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3 of 3 people found the following review helpful

5.0 out of 5 stars **great read**, 3 Sep 2013

By

[linda irvine](#) - [See all my reviews](#)

This review is from: Birth of an Assassin (Kindle Edition)

This book was action packed with a fantastic plot and fast moving story. Jez made a great main character and the setting in Russia where jews have had a particularly bad time was very authentic couldn't put the book down once I started reading it.

Hope this author writes more would be very interested to see a sequel. fantastic read!

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5.0 out of 5 stars **Fast paced totally gripping thriller**, 31 Aug 2013

By

[Mrs Nicola Pond](#) - [See all my reviews](#)

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This review is from: Birth of an Assassin (Kindle Edition)

First book I have read by this author but definitely won't be the last.

Not only is this a great read but it also benefits from a very interesting setting. Quickly became attached to the central character Jez and the twists and turns of an intriguing plot.

Definitely a book you won't want to put down as the storyline moves to a tense conclusion.

Look forward to the following books in this series.

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5.0 out of 5 stars **Complex and engrossing.**, 2 Jan 2014

By

[.mcmahon](#) - [See all my reviews](#)

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Knowing little about Russia and the stories of police etc there I quickly began to be fascinated by the detailed storyline. It was complex and I took awhile to focus on the

different Russian names, But by the end I was pleased with the way the storyline captivated me. Yes I know Anna had to find him! It worked for me how it came about.

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5.0 out of 5 stars **Great Read!**, 5 Nov 2013

By

[Mrs J S West](#) - [See all my reviews](#)

This review is from: Birth of an Assassin (Kindle Edition)

Loved reading this book, what an interesting story and kept me gripped right to the end! A Thoroughly recommended read! :)

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5.0 out of 5 stars **Birth of an assassin**, 17 Oct 2013

By

[christina clark](#) - [See all my reviews](#)

This review is from: Birth of an Assassin (Kindle Edition)

The book made great reading Jez was a great character, and the story line kept me interested to the end I look forward to the next book from Rik Stone,

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5.0 out of 5 stars **Brilliant book**, 1 Oct 2013

By

[Mrs J C Martin](#) - [See all my reviews](#)

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This review is from: Birth of an Assassin (Kindle Edition)

Loved this book. Gripping story - can't wait for a sequel - will be the first to buy. Thanks again

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Amazon US Reviews

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5.0 out of 5 stars **This soldier is taking no prisoners, he wants revenge!!!**, September 21, 2013

By

Sezoni Whitfield (DC) - [See all my reviews](#)

This review is from: [Birth of an Assassin \(Paperback\)](#)

Stone packs some powerful imagery in "Birth of an Assassin," and a tantalizing plot like no other author I've ever seen in this genre.

This suspenseful thriller takes place in Moscow, Russia 1947, and the main character, Jez Kornfeld, a young Jewish recruit, gets a heaping dose of reality in the cruel world that surrounds him. Jez goes to an army recruitment center thinking he's signing up to become a soldier, and learns quickly this is not "the man's" army. By the time he figures out what's going on, he's already caught up in a world of crime and corruption. And the only way out is to kill your way out. When Jez realizes this is the hand life has dealt him, he becomes the ultimate killing machine turned assassin and seeking revenge. He settles the score with his enemies in the most ruthless ways you could ever imagine.

The historical part of "Birth of an Assassin" didn't spark my interest that much, but I did find intriguing the way Jez Kornfeld carries out assassinations. How he kills a perpetrator is directly related to their importance, and right down to the method or weapon he chooses to kill them was seen in some instances as an honor. I'm reminded of the eerie feeling I got when Jez grabs Nikolas by the wrist and slowly twists it to a grind. I mentally can still hear the sound of bones popping and gristle cracking in Nikolas' arm.

The book gave me a new perspective on human trafficking. I thought I knew a lot of details about the subject, but the book is filled with new details. The story is long and could take a week to read, if you have the time. But the good news is it's a pace read, and it will hold your attention to keep you turning pages throughout the story. If you like thrillers filled with danger, revenge and life like characters, Birth of an Assassin is the book for you. I found the story suspenseful and well worth the read, and would highly recommend it.

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5.0 out of 5 stars **Jay Scully's Review of BIRTH OF AN ASSASSIN *******, December 20, 2013

By

Jay Scully - [See all my reviews](#)

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This review is from: [Birth of an Assassin \(Kindle Edition\)](#)

Born into the Jewish faith, Jez Kornfeld is taught at an early age how difficult life can be. Inevitably we see Rik Stone develop a finely honed protagonist that is neither a lawyer nor dilettante, but rather a poor, naïve boy turned into a processor of flesh and a rook ready to

strike. As this boy matures into a young man, it is obvious that he is not only dangerous, but highly intelligent. But who controls him? What is the boy's purpose? And why has he been made into the perfect weapon? And by whom? We see corruption at the highest levels of the Kremlin ... all the elements of a classic thriller. I highly recommend adding BIRTH OF AN ASSASSIN to your Reading List. Five Stars. Great story. Magnificent plot. Very clean writing. Author Jay Scully .

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5.0 out of 5 stars **A really gripping story!**, November 4, 2013

By

[ben miller](#) - [See all my reviews](#)

This review is from: Birth of an Assassin (Kindle Edition)

A highly descriptive scene and character setting transports you back to a Russia in times of oppression. The story is at times tense, always gripping and full of detail that may delight and surprise the reader. The main character evolves from an innocent young man with a sense of purpose and ambition to a skilled, ultra resourceful soldier. He undertakes his journey of deceit and terror using the skills of a soldier that would probably only be found within the crème of our Special Forces. If you enjoy a well written, well researched tale where you are unwilling to put the book down, this is for you.

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