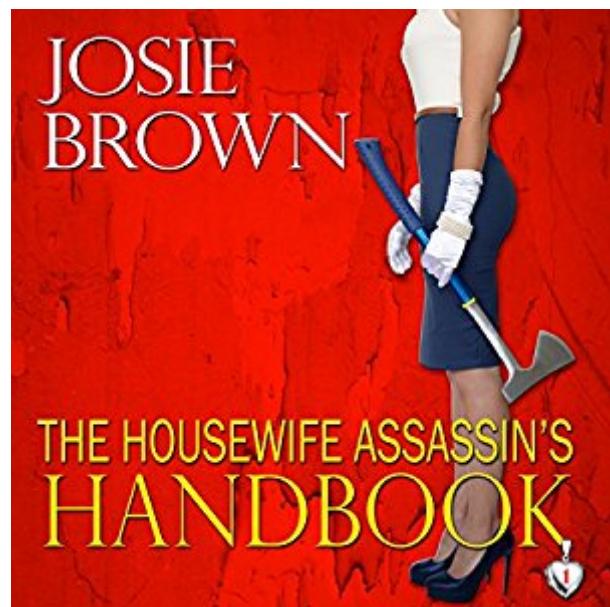


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The Housewife Assassin's Handbook: The Housewife Assassin, Book 1



Synopsis

Every desperate housewife wants an alias. Donna Stone has one - and it happens to be government-sanctioned. But Donna earned it the hard way: Her husband was killed the day she delivered their third child. To avenge her husband's murder, Donna leads a secret life as an assassin. But espionage makes for strange bedfellows, and brings new meaning to that old adage, "Honey, I'm home...."

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Customer Reviews

Not funny, not romantic, and not a mystery, but if you want a ridiculous plot with lots of sex and violence, this is for you

The plotlines were very simple. It was easy to see exactly where the author was going with the story. There was no mystery, simply an excuse for sex scenes written without the use of a decent thesaurus. Lots of slang for body parts slamming together. Not a treat.

MY THOUGHTSABSOLUTELY LOVED ITDonna thinks her husband has a normal job that includes a LOT of travel but it affords her the life she has always dreamed of and then Carl is declared dead while she is at the hospital delivering her third child, she finds out exactly what his job entailed as an assassin. When the money runs out from his job, she finds out the strange truth about what Carl actually did and is drawn in a world of espionage and terrorists. I guess being a mother prepares

you for coordinating attacks and being vicious and you can ask anyone who has ever been involved in the PTA. She is hired by Acme Industries as an operative to help counteract the activities of the Quorum and other slime. So when Donna's "husband" returns to her life, it turns out to be Jack, another Acme operative that wants to use her as a front. She tries to get to the bottom of exactly what happened to her husband. There are more twists and turns in this plot than Mulholland Drive and if you have been in the car with me, just as fast! Her partner in crime is now Jack but Donna can't exactly figure out which side he is on and every time she thinks she has the answer it is wrong. This is a super sexy and fun read that you shouldn't miss! How do I love this book, let me count the ways: 1. A kick ass woman that can literally kick ass as well as cook and clean. Donna gives a whole new meaning to "taking out the trash". 2. The book is set around Los Angeles, mostly in a gated community suspiciously like Coto de Caza, full of housewives that could be 'real' and for the setting alone, a big giant WIN! 3. Super Sarcasm, snarky dialogue and making fun of all that is wrong in the OC, politics, as well as current world affairs.

This book is a complete waste of time. Unbelievable plot, unbelievable characters, filthy language, graphic sexual descriptions. One review references 'Get Smart'. I would choose "Three Stooges"-without any laughter. One of the very few reads that I stopped because I would rather wash dishes.

Okay, a super-sexy CIA murderess, faithful to her husband Carl, worried about picking up her kids after school, bent over, naked, legs spread under a Russian agent who she is going to assassinate by cutting his throat? I closed the Kindle down and erased the story after the first chapter. This may be someone's idea of barely implausible, but the whole premise is literary garbage. If you're into bondage, wanton rape and brutality, you may like this book. If you are not into such a life, save the electrons.

The Housewife Assassin's Handbook was a little pulpy, a little campy, and except for one WTH? plot twist, a thoroughly enjoyable read. Think Desperate Housewives with ninja skills and technical support. It seems that being a mommy and an assassin require similar talents, and it's okay if you can't see the connection--Donna Stone will walk you through it. She manages to juggle her carpool and dispatching international bad guys with a calm detachment...well, with the bad guys at least--if only she could draw on that cool when it comes to dealing with the mean mommies in her posh suburban neighborhood. What was bad? Well, there is a plot hole or two and the WTH plot twist. But

I can get past that last...What was good? I love this idea--it is so unbelievable in it's ridiculousness that it is amazing. Brown doesn't dance around her story or her characters. There is no apologizing and no half-way in her characters or their actions; she just sells 'em big and over-the-top and it works.Great rainy day read!

I think this is probably Satire. Or at least tongue in cheek. One part of me says hooray for taking all those cliches and making fun of them, giving a fresh twist with predictability. For playing with all that melodrama in the bedroom. The other part of me just groans. When I was finished, I did some research and found that Ms. Brown is widely accepted as a brilliant writer who, does from time to time, write Satire. If this is Satire, it's beautiful. I just wish I'd known it before I invested in my protagonists. Because protagonist One waffles and sleeps with more than one person (not necessarily bad, but the complete emotional swing kinda throws ya). And then she wants to eliminate the other protagonist violently (who I happened to like). Wild uncharacteristic emotional swings mixed with making the main protagonist seem stupid just doesn't do it for me. It was hilarious in places though. And I like that the author's note says she had fun writing it. And she's done her research of suburbia and assassin-world. So part of me wanted to give it a four star rating. Funny. Sexy. Satire-y. The other half beat the star rating with a shoe because, even Satire needs a romance and characters you can count on.

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