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Saladin and the Assassins

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This historical romantic novel is set at the time of Saladin, the great religious reformer, mythical leader and unifier of an Islamic world in disarray by political and social contradictions at the beginning of the

twelfth century. Princess Sittalmulk, "The Lady of the Realm" is the beautiful and strong-willed sister to the weak Fatimid Caliph al-'Adid in Cairo. She has many suitors: Saladin has been persuaded that his political ambitions would be enhanced by a union with the caliph's sister. Such is also the case for the ruthless and ambitious Hasan who claims Fatimid ancestry and wants to become

caliph. But the princess falls passionately in love with 'Imadin, a courageous commoner and member of Saladin's inner circle, after he saves her life and honor. Hasan a conspirator with few scruples arranges to have the princess abducted and uses the Assassins, a religious sect, to threaten and do away with Saladin. One morning Saladin wakes up with a dagger firmly planted above his head with a threatening

letter signed by the "old man of the mountains" the Leader of the famous Assassins ready to sacrifice their lives in the service of their cause. But 'Imadin, is determined to come to his master's rescue by personally confronting the Assassins while his loyalty to Saladin raises insurmountable conflicts within himself on how to respond to the princess's advances... The stage is thus set for the contest for the princess's heart interlaced with the battle for the caliphate to

succeed al-'Adid. Who will prevail and how? The fast paced action, with lots of twists and turns, is full of suspense that keeps us guessing to the very end....

The Hidden History of the JFK Assassination The Secret Order of Assassins Nearly a decade and a half after 9/11, the study of international politics has yet to address some of the most pressing issues raised by the attacks, most notably the relationships between Al Qaeda's international systemic origins and its

international societal effects. This theoretically broad-ranging and empirically far-reaching study addresses that question and others, advancing the study of international politics into new historical settings while providing insights into pressing policy challenges. Looking at actors that depart from established structural and behavioral patterns provides opportunities to examine how those deviations help generate the norms and identities that constitute

international society. Systematic examination of the Assassins, Mongols, and Barbary powers provides historical comparison and context to our contemporary struggle, while enriching and deepening our understanding of the systemic forces behind, and societal effects of, these confounding powers.

The Last Assassin Simon and Schuster
A brilliant true crime account of the assassinations that altered the course of Irish

history from the “compulsively readable” writer (The Guardian). One sunlit evening, May 6, 1882, Lord Frederick Cavendish and Thomas Burke, Chief Secretary and Undersecretary for Ireland, were ambushed and stabbed to death while strolling through Phoenix Park in Dublin. The murders were funded by American supporters of Irish independence and carried out by the Invincibles, a militant faction of republicans armed with specially made surgeon’s blades.

They put an end to the new spirit of goodwill that had been burgeoning between British Prime Minister William Gladstone and Ireland’s leader Charles Stewart Parnell as the men forged a secret pact to achieve peace and independence in Ireland—with the newly appointed Cavendish, Gladstone’s protégé, to play an instrumental role in helping to do so. In a story that spans Donegal, Dublin, London, Paris, New York, Cannes, and Cape Town, Julie Kavanagh thrillingly

traces the crucial events that came before and after the murders. From the adulterous affair that caused Parnell's downfall; to Queen Victoria's prurient obsession with the assassinations; to the investigation spearheaded by Superintendent John Mallon, also known as the "Irish Sherlock Holmes," culminating in the eventual betrayal and clandestine escape of leading Invincible James Carey and his murder on the high seas, *The Irish Assassins* brings us intimately into this

fascinating story that shaped Irish politics and engulfed an Empire. Praise for Julie Kavanagh's *Nureyev: The Life* "Easily the best biography of the year." —The Philadelphia Inquirer "The definitive biography of ballet's greatest star whose ego was as supersized as his talent." —Tina Brown, award-winning journalist and author
The History of the Assassins Pen and Sword "Assassin of Youth" is a lyrical, digressive, funny, and ultimately riveting quasi-biography of a little

known man: Harry J. Anslinger, the first commissioner of the Federal Bureau of Narcotics. The J. Edgar Hoover of pot busts, Anslinger played a major role in the creation of America's prohibitionist drug policy and the racist and ineffective carceral state that resulted. But Anslinger himself was dull, ordinary, a square. How then does Alexandra Chasin write his biography? Her treatment of Anslinger, his times, and the mentalities that arose and prevailed

around and through him is part cultural history, part lyrical meditation, and only part biography. Each of her short chapters is anchored in a historical document a piece of legislation, a court decision, snatches of popular literature and the chapters engage with the voices, presumptions, insights, and blind spots of those documents to illuminate Anslinger and his world. "Assassin of Youth" is as riotous and loose a history of drug laws as can be imagined and yet, it is rooted in

very close attention to language and context. Today, even as marijuana is slowly being legalized, we have not yet fully reckoned with the haze of influences and mentalities that have enabled our long embrace of severe punishments for drug possession and use. Alexandra Chasin here shows us the deep, twisted roots of our love and hatred of drugs of all sorts."

[The History of the Assassins](#) Penguin

Many men killed Julius Caesar. Only one man

was determined to kill the killers. From the spring of 44 BC through one of the most dramatic and influential periods in history, Caesar's adopted son, Octavian, the future Emperor Augustus, exacted vengeance on the assassins of the Ides of March, not only on Brutus and Cassius, immortalized by Shakespeare, but all the others too, each with his own individual story. The last assassin left alive was one of the lesser-known: Cassius Parmensis was a poet and sailor who chose every side in the

dying Republic's civil wars except the winning one, a playwright whose work was said to have been stolen and published by the man sent to kill him. Parmensis was in the back row of the plotters, many of them Caesar's friends, who killed for reasons of the highest political principles and lowest personal piques. For fourteen years he was the most successful at evading his hunters but has been barely a historical foot note--until now. The Last Assassin dazzlingly charts an epic

turn of history through the eyes of an unheralded man. It is a history of a hunt that an emperor wanted to hide, of torture and terror, politics and poetry, of ideas and their consequences, a gripping story of fear, revenge, and survival.

Assassins' Deeds Fireship Press

Alamut takes place in 11th Century Persia, in the fortress of Alamut, where self-proclaimed prophet Hasan ibn Sabbah is setting up his mad but brilliant plan to rule the region with a handful of

elite fighters who are to become his "living daggers." By creating a virtual paradise at Alamut, filled with beautiful women, lush gardens, wine and hashish, Sabbah is able to convince his young fighters that they can reach paradise if they follow his commands. With parallels to Osama bin Laden, Alamut tells the story of how Sabbah was able to instill fear into the ruling class by creating a small army of devotees who were willing to kill, and be killed, in

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Persia and Syria from the 11th to mid 13th century, the Assassins were a nonconforming sect of Shiite Muslims. They remained influential till their defeat at the hands of the Mongols during the mid-13th century. They stayed secure in their fortified hilltop castles and became infamous for their technique of singling out opposition figures and killing them, mainly in knife-wielding teams. The group was called the Assassins by their rivals because of their use of hashish. Austrian

orientalist and historian Joseph von Hammer-Purgstall presents an accurate and detailed account of the events concerning this mysterious group. This work results from his devoted study of Oriental history and philology. It's a well-written history where the author covers crucial subjects and critical timelines, including the foundation of the Order of the Assassins, and Reign of the first Grand-Master, Hassan Sabah; the reign of Kia Busurgomid, and of

his son, Mohammed; the reign of Hassan II., son of Mohammed, son of Busurgomid, surnamed Ala sikrihi es-selam, and his son, Mohammed II; the reign of Jeleleddin Hassan III Ben Mohammed Hassan,—and of his son, Alaeddin Mohammed III; the reign of Rokneddin Kharshah, the last Grand-Master of the Assassins; the conquest of Bagdad—Fall of the Assassins-Remnant of them. How to Kill Simon and Schuster "The Assassins of Alamut"

is a riveting tale painted on the vast canvas of life in Palestine and Persia during the 12th century, over vast snow covered mountains, through the frozen wastes of the winter plateau, and into the fabulous cites of Hamadan, Isfahan, and the Kingdom of Jerusalem. *Assassin's Creed: The Secret Crusade* Legare Street Press

Assassins have been killing the powerful and famous for at least three thousand years. Personal ambition, revenge, and anger have encouraged

many to violent deeds, like the Turkish sultan who had nineteen of his brothers strangled or the bodyguards who murdered a dozen Roman emperors. More recently have come new motives like religious and political fanaticism, revolution and liberation, with governments also getting in on the act, while many victims seem to have been surprisingly careless: Abraham Lincoln was killed after letting his bodyguard go for a drink. So, do assassinations work? Drawing on

anecdote, historical evidence, and statistical analysis, *Assassins' Deeds* delves into some of history's most notorious acts, unveiling an intriguing cast of characters, ingenious methods of killing, and many unintended consequences.

The Irish Assassins I. B. Tauris

A sexy new adventure-packed romance with a paranormal twist-from the award-winning author. Archeologist Emma Zale sees the past when she touches relics. It's how

she uncovered evidence of an ancient order of assassins-the Sicari. When a sinfully dark stranger shows up on her Chicago doorstep demanding an artifact she doesn't have, he drags her into a world where telekinesis and empaths-someone who can sense the emotions of others- are the norm. Now someone wants her dead, and her only hope of survival is an assassin who's every bit as dangerous to her body as he is to her heart.

Basic Books

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comprehensive, accessible, and authoritative account of history's first terrorists. An offshoot of the Ismaili Shi'ite sect of Islam, the Assassins were the first group to make systematic use of murder as a political weapon.

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of the Crusaders, who brought their name and fame back to Europe. Professor Lewis traces the history of this radical Islamic sect, studying its teachings and its influence on Muslim thought. Particularly insightful in light of the rise of the terrorist attacks in the US and in Israel, this account of the group that lent its name to politically motivated murder places recent events in historical perspective and sheds new light on the fanatic mind. Book jacket.

Assassin's Creed: The Complete Visual History
DigiCat

The “compelling [and] vivid” (The New York Times Book Review) true story of a man who claimed to be a survivor of a 1919 British massacre in India, his elaborate twenty-year plan for revenge, and the mix of truth and legend that made him a hero to hundreds of millions. When Sir Michael O’Dwyer, the Lieutenant Governor of Punjab, ordered Brigadier General Reginald Dyer to Amritsar,

he wanted Dyer to bring the troublesome city to heel. Sir Michael had become increasingly alarmed at the effect Gandhi was having on his province, as well as recent demonstrations, strikes, and shows of Hindu-Muslim unity. All these things, to Sir Michael, were a precursor to a second Indian revolt. What happened next shocked the world. An unauthorized gathering in the Jallianwallah Bagh in Amritsar in April 1919 became the focal point for Sir Michael’s law

enforcers. Dyer marched his soldiers into the walled public park, blocking the only exit. Then, without issuing any order to disperse, he instructed his men to open fire, turning their guns on the crowd, which numbered in the thousands and included women and children. The soldiers continued firing for ten minutes, stopping only when they ran out of ammunition. According to legend, nineteen-year-old Sikh orphan Udham Singh was injured in the attack, and remained surrounded

by the dead and dying until he was able to move the next morning. Then, he supposedly picked up a handful of blood-soaked earth, smeared it across his forehead, and vowed to kill the men responsible. The truth, as the author has discovered, is more complex—but no less dramatic. Award-winning journalist Anita Anand traced Singh’s journey through Africa, the United States, and across Europe until, in March 1940, the young man finally arrived in front of O’Dwyer

himself in a London hall ready to shoot him down. The Patient Assassin “mixes Tom Ripley’s con-man-for-all-seasons versatility with Edmond Dantès’s persistence” (The Wall Street Journal) and reveals the incredible but true story behind a legend that still endures today.

The history of the Assassins, tr. by O.C. Wood Reaktion Books ‘Written with Burleigh’s characteristic brio, with pithy summaries of historical moments (he is brilliant on the Americans

in Vietnam, for example) and full of surprising vignettes’ – The Times ‘Book of the Week’ In Day of the Assassins, acclaimed historian Michael Burleigh examines assassination as a special category of political violence and asks whether, like a contagious disease, it can be catching. Focusing chiefly on the last century and a half, Burleigh takes readers from Europe, Russia, Israel and the United States to the Congo, India, Iran, Laos, Rwanda, South Africa and

Vietnam. And, as we travel, we revisit notable assassinations, among them Leon Trotsky, Hendrik Verwoerd, Juvénal Habyarimana, Indira Gandhi, Yitzhak Rabin and Jamal Khashoggi. Combining human drama, questions of political morality and the sheer randomness of events, *Day of the Assassins* is a riveting insight into the politics of violence. 'Brilliant and timely . . . Our world today is as dangerous and mixed-up as it has ever been. Luckily we have Michael

Burleigh to help us make sense of it.' – Mail on Sunday
Assassin's Honor Zaidan Foundation, Incorporated
In this novel based on the *Assassin's Creed™* video game series, Niccolò Polo, father of Marco, will finally reveal the story he has kept secret all his life—the story of Altaïr, one of the Brotherhood's most extraordinary Assassins. Altaïr embarks on a formidable mission—one that takes him throughout the Holy Land and shows him the true meaning of the *Assassin's Creed*. To

demonstrate his commitment, Altaïr must defeat nine deadly enemies, including Templar leader Robert de Sable. Altaïr's life story is told here for the first time: a journey that will change the course of history; his ongoing battle with the Templar conspiracy; a family life that is as tragic as it is shocking; and the ultimate betrayal of an old friend. An Original Novel Based on the Multiplatinum Video Game from Ubisoft
An Assassin's Guide to Love and Treason Simon

and Schuster

"The term "Assassins" is employed in this book to identify those Ismailis who at the end of the eleventh century acknowledged Nizar as their Imam and who in the twelfth century accept the Aga Khan as such."--Foreword.

Eclipse of the Assassins

North Atlantic Books

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The Templars and the Assassins National Geographic Books
Exploding telephones, pipe-guns and bullets made of teeth, aspirin explosives, cobra-venom darts, a rifle that shoots around corners, a 'piss bomb' (10 cups of boiled urine mixed with nitric acid), exploding clams, samurai swords, karate chops, poisoned umbrellas and a fuel-laden light aircraft.

Sometimes even a regular gun. These are just some of the methods that have been used over the last fifty years to speed 4,000 VIPs to a premature end. *How to Kill* is not an encyclopaedia of assassination but rather a gripping history that charts the development of the modern world through the eyes of the assassins that tried to change it. It is also a work of investigation, surprising conspiracies and remarkable connections are uncovered throughout. This book is

the first to study in detail not only the causes and surprising consequences of assassination, but also the crucial seconds of the act itself and the psychology of the assassin in an effort to understand why some assassinations succeed where others fail - and what might be done to prevent them. It is also the first book to examine the fascinating facts and figures of assassination, revealing everything from the success rate by type of weapon and the escape and survival rates of

assassins to the most popular time of year and location for assassination. The definitive book on assassination, *How to Kill* shows that sometimes, one murder can change the world.

Rise and Kill First Little, Brown Books for Young Readers

This publication includes the first English translation of the 1310 biography of Hasan-i-Sabah by Rashid al-Din: *The Biography of Our Master (Sar-Guzasht-i-Sayyidna) Hasan-i-Sabah* was born in northern

Persia around 1050 and died in 1124. He was an Ismaili missionary (or dai) who founded the Nizari Ismailis after the usurpation of the Fatimid Imamate by the military dictator of Egypt. It may be said that Hasan founded and operated the world's most successful mystical secret society, while building a political territory in which to maintain his independence. The small empire he created would be home to him, his followers, and their descendants for 166

years. Today, under the leadership of the Aga Khan, the Nizari Ismailis are one of the preeminent Muslim sects in the world, numbering some twenty million members in twenty-five countries. The medieval Nizaris were also known as Assassins or Hashishim. They became embedded in European consciousness because of their contact with the Knights Templar, and other Crusaders and visitors to the Near East.

Several Europeans reported back with strange (and largely false) tales of the Assassins. In the fourteenth century, they were widely popularized by the famed Venetian traveler and writer Marco Polo in *The Travels of Marco Polo*. He added a whole new level of myth in his account of the sect (included in this volume along with extensive commentary). Of greatest interest is the idea that the Assassins

were the spiritual initiators of the Knights Templar. If this is true, Hasan-i-Sabah would be in part responsible for the European Renaissance that would reclaim the spiritual centrality of the Hermetic writings and the Gnostic/Esoteric trends that continue to this day. Essential reading for an understanding of modern esoteric secret societies and today's headlines coming from the Middle East. Includes 9 maps.

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