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In a changed world, Cassie Murphy has learned to adapt and use her pain to become the most skilled killer the supernatural world has seen. Trained by the ruthless keeper of the city of Cork, Luka, she struggles against the very thing she has become and the vampire she has lost her heart to. But destiny has other plans for her and when her past catches up with her, Cassie will learn secrets that could tear her world to shreds and pull her and Luka further apart. Cassie will find out that there is most certainly Another way to Bleed

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Claire Taylor says

Susan Harris
Another Way To Bleed
Midnight Assassin Series #1

I started reading this book not really knowing what to expect, and was happily surprised at how into the story I got. Cassie has had to deal with so much, but has been made stronger because of it and Luka and Archer definitely have a certain appeal. This book has a strong storyline, which intrigues and keeps you reading to see where it's all going to end up. With some great twists and turns, I didn't see the end coming, and I now want to see what is next in store for Cassie, Archer and Luka.

I received an e-copy of this book from the author in exchange for an honest review.

Kendra says

Ok, completely looking beyond the errors because I know the book is being reworked and edited, so with that out of the way, this was a great book! I love Cassie and Luka and can't wait to see if her dream does end up coming true, or if she ends up fulfilling the prophesy with Archer.

The story was well written, smooth pace, not drug out with a bunch of unnecessary fillers, and the characters were fantastic. The plot was great, and the background filled in easily. I wasn't left wondering why something was happening, because enough background was given. I wasn't left wondering why Cassie was with Luka, who Helena was, or anything else, because it was all laid out so well.

I love the triangle between Cassie, Luka and Archer, and I love the protectiveness they show for her, though I also know she is capable of protecting herself.

The adventure was well placed and though I generally like a bit more of a struggle, the way this was played out with Cole, worked really well.

AnnMarie says

I thoroughly enjoyed this book, An amazing read, with twists and turns, passion, hate, good verses evil, and an all around great plot. Can't wait for the second book in the series!

Jennifer says

I loved this book! I loved how cassie is powerful but still vulnerable and i love that she has the brains to go with her attitude. I also loved that she doesnt just give in to luka or archer cause she has a choice

Elayne says

Although I enjoyed this first book in a new paranormal series from this author, I couldn't help but think I should have read a book before this one. In a futuristic Ireland where humans are outnumbered by Vampires, Shapeshifters, Demons, ghouls etc;..in other words all the nasties. Cassie is an assassin, working for a master Vampire, the delectable Luca. Cassie had her own tragic experience as a teen when her mother was changed into a vampire who in her madness tries to kill Cassie who was then forced to kill her mother. Luca took her in hand and trained her to be the brave and fierce hunter she is meant to be. It is her job to execute or expel the otherworlders who are preying on the innocent humans by night. Cassie is not an ordinary young woman, she is a half breed. Half witch and half demon....but having said that...there is something else in the mix that is Cassandra. In this book we meet the main characters...and Archer (Archie as Cass would say!), a handsome fallen angel who becomes involved in the life and death struggle along with Cassie and Luca, when they're asked to find and bring back the son of a very powerful Queen. Not an easy task by any means, as this demon just happens to also be the son of Lucifer himself!

J.V.K. says

Let me start strait with the fact that Cassie is a kick ass female character, you will not see her squirm or back out from a fight. You will not see a faceless, musshie, not memorable characters in this book. From front to back the debut novel of Susan Harris is filled with action and strongly built memorable believable heroes!

Another Way to Bleed is an adult novel filled with strong language, violent scenes and it is not your average vampire novel. You will travel along with Cassandra and the lovely Luka, my personal favorite Archie to come to realize that the strong Cassandra has powers no being should be allowed to have, not only for the personal intrusion that reading minds is but as well for the powers that are terrifying to her, turning her into a freak.

I had some issues with her speech though, but that was only in the beginning until I got used to her way of talking. Cassie shows affection to both Luka and Archer (Did I say how yummy Archie is?). Personally I am rooting for Archer!

As the book advances we learn more and more about Cassandra's powers and parents. You will never guess who her father is.

Cassie ventures into fining the demon queen Lilith's son Cole soon after we are introduced to her world and the main characters, and he is not going to go down easily. The author transits smoothly the scenes and the detail is just right - enough to built the moment in your head and still leaves parts to your imagination.

To be honest I felt like someone hit me with a wet mop in the last chapter, not only because the book flows smoothly and it is one of these books that you kind of never realize that they are coming at an end until you are at the last page, but also because it is an original read.

I can honestly can say that I cannot wait to read the second installments in the series.

Christoph Fischer says

"Another Way to Bleed" by Susan Harris was recommended to me by a friend. The book is a strong debut novel set in a near future Ireland and is an entertaining helping from the popular Vampire genre that will be well received for its fast paced action and its colourful characters.

We begin with Cassie/ Cassandra being forced to kill her mother, who has been turned into a Vampire. The story then jumps five years ahead to a time when Cassie is trained by Luka, the keeper of city Cork. Luka takes an interest in her due to an ominous prediction about her special powers. There is chemistry between the two but there is also Archie, an angel that is much nicer to her than Luca.

Cassie is a half breed and her origins are part of the mystery that remains to be solved in the novel while she sets out to find the son of Demon Queen Lilith and roams Ireland with her two men.

Plot development and characterisation were done incredibly well, the tension between the characters and the surprises that await us are well placed and the narrative takes the reader on an fast and exciting journey.

There are some minor issues with the editing and some of the swearing in the dialogue did not sit comfortable with me but that should not get too much in the way of enjoying the story.

Stacey says

Ok where do I start

I was ask to beta and give an honest review .

I loved the storyline ,right from the start I joined Cassie on her journey , she is a girl after my own heart

She speaks before her head goes into gear (lol) gets me in trouble just like her .

I felt for Luka and archer a triangle and half ...the three of them are a force to be reckoned with .

Good verses evil But who will win ...

The underworld , secrets , nightmares .

Hope , dreams , a beautiful future can it be so .

Susan hit the nail on the head this book will be a great read from young to old pas long as they love reading and have a imagination

Anything is possible.

Lenora says

Another Way to Bleed by Susan Harris

This is the first book in the Midnight Assassin series and introduces Cassie the half-breed human, Luka the Vampire, Archer the fallen angel and a host of their adversaries. It is set against the backdrop of 'End of Days' Ireland where vampires hold sway over remaining human population and demons stalk the dark and ruined streets of Cork and Dublin. Cassie must come to terms with her emotional feelings for the Vampire and the Angel, whilst uncovering the dark secrets in her own families past and facing up to the apocalyptic future fate has in store for her.

I have to say that at first I was in two minds about this book. When I began reading it, I thought that perhaps it was going to be another Twilight-style supernatural love triangle with a heroine very much under the sway of the love interests in her life. However...this was not the case, afterall, Cassie is not entirely human herself...

The story begins with a very dramatic and bloody scene from Cassie's past, a definite hook drawing the

reader in. The first part of the book then sets the scene, introducing Cassie's subsequent training as deadly assassin at the hands of the dark and handsome Vampire Luka. Cassie is in love with Luka but her emotional conflict when the fallen angel Archer enters the picture is well handled and manages to avoid falling into the Twilight girl/vampire/werewolf (or in this case angel) triangle, nevertheless the sexual tensions do add spice to the story.

After some naer do well demons invoke Lilith the Queen of Demons, Lilith triggers the major action in the novel as she strikes a bargain with Luka and Cassie to hunt down her errant son Cole who has fled to the dangerous and demon-riddled city of Dublin.

For me, the first part of the book got me a little confused, there were a number of cut aways to different time periods in Cassie's life and I felt they were not always clearly de-marked. However, once the action began and the narrative took on a more linear form then the story really took off. From half way through the book the action was non-stop and gripping. The sadistic mind game/brainwashing that Cassie endures, along with the Luciferian vision of an alternative future of Demonic power she is offered, proved very compelling.

Philip Larkin might have appreciated this story as one of its themes seems to be 'your mum and dad they f*** you up' : certainly Cassie has issues both with her mother and father as does Cole. And the story is not afraid turning friends into foes which I think is a good thing - it certainly adds to the dramatic tension!

I must add that one of the elements that I loved about this novel was the way Cassie has a psychic sense of smell! Sounds a bit strange, but the descriptions of her sense of Luka as 'lavender and death' and Archer as 'strawberries and sunshine' created a really strong impression in me of the qualities of these characters. A long time ago I read Patrick Suskind's extraordinary novel 'Perfume' - the main character has no natural scent of his own and consequently finds himself shunned by everyone around him until he creates perfumes as camouflage. Scent evokes such powerful and often emotional responses yet is often overlooked in novels - but not in this one.

My major caveat with the novel is that the spelling is very erratic and sometimes the grammar was not quite there. In defence of the spelling I have to add that some words were spelled as spoken which actually made sense, and at times some of the misspellings were actually concise and elegant alternatives to the dictionary's orthodoxy! Nevertheless this might put off some readers and I believe that the author has a new publisher and is taking taking steps to address these issues and I think this will make a big difference.

Overall, after my initial uncertainty I found myself really gripped by this novel, I loved its large Apocalyptic themes and Cassie came across as a kick-ass heroine who was no loved up schmuck but was capable of standing on her own two feet and making difficult decisions. I also liked the twist at the end....which promised more demonic mayhem to come...So, if you love your fiction supernatural, like strong but conflicted heroines, and enjoy a bit of star-crossed romance to boot then you will definitely enjoy this book.

Vicki Rose says

I will start out by saying this... Susan Harris is one of the best first-time authors that I've ever read.. Just... Wow!! I read every genre and I have done reviews for plenty of first-time authors before & this gal is going to be a force to reckon with in the paranormal romance world!

We meet the beautiful, no-nonsense Cassie, who is a half-witch & half-demon and learning how to survive in a world where the supernatural has only recently come out & have taken control. She is the lead assassin for the gorgeous & mysterious Luka, the Keeper Of The City... and she's in love with him, too.. Luka knows

something about her past & her powers but doesn't want to tell all... He is too busy fighting his attraction to Cassie, the girl he rescued from hell when her mother was turned into a wicked vamp.. Cassie throws her emotions & anger into her job as assassin & let me tell you, this girl can kick ass! Cassie, along with the sexy fallen angel, Archer and Luka are sent on a mission by the Queen Of The Damned herself, the wicked Lillith, to return her wayward son... However, this mission may very well end up revealing secrets that Cassie is better not knowing.. Including why Luka won't let her get too close to her... The mission sends them into The Forbidden City, amongst lurking demons & horrible supernatural creatures of every kind.. And into Cassie's worst nightmares.. Can Luka & Archer help Cassie pull through the torture? Or will she succumb under the shadow of darkness when the Demon Of Nightmares gets a hold of her?

This book is non-stop action, drama & that edge-of-your-seat sexy romance that we love so much. Ms. Harris's writing just flows throughout each page, her characters are well thought out & realistic and her descriptions of the world is graphic & spot-on.. I honestly cannot wait to read book number two in the Midnight Assassin series! What an amazing & fresh new author & I'm thrilled to have had the chance to read her first work of art!

~ Vicki Rose ~ Platinum Book Reviews

Platinum Book Reviews gives Susan & Another Way To Bleed:
4.5 Platinum Rings!

Marta Cox says

I believe that this is the first published book by this very promising author and frankly I am amazed its so good. I am a huge fan of the likes of Karen Chance and Kim Harrison and feel that this author is definitely going to be in their league. If you enjoy urban fantasy or paranormal romance of any sort then you should get this book.

Briefly the story is about Cassie who as a young teenager killed her mother who had been turned onto a vampire. Just five years after that traumatic event she is a trained assassin who uses her awesome abilities to deadly effect . She works for Luka the vampire keeper in charge of Cork in a world that is full of darkness and fear.Her feelings for him are complicated and the obvious brooding passion is electric!

Cassie is very young and at times a little cocky but her encounters with an angel (Archer) and subsequent dialogue is hilarious ! Sent on a mission to retrieve the son of Lilith she encounters more than just danger ,she has to face the truth about herself!

I adored the way this book was set in a futuristic and damaged Ireland as it brought the story to life. So tired of reading about New Orleans or Seattle in paranormal books. The story is first rate and the writing is colourful and engaging. Fantastic heartbreaking scenes towards the end with a truly jaw dropping finale. Yes there are a few editing issues but hopefully they will be sorted out soon .

This is a solid 4 and a half from me and I cannot wait to read more from this talented author.

I received this free in exchange for an honest review.

Lauren says

Cassie is unsure of what she is, but she knows how to kick butt. Cassie is in love with Luka, a vampire, who is also her boss. In comes Archer a fallen angel who shakes things up a bit. The three are on a mission to find Lucifers son, Cole. Great story line and characters, however this book has some serious editing issues, which is why it lost a star. Words are missing, ran together, added for no reason or just don't fit the sentence. I believe the author is currently working on those issues. WaAR

Bex 'n' Books says

Reviewer: Bex

Rating: 4.5 out of 5 Fairies

There was so much about this story that I loved, the concept, the plot development and the main three characters for a start. The three together (Cassie, Luka and Archer) made for an entertaining mix. They offer humour, a fabulous amount of sexual tension and a range of personal traits that establishes the book as an engaging read.

The author creates an exciting, albeit dark world, in Another Way to Bleed. I have a real soft spot for vamp reads, and what's so fabulous about this one, is that we have a whole array of supes in the book. Supes who do break stereotypes; this really helps to make Another Way to Bleed a fresh urban fantasy.

The main character, Cassie, is a complex character, yet once we pull back her layers, we see her deep-seated desires and values. All of which are relatable in the supernatural world created by Susan Harris. Another Way to Bleed is a fabulous urban fantasy. I loved the wit, the passion and the possibility that this book offers for the rest of the series.

Karen O shea says

I really loved this book. I love how the relationship between Cassie and Luka kept me interested throughout. The imagery in this book is striking. Its a real page turner. I hope there will be more books in the series as i really want to see where this journey goes. Read it!

Tiffany says

I have to say I really liked this book! Cassie is kick ass! Love her! Then there is Luka and Archer who both made my mouth water! I want more!!! After I really got into this book I couldn't have cared less about the typos! 4.5 stars!
