

PARENTAL GUIDE

GENRE: NA THRILLER

AGES 15+

WHY?

● **TRAUMA**



A lead character gets shot and survives, but suffers (only mildly in description) trauma. Three characters are siblings with a highly dysfunctional family. The MC is one of these. She is an assassin working for her father who started the assassins long ago. One other sibling know this while the other is kept in the dark. Mother died many years ago (suggested but never stated that it was cancer). A character learns another character saved thousands of texts from the mother that went unanswered. Later, it is found that the character never received the texts until the mother had passed. A character dies, sending the others into a spiral and verbal fights, but this ultimately drives them together to fulfill the end of the novel.



● **VIOLENCE**



The MC is an assassin who in the very first scene of the book assassinates a target. In addition, there are multiple fight scenes involving guns, knives, and hand-to-hand combat. While violence is prevalent, there is no gore or excessive descriptions of the fights.

● **ROMANCE**



The MC strikes up a romance with another character, and there a few scenes where they kiss. At most, the description of the kiss lasts a couple paragraphs, and it does not lead to more, nor is there the suggestion of anything more.

● **LANGUAGE**



Some uses of "s--t" "a--" "damn" "idiot" "stupid" and "suck"

● **DRINKING, DRUGS, AND SMOKING**



Not present

● **SEX AND NUDITY**



Not present

POSITIVE CONTENT?

● MESSAGES

The book's main theme is loyalty. The MC struggles between staying loyal to her profession and her father to keep her brothers safe or breaking ties with her father, putting an end to her career as an assassin and possibly the safety of her brothers. It deals with the moral dilemma of choosing between protecting one's family no matter the cost (in the MC's case, this means fulfilling her duties as an assassin) or striving to uphold the morals of a civil society and find another way to keep her brothers safe that doesn't involve something so horrific.

● ROLE MODELS

Brandon is a med-student that the MC has the romance with. He upholds Christian values, doesn't curse, and remains kind and positive through his struggles.

Mark is the MC's brother. He is also a med-student, and he knows about her being an assassin. He attempts to persuade her that she can get out of this life, that there is another way. Even though MC doesn't listen to him, he continues to love her no matter what she does. He never isolates her because while he is hurt by some of the decisions his family makes, his love for them is unconditional.

IN CONCLUSION

Assassin's Bane is a comedic NA Thriller that has lots of action, but no gore; some romance, but no smut; and lots of trauma. Trauma would be the place of most concern, but I tried to handle it delicately. I put the characters through a lot, but to keep it from being such a dark book as a result, I layered plenty of clean humor in as well. The MC has the most traumatic backstory of any of them which I describe in that section. Another character briefly recounts how he was forced to kill his wife to save his young son. There is a young child in the book and a dog, but neither of them are harmed at all. The language used in this book is minimal. Though "s--t" is listed among the used exclamations, it is only used a handful of times. The others may appear more frequently but not to excess.

I wanted this book to be suitable for not only adults but kids as well. I understand many parents concern with the topics listed above which is why I wanted to provide a guide to show you what all is in this book. I understand and completely respect if your decision is to not allow your child to read this book until they reach a certain age or at all if that be the case. That is why I made this guide. I hope this can ease your mind in what your child is reading.

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