Winners of the Darth Vader Parenthood Award
for outstandingly horrible fictional parents

1980: Anakin Skywalker a.k.a. Darth Vader, *The Empire Strikes Back*
1981: Blake Carrington, *Dynasty*
1982: The adoptive parents from the Schimanski *Tatort* "Kuscheltiere"
1983: Anakin Skywalker a.k.a. Darth Vader, *Return of the Jedi*
1984: Eleanor Dupres, *V*
1985: Chase Gioberti, *Falcon Crest*
1986: Hans Beimer, *Lindenstraße*
1987: Olivia Foxworth, *The Dollanganger Saga* by V.C. Andrews
1988: Douglas Channing, *Falcon Crest*
1989: Joint award: Dr. Ludwig Dressler, *Lindenstraße*, and Ser Galen, *Brothers in Arms* by Lois McMaster Bujold
1990: Leland Palmer, *Twin Peaks*
1995: Sheriff Lucas Buck, *American Gothic*
1997: Joint award: Alex Fairchild and John Randall Lynch, *Gen 13*
1998: Mr. Parker, *The Pretender*
1999: CGB Spender a.k.a. The Cigarette Smoking Man, *The X-Files*
2000: Mrs. Coulter, *The Amber Spyglass* by Philip Pullman
2001: Joint award: David and Sherry Palmer, *24*
2002: Gloria DeLauter, *Chesapeake Blue* by Nora Roberts
2003: Patrick Roarke, *Portrait in Death* by J.D. Robb
2005: John Winchester, *Supernatural*
2007: Betty Draper, *Mad Men*
2008: Eli David, *NCIS*
2011: Cersei Lannister, *Game of Thrones*
2012: Tywin Lannister, *Game of Thrones*,
Special joint honourable mention: Odin Allfather, Howard and Maria Stark, Brian Banner, Joseph Rogers, Jacques Duquesne, Ivan Petrovich, *The Avengers*
2013: Tywin Lannister, *Game of Thrones*, and Doris McGarrett, *Hawaii Five-O*
2014: Tywin Lannister, *Game of Thrones*
2015: Brian Caldswell, the *Paradox* trilogy by Rachel Bach
Honourable mention: Howard Stark, *Agent Carter* and *Avengers: Age of Ultron*
2016: Jija, *The Fifth Season* by N.K. Jemisin
2017: Joint award: Ego, the Living Planet, and Thanos, *Guardians of the Galaxy, Vol. 2*
Honourable mention: Ambassador Sarek of Vulcan, *Star Trek, Star Trek Discovery*