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E.K. Johnston & the Women of Star Wars

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YA author E.K. Johnston has written three *Star Wars* novels, all about unsung female characters. The first was about Ahsoka Tano, a fan favorite character with a huge gap in her onscreen story. This novel follows Ahsoka between the TV series *Star Wars: The Clone Wars* and *Star Wars Rebels*. Following the devastating execution of Order 66, Ahsoka is unsure she can be part of an organization ever again, but her need to fight the Empire and protect the vulnerable is strong. It's not long before she crosses paths with the Rebel Alliance.

If you're a fan of *Clone Wars* or *Rebels*, I recommend you try the audiobook. It's narrated by the actress Ashley Eckstein, who voices Ahsoka on the shows.

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Queen's Shadow fills in the gap between Padmé the teenage queen of Naboo and Padmé the galactic senator. E.K. Johnston was thrilled to write about Padmé and her handmaidens because they are often left out of conversations about the women of Star Wars (probably because the prequels are widely derided). She sums up the appeal of these two novels better than I can: "[Y]ou have these girls who are really good at fashion and espionage and hand-to-hand combat. And they can fly ships. And they can shoot people. But they can also read body language really well and infiltrate meetings and they're completely invisible" ([source](#)).

If you're a *Star Wars* fan who wanted more from the prequels, or if you just love stoic female characters with lots of emotions brewing under the surface, give these two novels a try.

MORE FROM E.K. JOHNSTON:

Johnston's other books include realistic fiction, dragon slayers, alternate history, and a retelling of *One Thousand and One Nights*. Learn about her wide variety of non-*Star Wars* books [here](#).

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