little sad but it did shows how powerful a bounty hunter like Dengar was. The story began with him on the hunt for a man who committed a crime and ended with him saving Boba Fett. After that came Bosk's story it was boring, uninteresting, and not even worth reading. This story was all conversation and not all to much action. I give this book of story 3 stars out of 5. By Owen C.

Its a book of short stories and you have to pick and choose. The first one (re: IG88) is awful - just poorly written and silly plot without much thought. That said, I still recommend it and suggest you stick with it cause some of the later ones (particularly the last one - re: Boba Fett) are quite good.

The other 3 are somewhere between those 2 for me, but I see others review them differently. A note of caution: Fett's story isn't cannon - as it was written before Lucas did parts 1-3 in film. That said, Fett's story here is IMHO much better than what Lucas went back and did with it. I actually prefer this Fett to the one we saw in the most recent Lucas films.

This was the first "Legends" book I have read in years. This was a great book and I do miss the "Legends" storylines. I wish they would continue them. With that said, I really do enjoy the new books as well. May the Force be with you.

The condition of the book was better than described. Arrived on time too. The stories are also a great insight into the inner working of bounty hunting in a galaxy far, far away.

Not a must read for Star Wars fans, but it's still fun to pick up every now and then to satiate your SW appetite. This could've been a great book if it were for some seriously cheese you endings and focusing too much on side characters. It's a fun read, but not a must buy.

I read this in the nineties when it was relatively new and I was thrilled to pick it up for my Kindle while traveling. The stories for the bounty hunters give real meaning and color to these intriguing characters that only appear fleetingly in the original movies. This book contains some great contributions from different authors too, so there is a great diversity in the style and feel of each story. PS. If you like this book, check out mc chris' songs - Fett's Vett, Bossk on a Segway, IG88's 57 Chevy, Zuckuss' Prius and Dengar's Dumptruck. . . you will not be sorry.

Of course it has a disney tramp stamp on it.

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