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Damien is an assassin, a man with no home and a tortured past. Sold into slavery as a young boy, he is trained to kill with cold calculation, without remorse. As a reward for his ruthless success, he is given a chance to earn his freedom from his cruel master. One last mission. One final person to slay...

Lady Aurora of Aquitaine is the epitome of purity and goodness, beloved by all her people. She lives her life trying to atone for her mother's cruelty by being a fair and just ruler. Secretly she fears that one day her mother's murderer will return for her.

When Damien enters Aurora's life, tempting her with promises of dark passion and forbidden lust, he threatens to tear her peaceful world apart with shadowy secrets of his own.

Can Aurora's light heal Damien's dark spirit or will his evil consume her? The eternal battle of good versus evil, love versus hate, dark versus light, all come to a shattering climax in this historical romance set in medieval England.

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## **From Reader Review Angel's Assassin for online ebook**

### **Maree Repa says**

Such an amazing book it was. It was definitely one of my all time favourites I have read over the years. Many thanks to this most amazing author, Laurel O'Donnell. Set in Medieval England when we met Damien, the known killer who ultimately rescues Lady Aurora from killers in Aquitaine.

They both befriend as Damien is then hired to be her body guard and protector after the death of her mother seven years ago. This was consented by her father Lord Gabriel.

I just loved this book so much. It was just so full of excitement, with so many ups and downs for all these amazing characters. I thoroughly loved it so much and just hope more would enjoy it as much as I did!!!

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### **Sheila says**

Damien has been sent to assassinate Aurora but saves her instead. Her father appoints him her bodyguard. Will he be able to complete his assignment or will he become the man she sees? Good characters. Stays true to the time period.

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### **Ann Gonzalez says**

#### **Good story**

There were a few parts I questioned and didn't quite understand why, but overall it was a good story with likable characters.

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### **Harmony Kent says**

I received a free copy of a box set with this book in exchange for an honest review.

This novel is a historical romance set in 1392 England. Damien is an assassin sold into slavery as a young boy, desperate to regain his freedom by any means necessary. Aurora is the kind and gentle daughter of a selfish lady, who witnessed her mother's murder years ago. When an attempt is made upon Aurora's life, Damien steps in and rescues her. When Damien enters Aurora's life, tempting her with promises of dark passion and forbidden lust, he threatens to tear her peaceful world apart with shadowy secrets of his own.

The writing is passive, and the use of Americanisms such as 'off of' spoil the fiction. This is a North American phrase that you just don't hear in England, and especially not in 1392 Britain. It just jars. The scene where Damien finds Aurora in the cave and then beds her is unrealistic and undermines his whole characterisation to that point, especially when he feels it's an obvious trap/setup. For sure, he wouldn't get them both naked and so vulnerable. Other than that, the characterisation is okay, and the plot and pacing are

steady. The book contains steamy scenes that are written well with a good build up. It gets 3.5 out of 5 stars, rounded up to a soft 4 for rating purposes.

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### **Mandy Jones says**

I really enjoyed reading this book. I am not normally a huge fan of historical romances, but I really liked this book. Damien is an assassin hired to kill Lady Aurora, by doing so he will be granted his freedom. Fate has a different path for Damien; he actually saves Aurora from another assassin and in turn becomes her body guard. Lady Aurora sees the good in Damien and helps him to recognize that he has a choice in life. In the end goodness prevails over evil. Laurel did an excellent job of keeping the reader intrigued. I was rooting for Damien to have a change of heart. I thought this book was well written and would recommend it very highly.

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### **Margaret says**

I've read this book several times and I always feel each time I finish that I've been somewhere special. A young man, brutalized since he was a child, hopes to free himself of his life as an assassin. But his last job, escorting a beautiful young woman to her death, is not what he thought it would be. For the first time in his life, Damien is in love with an angel. You can't read this one and not get emotional.

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### **Becca says**

I read this as part of the Love Historicals presents Once Upon A Kiss boxed set.

See review here.

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### **Anne says**

A well thought out plot and made unusual by the hero being an assassin and then protecting the heroine. Good characterization too.

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### **Carlene Michalk says**

#### **Story of Love and Redemption that captured my heart!**

This is my first book by this author, and should not be my last because I highly enjoyed this.

The story of Aurora and Damien kept me on my toes. He came to kill her to when his own freedom from his cruel evil master and yet he ends up falling in love with a beautiful Aurora. But it is not easy. There are other assassins that are willing to kill her and he has to protect her from each and everyone! I love my books with action, adventure, A little violence, of course when they touch my feels. That is how to win me over with the

book. And this one I was really enthralled with it.

My favorite part of the book has to be when they were riding horses. I had a good chuckle and a good swoon after! Really love the chemistry between the two main characters. And how she let him see the light by touching his heart. This was a very romantic book and I highly enjoyed every bit of it!

Brava! I shall be reading more from this author.

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### **Ruth Hill says**

This is the quintessential historical romance--practically perfect in every way. This was one of those books that I almost could not put down. I loved the writing style, the romance, the story, and you will probably not see the twists and turns that come towards the end. I sure didn't! This was crafted in such an amazing way, and I think most romantics would love it and even some history buffs might find it enjoyable.

There were a few minor issues as far as the book goes. I don't think there really was any profanity in the book--at least that I can remember. There are some sex scenes, and I didn't feel that the detail during one of the scenes was necessary, but it did not ruin my perception of the book--as you can see. While there is a lot of violence, none of it is overly graphic. Yes, it paints a picture, but it was never offensive to me.

This author is absolutely amazing. Her powers of description are rare in today's writing world (at least from what I have seen). And her characterizations are amazing. Practically every character is three-dimensional, and I truly connected with the story even though I am so far removed. I would definitely recommend this book, and I can hardly wait to read more of her historical novels.

I was sent a copy of this book in exchange for my honest review. I was not financially compensated, and all opinions are 100 percent mine.

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### **Loretta says**

Wow, loved this book. It was gripping and exciting from the start. I couldn't put it down. This book had all and a bit more to hold your attention, an assassin that had to complete a kill to gain his freedom. I was swept away with this story, all the characters were believable and made me feel as if I was living in this era, and the ending just how I like them. ??

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### **Morgan Wyatt says**

**Angel's Assassin** by Laurel O'Donnell is suspenseful historic romance. Lady Aurora lives in the time of romantic castles, ambitious missions and far-reaching cruelty. Her

task is to undo the evil her mother has spread throughout the land under her rule, but Aurora is up to the task. A stranger enters the picture winning her trust, while keeping his true purpose behind his visit secret.

Damien is a slave and a trained assassin. He is good at what he does, so good, in fact, that his master agrees to release him if he kills one last person. As a cold, calculating killer Damien never asks why a person must die, he just carries out his duty that is until he meets Aurora. The woman shines like a light into his dark life, illuminating corners he'd forgotten, making him yearn for both home and love. The only problem is to gain his freedom he must kill the only woman who ever truly cared about him.

Lady Aurora is aware her mother's evil continues to reap consequences no matter how hard Aurora works to correct the wrong done. Her mother's killer might possibly come back for her. Dark brooding Damien enters her world upsetting her already tenuous balance by creating forbidden desires for someone not of her station. She finds herself drawn to the unsuitable man. He is a stranger who keeps so much from her. Even though she knows all the reasons to stay away from Damien, she fails to heed them.

**Angel's Assassin**, moves at a nice pace with excellent descriptions and supporting characters. There is a period flavor with no textbook-feel history lessons. Damien and Aurora's romance progresses in stages as most romances realistically do. Usually finding out your lover is also your assassin is a bit off putting. As a reader, I wanted the two to work out their differences with no bloodshed.

**Angel's Assassin** is a wonderful page-turner romance. Make sure you have enough time to finish it because you will not be putting it down. Two thumbs up for Ms. O'Donnell and **Angel's Assassin**.

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### **Barbara Leterski says**

#### **Goodness Wins**

I really enjoyed reading this story! Laurel O'Donnell has written about good and evil. Damien is a trained assassin and is sent to kill Aurora of Aquitaine. He has several days to do the deed. He saves her from other assassin's but the goodness he sees in her changes him. The one man who owns him is evil to the core. This is a good story to read! Goodness does win!

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### **Zoe says**

I rate this book 5 stars because I really took to the story. The writing is fairly simple, so is the story. It is not one of those stories that keep you on your toes but rather, one that lets you sit back and relax. The plot is not complicated so if you like intricately intertwined stories, this book will not do it for you. It reads however, very well and the story is sweet and tender.

The hero is an assassin. Being betrayed as a young boy by his brother, he was raised as property and to be an assassin for his master and never had a chance at learning the gentle side of life. He received an order from his master one day to kill a young girl, the heroine, in return his master will finally grant him his freedom. So he set out to kill the girl. When he finally met the girl, he saved her from another assassination attempt, albeit to his own dismay. He wondered why someone else was trying to kill her. So he stayed his hands to see how

things would develop.

Heroine was grateful to hero for saving her life and scared out of her wits, asked her father to hire hero as her bodyguard. She saw her own mother murdered in front of her when she was young and still suffered from the experience. So the assassin became his target's protector. To make things worse, hero fell in love with the girl he was supposed to kill for his freedom. He was trapped. The girl was of noble birth and they never had a chance at love. He could not bring himself to kill her. He had no freedom and no hopes for a better future with heroine.

Hero's brother however, made a comeback later in the book. The truth about the murder of heroine's mother came out. Everything threatened the heroine's trust in things she believed to be true. People she trusted, her father, her bodyguard who she fell in love with, turned out to harbor secrets which once revealed, were devastating. Strong girl managed to stay in composure, which I admire greatly and took life in strides. No angry or crazy fits. Just grace. I love such heroines.

I went to greater length in describing the story in this review because I think to like this book, you have to like this kind of stories. It is not a literary success, has no complicated plots and is rather simple. But it is a good reading experience, if you like a tender redemption love story, where the hero is not a jerk, trying to hide his feelings by hurting heroine. Hero in this book is just a quiet man who did not get angry at heroine just so that he did not appear emotional. I enjoyed this book a lot and went on to another book from the same author. I did not like the other one so much because like this book it is also kind of 'simple'. But what sets Angel's Assassin apart for me is the story itself.

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### **Lori D says**

Intense. That is the first word that comes to mind. I was not prepared for the emotions that took control as I read this story. A true battle between good and evil with a hero that needs saving just as much as the heroine. Damien, a trained assassin, has been raised in darkness after being sold into slavery at a young age. His goal is to gain his freedom from the cruel master that has held him all of the years. One final mission, to kill Lady Aurora of Aquitaine and his freedom is won. But can he do it when he meets her? Aurora is all that is good. Pure of heart, she is loved by all her people. But when Damien sees Aurora for the first time, he ends up saving her from an assassin! There are several twist and turns to this story that will keep you turning the pages and holding your breath as emotions erupt and lives are in danger. As Damien becomes Aurora's bodyguard (the wolf guarding the sheep?), the two spend a lot of time together and emotions that Damien has not felt in years come to light. She is the light to his darkness. Can Damien become the man he wants to be and save them both? I really enjoyed this story and cannot wait to read the next book by Laurel O'Donnell. What a great storyteller!!

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