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Confessions of an Assassin is the story of Catherine Carnegie. Although she was born to a wealthy, prestigious family from New York, her dream was all things southern. “Cat” finally obtained everything that she dreamed of since childhood. Once established in the loveliest home in Eufaula, Alabama, she meets a vaguely familiar man from her college days who changes her life. What begins as a fun diversion attending state dinners in Washington, soon immerses her in a dangerous unknown government agency. Despite attempts to withdraw from their clutches, she realizes that they are ruthless and unwilling to ever let her leave. Her assignments become more dangerous; sent to various places all over the globe. Eventually, she is given her most heart wrenching assignment in Bali, Indonesia which will change her life forever.

Confessions of an Assassin Details

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Jenn Swanson says

This book was filled with excitement and contained suspense. I did enjoy the fact that the voice was a woman's, but, to me at least that voice was disappointing. At the very beginning, she seemed to be empowered and I was really enjoying the story but toward the middle, I didn't like how she only seemed to value herself if she was with a man. Overall, the story was good and I would recommend.

Samie Sands says

Oh wow! I was very excited to read 'Confessions of an Assassin' as I am a huge fan of Linda Heavner Gerald and I wasn't disappointed. The book is filled with action, as can be expected, but it was so much more than that. The characters have many layers which unravel as the plot thickens and the story is filled with unexpected twists and turns. I love the way it is written as a woman looking back on her life because it means she is viewing the love, the loss, the excitement, the danger, all with the benefit of hindsight. I would recommend this book to anyone, no matter what genre you prefer as there is something in there for everyone!

Linda says

This book thrills me. I feel that I have crossed a plateau with my writing. The story-line is so interesting due to the settings of Abaco, Bahamas, London, and Bali, Indonesia not to mention the lovely town of Eufaula, Alabama. I knew when my husband and I passed through that I had to set a book there. This is not just a story of espionage and intrigue; it is a story of love and redemption.

Lila L Pinord says

This book holds everything a reader desires in a suspense/thriller. It is told in the voice of Catherine, or Cat as she is also called, as she tells her life's tale as if writing in a journal. We watch as she slowly dips into the life of a spy filled with hope and disappointment, love and hate, elation and despair. Indeed, our heroine feels all of these emotions and it's hard to believe one person could suffer all this and still survive. When she finally finds great love and they share a mutual love of art, we find ourselves pulling for her. Be prepared for a surprise ending!

Highly recommended by

Lila L. Pinord, Author of Skye Dancer and three other books.

Chanda Curry says

I received this book to review honestly. It's title is what grabbed me. I kept reading thinking I knew exactly

when she would become an assassin. That is the kicker, it keeps you intrigued enough you can't stop reading. Cat is like me. She doesn't follow the path set before her, she makes her own path and it leads her to happiness, sorrow and back to her faith.. The girl has grit and a backbone, she knows what she wants and she goes for it, screw what anyone else thinks let alone society. When an intriguing offer to join a secret group(who doesn't want to be a spy) is made she jumps in feet first and loses herself for a bit. Then she finds love and her faith again. She gets her grit back.. It is a well written book of the first person filled with enough page turning suspense of what will spend next, that will have you feeling for her by the end. I highly recommend this book.

MaryKaye says

The story is about Catherine Carnegie who comes from a wealthy family and is college educated. She is a painter and runs a successful art gallery. Catherine makes decisions with reckless abandonment, which she later regrets. Frank, who she met in college, recruits her into this secret government group. I "frankly" found Frank to be annoying with his catch phrases. I thought this book had unrealistic characters and actions. The title is what drew me to this book, but I don't see how the title or cover really relate to the story either? I found word errors, and sentence errors on pages 129 and 144. I was disappointed in this book. I even had discussions about this story in length with my husband, wondering what "I" was missing. I received a copy of this book from Goodreads, in exchange for a honest review.

Sarah says

Note: I won a free copy from the author through Goodreads giveaways.

Two stars is being generous. I was really looking forward to a story of intrigue and assassins, which the description appeared to promise. What I didn't expect, was the God theme and lack of intrigue. Reading the book description alone (which I did when I entered the giveaway) does not even hit at this being a type of Christian fiction. While I don't hate that type of book, it would have been nice to know before starting the book, then seeing the author bio with that information in it.

Aside from the 'oh no I'm turning from God' woven through the story, I had hope that this would still be a good novel. In the beginning the narrator's voice is intriguing, but then nothing really happens. How is being her own person a bad thing? I never knew that doing something that your family frowns upon is disgracing God, but according to this book it is. Now I know that this isn't explicitly in the book, it is the impression that I got.

Everything comes a bit too easy to the narrator, her ability to go to the college she wants, finding her dream house, finding her dream studio. It wasn't very realistic. The intrigue and inclusion of her into this 'spy' ring seemed a bit odd as well. I kept wondering when something would happen and then halfway through the book she joins this group.

SPOILER

Even when the book ended, I wondered when she was going to be an assassin. I mean if this was supposed to be an assassin's confession, I expected her to kill someone. Not have her cook do it. Things got a bit far

fetches pretty quickly and I only kept reading in hopes it would get better. I applaud those who enjoy her books, but they just aren't for me.

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Ms. Reader says

I received this book from Goodreads First Reads in exchange for an honest review...

I honestly couldn't get myself interested in this book. It looked interesting, it appeared exciting, the story seemed captivating enough, but this book failed to please. I found the book to drag on endlessly, with way too much filler, the characters were weak, and the details were dull. Overall, the plot and storyline was boring.

William Chege says

I loved the unexpected twists and turns :-)

Tara Franklin says

Confession of an Assassin

As a book that I received for free for a review, I must say that the free was the best part. The book lagged in places and did not have a cohesive plot that you could follow well. It also had some parts that did not really make sense. Finally, the development of the characters did not really fully grab me and make me want to root for or against them.

Max Stone says

Three words: Oh. My. God.

First off, the cover was amazing. It caught my attention right away. I had to get right in.

Second, the story.

You'll want to jump right in, which is good because Gerald builds up your hopes and doesn't disappoint. She tells a great story from the point of view of the all-too-relatable Catherine Carnegie, a woman from a well-to-do family whose love for danger has become more addictive than the most powerful drug for her.

From there, her life becomes one risky decision after another, all of which will keep you guessing all the way toward an ending that you won't expect. In conclusion, Confessions of an Assassin is a classic that will no doubt be in libraries and bookstores for years to come. This is my first Linda Heavner Gerald book and I'm looking forward to reading more from her.

Rosie Amber says

Confessions of an Assassin is a memoir style book. The storyline then rolls out the life of Catherine Carnegie from childhood to her age of around 50 when she is looking back on her life.

The author's familiar writing style is to tell us about the events of her life and I picked up the writing voice from another of Linda's books, which I had previously read. The first 23 chapters tell us about Catherine's privileged upbringing, her love of "Gone With The Wind" and a wish to live a Southern style life in a house like Tara. We learn of the choices she made, the loss of her parents and the introduction to Frank, who has unsettling characteristics.

Catherine first met Frank at college and she remembers his wish to enter the CIA and it's Frank who reveals he's been following her and recruits her. Catherine is used as a glamorous assistant to Frank as he gathers information and her big chance is when she is asked to play a game to get close to a new target.

When Catherine quickly falls in love with Farid, she begins a new life of luxury as a kept woman. Farid has his own secrets, but showers Catherine with expensive gifts and they share a love of painting.

When the CIA go one step too far asking Catherine to kill Farid, she turns to God for help and confesses all.

The author wants to tell us through Catherine's story that regardless of your actions, God will always welcome you back.

From the title I thought this book was going to be full of stories from a hardened assassin, it's not, in fact Catherine doesn't kill anyone. It was always going to be a memoir, this one has a religious moral it wants to portray.

Linda says

This is the best work yet by this author!

Carrie (The Butterfly Reader) says

I'm really getting tired of books that don't state what they are when I pick them up or request them for review. No where in the blurb did it say this would lean into Christian Fiction. So be warned!!!!

Now besides that part playing a huge part in the story, it even gets to the part where she starts to question herself, who she is, how she is doing things her family would hate and how that is disgracing God too. Look, I've said this before, I have nothing, nothing at all against Christian fiction, it's just not my cup of tea.

I love the narrator's voice, thought it was relatable and it felt authentic. I was entertained from the first moment and enjoyed the writing. I do think Catherine was stupid in most of the choices she made but who hasn't made stupid choices in life? It made her that much more relatable. I do think the ending was a bit of a let down but maybe that's just me. I do still recommend this book if it sounds interesting to you.

I volunteered to read this book in exchange for an honest review
