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|  | |  | | --- | | **The Approaching Storm** | | PAPERBACK NOVEL (2002) | | Alan Dean Foster | | *Del Rey* | | **Also published as** [**Hardback Novel**](http://www.swbooks.co.uk/empire/approaching-storm.htm#hb) **| Audiobook** | | **Average** [**review**](http://www.swbooks.co.uk/empire/approaching-storm.htm#reviews) **score: 3 / 5** | |  | | **Synopsis:** The Republic is decaying, even under the leadership of Supreme Chancellor Palpatine, who was elected to save the galaxy from collapsing under the forces of discontent. On the tiny but strategic world of Ansion, a powerful faction is on the verge of joining the growing secessionist movement. The urban dwellers wish to expand into the prairies outside their cities, the ancestral territory of the fierce, independant Ansion nomads. If their demands are not met, they will secede - an act that could jump-start a chain reaction of withdrawl and rebellion by other worlds of the Republic. At the Chancellor's request, the Jedi Council sends two Jedi Knights, Obi-Wan Kenobi and Luminara Unduli, to resolve the conflict and negotiate with the elusive nomads. Undaunted, Obi-Wan and Luminara, along with their Padawans Anakin Skywalker and Barriss Offee, set out across the wilderness. Many perils lie waiting to trap them. The Jedi will have to fulfill near-impossible tasks, befriend wary strangers, and influence two great armies to complete their quest, stalked all the while by an enemy sworn to see the negotiations collapse and the Jedi's mission fail. | |  | | **Chronology:** This story occurs approximately 22 years before the Battle of Yavin. | |