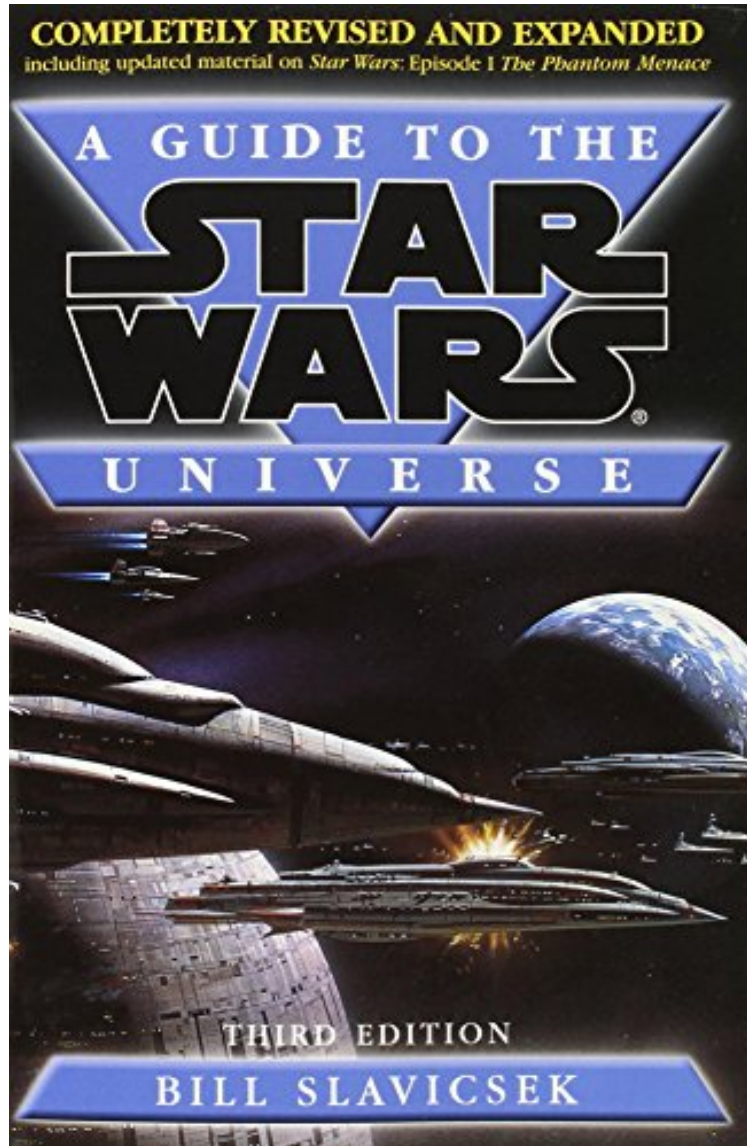


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a rigorous curriculum. [ISB, SW, SWR]acceleration compensatorThis device provides artificial gravity and neutralizes the effects of high-speed maneuvering for crew and cargo aboard space vessels. The Millennium Falcon, for example, is equipped with such a device. [HSE]acceleration strapsThese passenger safety harnesses, usually built into seats, serve to restrain passengers during takeoffs, landings, and adverse traveling conditions. [SW]Access ChuteThis kilometers-long tunnel snakes through the decaying buildings and docking towers of the spaceport moon Nar Shaddaa, leading to Shug Ninx's repair facility. An advertising holoscreen hides the entrance to the Chute. [DE]AccuserSee Emancipator. Ackbar, Admiral A respected and highly regarded member of the Mon Calamari species, Ackbar overcame hardship and adversity to take a pivotal role in the Rebel Alliance and later the New Republic. His public life began when he served as the leader of Coral Depths City on the Mon Calamari homeworld. The Empire attacked the watery planet and enslaved many of its citizens, including Ackbar. He eventually became Grand Moff Tarkin's interpreter, and while in the Imperial's service he heard about the Rebellion and learned of a new superweapon. Ackbar made a study of Imperial tactics and defenses while serving the grand moff. Rebel agents released him from servitude during a failed attempt to assassinate Tarkin. Ackbar returned to his homeworld and convinced the normally peaceful Mon Calamari to join the Rebels, bringing a much-needed fleet of capital ships into the Alliance arsenal. Shortly after the Battle of Yavin, the newly ranked Commander Ackbar proposed a plan for dealing with Imperial escort frigates. He argued that a specially designed starfighter was the Alliance's best hope--at least until more funds became available or the number of Rebel capital ships dramatically increased. With the aid of the Verpine, a renowned species of shipbuilders, Ackbar developed the B-wing starfighter. Ackbar then became one of Mon Mothma's two senior Rebel Alliance advisers. He was promoted to admiral and helped develop the plans for the Alliance surprise attack on the second Death Star battle station. He led the assault from the bridge of his personal flagship during the Battle of Endor. With the rise of the New Republic, Ackbar was named commander in chief of Republic military operations. As a member of both the Provisional Council and the ruling Inner Council, he helped forge the new galactic government. During the events surrounding the return of Grand Admiral Thrawn, Ackbar was falsely accused of embezzling New Republic funds thanks to fake evidence planted by Thrawn. Ackbar was later cleared, through the efforts of Luke Skywalker and his companions, and the Mon Calamari led the New Republic fleet to victory over Thrawn's forces at the Bilbringi Shipyards. A few days after Thrawn's defeat, survivors of the Emperor's ruling circle and a handful of Imperial fleet commanders attacked and recaptured Coruscant. Ackbar and other New Republic leaders planned a counterstrike, and their forces regained Coruscant a few months later. Later, on a diplomatic mission to Vortex, Ackbar's personal B-wing fighter crashed into the Cathedral of Winds. This towering crystalline structure was considered to be the world's greatest artistic treasure, and Ackbar was once again accused of a serious crime. His chief mechanic was discovered to have been an Imperial operative who had sabotaged the B-wing, and Ackbar was cleared of any wrongdoing. After he resumed his role in the New Republic, Ackbar returned to Vortex to attend the ceremony dedicating the rebuilt Cathedral of Winds. Winter, Princess Leia's aide, accompanied him on the trip, and the two developed a close relationship. [DA, DE, DFR, DS, HE, LC, RJ, SFS, SWCG, SWSB]Adamant Admiral Ackbar commanded this New Republic bulk space cruiser. Some nineteen years after the Battle of Endor, the Adamant was attacked while transporting a cargo of hyperdrive cores and turbolaser battery emplacements to the Kuat Drive Yards. It was boarded and captured by onetime Imperial TIE fighter pilot Qorl and his troops, who set the crew adrift in escape pods and made off with the cruiser and its cargo. [YJK]Adamantine This New Republic escort cruiser visited the planet Nam Chorios. The ship and its crew were lost when the Death Seed plague was unleashed on the surrounding sector of space. [POT]Adega This star system located in the Outer Rim Territories was the site of an important Jedi stronghold in ancient times. [DE]Adegan crystals These crystals were the types most commonly used in ancient times in the construction of lightsabers. They spontaneously emit powerful bursts of light and energy when resonant frequencies are transmitted through them. These crystals are also known as Ilum crystals. [DE]Adin This former Imperial stronghold was the homeworld of Senator Meido. [NR]Adjudicator One of two Imperial Star Destroyers captured by the Alliance during the Battle of Endor, the Adjudicator was renamed the Liberator and placed under the command of Luke Skywalker. After the Empire recaptured Coruscant, Liberator crashed into Imperial City as the result of damage sustained during combat. Skywalker's skillful deployment of the Star Destroyer's shields and repulsorlifts prevented the death of the crew. [DE, DESB]Adriana This gas giant, the third planet in the Tatoo system, has rings of ice. The rings are periodically mined to provide the planet Tatooine with water. [GG7]Af'El The homeworld of the Defels, or Wraiths, this high-gravity world orbiting Ka'Dedus specializes in the export of meleenium, a metal used to build durasteel. Af'El is the only known source of the metal. [GG4]affect mind A Jedi Knight can use this Force technique to tamper with the perceptions of a person or creature. It creates illusions or blocks the senses so that the target can't understand what's really happening. It can also be used to alter a person's memories, replace them with false memories, or totally wipe out memories of a particular event. [DFRSB, SWRPG, SWRPG2]Affytechan A sentient form of plant life that originated on the Outer Rim world of Dom-Bradden. Each Affytechan appears beautiful, with a high musical voice and a body composed of thousands of colorful petals, tendrils, and stalks. However, it also smells of ammonia and musk. [COJ]Afyon, Captain Native of Alderaan and New Republic captain at the helm of the escort frigate Larkness, Afyon grew bitter over

the years, believing that men like him were doing the real work of the new government, while the credit was going to hotshot starfighter pilots. Right before the appearance of Grand Admiral Thrawn, his warship was relegated to cargo transport duty. During the Battle of Sluis Van, he proved himself to be an excellent commander. [HE, HESB] Agamar Home to the famous Rebel pilot Keyan Farlander, this planet is located in the Lahara sector of the Outer Rim Territories. Sites of interest include the large city Calna Muun and the backwater town Tondatha. The Empire wiped out the latter for harboring Rebel collaborators. [FP] Aggregator This Imperial Interdictor cruiser was the property of High Admiral Teradoc. He leased it to Ysanne Isard to aid her quest to destroy Rogue Squadron. The cruiser was badly damaged during a battle in the section of space known as the Graveyard of Alderaan. [BW]