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Assassin



Synopsis

Bella isn't evil. But even people with good intentions can end up doing bad things. Especially when they meet people with the power to persuade them to do almost anything, like John Wilkes Booth-the most charismatic and famous actor of his time. So when Booth sets his sights on Bella, an assistant seamstress to Mary Todd Lincoln, to help with his plot to kidnap President Lincoln, he is able to persuade her to betray her president and even turn her back on the boy she has loved her entire life. Bella believes Booth is only trying to force the North to release Southern war prisoners, and will not harm her dear friend Mr. Lincoln. But the kidnapping plot fails, and now Booth will stop at nothing--even if it means harming Bella in the process. Anna Myers has crafted a provocative new look at the Lincoln assassination through the eyes of both a young White House insider and the assassin himself. An author's note provides the historical background to this tragic event.

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Customer Reviews

"He noticed me then. I could feel his eyes on my burning face, but I looked only at the hem of the coat I held in my lap. My heart pounded as I heard his steps on the floor..." The book Assassin written by Anna Myers is about the story of Arabella Getchel and John Wilkes Booth. They tell their stories of what happened during the Civil War in the U.S. I liked this book because it has the views of two very different people telling about how they felt towards the war and their own lives. This

book wasn't that good since it was a historical fiction book. The book didn't spark my interest that much with the historical fiction part of the book, but it did spark me with the cause and effect action of Arabella. Cause and effect happened in most cases, such as, when Wilkes, as John Wilkes Booth liked to be called, tried to persuade Bella, as Arabella liked to be called, into helping him kidnap President Abraham Lincoln. At her part in the book, which switches off every chapter starting with Bella, she felt she had to decide between her father and Mr. Lincoln. While I was reading I was thinking on how she acted for the Union throughout the whole book unto this point, and so I thought she was going go with what she knew was right. Another thing that kind of got a spark going was what I learned about Wilkes in this book. I know it's not accurate but it does say he felt strongly for the South I didn't know he was that distinct about what he calls his "beloved South," even though he was born and from Maryland which was in the North. This book seemed like it was written for someone who likes books like Across Five Aprils or any other books that have to do with the Civil War and fictional people. I didn't like the book that much because it was historical fiction.

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