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One comment in net.sf-lovers said that Darth Vader killed the Emperor to save Luke's life. This is not consistent with the presentation made in the RotJ book (available in paperback). In the book, it is made obvious that Vader is just waiting for an opportunity to overthrow the Emperor and take over. The Emperor's attacks on Luke both keeps him occupied and drains some of his power so that Darth sees a chance to act. Darth is successful in the short run but loses in the long run.

In general, the book contains much more detail about the plot than the movie does. This must be in compensation for the difficulty of presenting exciting special moviemaking effects in print. Anyway, a reading of the book may alter the interpretation of some scenes in RotJ.

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