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There are few things superhero Angel wants in life. World peace. Unlimited chocolate banana milkshakes. Spandex outfits with pockets. What she doesn't want is the attention of the Executioner, a supervillain who kills with his touch.

But the moment she survives a caress—and a kiss—at the mercy of his lethal skin, Angel realizes her problems just got a whole lot bigger. Because the only thing worse than a supervillain who wants to kill you is one who wants to keep you.

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From Reader Review Reaping Angels for online ebook

Talltree says

Light, action-packed read about a H forced into becoming a supervillain finding and falling for the one woman he can touch. I wish the characters and writing were deeper, there is a blink and a you miss it smex scene, but the book is mostly clean.

The book was a bit like a movie script. On the go all the time.

People who like obsessed heroes(H kidnaps h for himself!), snarky h's and superhero romances will like this one.

3.5 stars

Safe romance

Brenda ?Delirious, Disjointed, Digressive, and (highly) Dramatic Rambles? says

AAAAAAAAAAAAAH MY HEART

5 Touches That Burn (in a good way) Staaaaaars

You know you are screwed when you fall for the bad guy. When none of the bad things he does keeps you from having dirty thoughts of him, and everything he does seems to be for the good of someone else. When said bad guy, is not bad at all, because all the horrible things he is notorious for have been someone else's deed, that he's been forced to be bad, when he didn't want to be and you realize the only bad thing the man has is the wrong people he encountered in his life.

That's my only explanation as to why I've wanted to hug X since the very first chapter.

Just imagine: a man hurts everything he touches. He has never fully let go, always holding back - barely. Every single person he's ever been with has suffered at his hand because he can't do anything about it. He feels lonely, he is utterly alone.

Plot Twist: he finds the only person that is immune to his power. A *Healer* .

Quiz me this: what would a man want to do with the first woman he couldn't willfully burn?

[...]

He leaned in, so close I could feel his cool breath against my skin. His hand went to my cheek, his fingers trailing over the skin there. His expression full of wonder. Oh, and lust. A crapload of lust was there as well. He glanced down at my mouth.

"Don't," I warned him.

He smiled. And then his lips met mine.

His wonder, his surprise, his *happiness* when he realizes the woman he has underneath is okay, not burned, not suffering at his hand, immune to the power that is also his curse. He is like a kid on Christmas morning.

And of course Angel has no escape, he is going to try every trick to make her his, and she is going to fall, because in the end, there is nothing evil about X.

This guy. I swear I can't even.

My heart bleeds for him, for the loneliness you could feel just reading his thoughts, his insecurities, his hopes.

Angel is perfect, funny, happy and hot headed, I loved her. Her power brought her to seek those who needed healing, and she recognizes in X a man who is in desperate need of saving.

It's a short, sweet, funny love story, and I couldn't have expected any less from Laura Thalassa.

Molly Blue says

Same old insta-crap, just in a supervillainly wrapping and badly written.

Coyora Dokusho says

It was great! There was wonderful world-building, characterization, and plot, there just needed to be, you know, more of it for me to give 5 stars. XD Definitely going to check out more books by this author!!

Tink Magoo is bad at reviews says

Well this was ... different.

Superheroes aren't really something I have read a lot about, I normally reserve them for films and in all likelihood that will still be the case even after reading this book. Don't get me wrong, I enjoyed it but it's hard to take it seriously (I'm not sure I'm even meant to here).

"A hero and a villain met, once upon a time. Mortal enemies. And then the impossible happened. A touch, a kiss, a whole lot of fighting ... and then this."

I'm not even sure what to write for this review. The quote above pretty much says it all. This was like a guilty pleasure, fun, witty, over the top, an egotistical bunch of superheroes and a power stealing baddie with a secret lair. This had all the things a superhero novel or film needs including the hot 'kinda bad' X. He gave this story some depth, but not much.

If it was a little darker and the sex more involved I would have rated this a lot higher.

Rachel says

Why can I not stop smiling??

Sighs contently

This was just too good. Laura, I will read anything you write. You are a freakin genius and one of my favorite authors!

I've been putting off my Macroeconomics homework to finish this book, so a full review will be posted later.

PS. This is available on Kindle Unlimited. Go get it! (:

Ashleyjo says

Badasses say, *huh?*

Powderpuffs say, *huh?*

Goobers say, *huh?*

Don Juans , say *huh?*

Da' geeks say, *huh?*

The super heroes just say, WHAT. THE. FUCK?

What's the What?

I think... I hope that this was **supposed** to be a spoof'y type book.

This kinda deal...

... Of ...

I hope.

Anyway.

The FMC is snarky and, to her credit, she does deliver a few funny one-liners. I love snarky. I should love her. I don't. I imagine it's kinda how people felt in real life about ...

A little goes a *long, long, long* way.

The MMC. The talking points are there - antihero turned savior, finds the only woman he can touch and goes caveman, brooding asshole, etc. It's just all very...

Oh, isn't that *nice*.

Plot

He is evil super villain.

She is good super hero.

He kills by touch.

She heals by touch.

He tries to kill her.

She thinks he's hot.

He can touch her without killing her.

She can be touched by him without dying.

He must have her, keep her, pet her.

She does not want to be had, kept, or petted.

*insert mastermind bad gal.

So, now, we are at 50% of ~~the talking points~~ err, book.

She's annoying.

He's wallpaper.

I'm bored.

Riddle Me This... His Pecker?

I do wonder if his secret super power isn't pecker willpower? Dude has **NEVER** intimately touched a woman without killing/hurting.

Sexual frustration?

One would think.

But, no. He's all....

'Is she thinking about sex? I'm thinking about sex! *adjust crotch* No, what if I'm reading her wrong. Ohhh, she *is* thinking about sex. Seal the deal, dude!!! Oh, the temptation?!? NO! Don't be the man that takes advantage of the situation! Good night and don't let the bed bugs bite.'

^^^ You think I'm exaggerating, but, sadly, I'm just paraphrasing.

He (super EVIL villain) has her captive, his pecker has been hard for 60+% and **ALL** he's done is kiss her twice and make a cuddle agreement. MMKAY, Mr. X evil Vill'age.

And, no, this chick is not wilting virgin hero? She has a sign above her bed explaining...

"THIS RIDE WILL GET YOU WET."

Bottom Line

I love snark. I love para. I love slapstick, spoof, dry humor, etc. This, however, was a fail for me other than a **few** good lol lines. A couple of laughs surrounded by blah-meh-ehh does not a book make for me.

I do think that younger gals (13-16) may like this storyline. The problem is that the author floated the line between YA & NA. This is not going to appeal to mass NA and Rom-com crowds. It's all but a clean book.

Yet, it has just enough sexual content - one mild sex scene of 'he thrust in and I came apart around him' kinda deal, two mention of dick, one of cock, and cursing language and sexual innuendo that most parents aren't going to find suitable for *13-year-old age bracket.

So, I'm not sure who I could really recommend this to unless you're just looking for a silly read that'll occasionally make you laugh a little. I do suggest a sample before buying as it will give you a feel for the writing flavor.

D. King says

This book was not AT ALL what I expected. Actually, I'm not really sure what I expected. But I know this was not it.

I've read some of Ms. Thalassa's other books, and her female leads tend to be a bit on the sassy and snarky side, but Angel takes the cake. Seriously, I choked on my gum, I was laughing so hard. I mean, being a superhero is rough, so I guess you need a little sass to get you through the day.

The Executioner, or X, as he's called. He's a supervillain with a heart, if that makes sense. He kills people with his touch, so his life has been pretty lonely. But all that changes when he realizes he can touch Angel and not kill her. His whole psyche changes after that, and I felt myself grinning with giddiness to see these two work out their issues. Honestly, I didn't know how Ms. Thalassa would do it, because it seemed so impossible. But this author sure has some tricks up her sleeve!

Yeah, yeah, I know. Superhero romance book. BUT seriously! Read it! Because...well, yeah. Just do it.

Emmeline (The Book Herald) says

I feel like this may potentially get me hated and scorned by many.
But honestly guys, I really wasn't a big fan of this book.

"Had I known I was going to face down death today, I totally would've bought myself the slurpee."

sighs of dismay exhibit A of why I didn't like this book.
However, before i go too much into that, let's talk about the plot....

*Angel is superhero, whose superpower is to heal.
The Executioner is a supervillain, whose superpower (you guessed it) is to kill.
When binaries collide, the results shock everyone.
The Executioner, cold, ruthless, handsome can finally touch a person without mortally
disintegrating their innards.
Problem is, his boss- The Cruel Countess, demands the one thing he's ever wanted in his life.
And darn it, he'll do whatever it takes to make her his.*

umm...ughh...uuuhhhh.

I feel awful, but I would honestly and probably rate this as a 1.5 star.

This is weird for me, because Laura Thalassa's Vanishing girl series is my Ultimate NA series. Not even kidding, she had set the bar for me with those 2 glorious books.

Which is why when i read this one, I couldn't help but wonder what the heck this was.

Seriously? supervillains and superheroes. No, you know, that's fine if you wanted to take this premise. Totally rock it out, but the whole freaking time Angel annoyed me.

The love part came so quickly, almost bordering on Insta-love.

Angel would say things like:

"I was a superhero, damn it!"

It honestly felt like she was more prone to hissy-fits than actually, well, saving the world. She came across as so juvenile, I would not even trust her with my cat.

I didn't like her at all. At first I thought she was cutesy but that wore off quickly and became darned-annoying,

The executioner is practically a lovebug, one of those cases that he's a villain because he had no choice (which is fair enough) but that made the plot so darned generic.

This is your fault Thalassa, you showed me your genius with the vanishing girl series and anything less than that glorious standard just doesn't appeal to me.

But in all honesty, it was so freaking I've-read- this- before type of book! It annoyed me so bad! there's a group of side kicks and a mad dude who had prophecy abilities. the 'angel' of the group falls in love with the 'bad-ass villain'. you get my drift?

I'm sorry, I know many liked it but i didn't.

Stay Awesome!

-The Book Herald

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Mindy Lou's Book Review says

This was a pretty cool read. I loved the superhero vs super villain love match.

Angel was sassy and kicked ass. Executioner (X for short) was big, bad and broody. She's a healer by touch and he brings death by touch. Together they counteract each other. Once X realized he could actually touch Angel and no harm would come to her, he knew he would never let her go.

This had some awesome side characters so I really hope that means the author will make this into a series. I want more! Borrowed on Kindle Unlimited.

Crystal N says

3.5 - This was fun. So much fun. It's dorky, but I enjoyed the ride.

Shrimalya says

Review: I came across this book on GR the other day by accident and was honestly amazed as I hadn't known that it had been released! I am a big fan of Laura Thalassa's books and while I was (im)patiently waiting for *The Queen Of Traitors* I decided to start reading this. The cover and blurb also played a large part in that decision. I mean, how many superheroes+supervillains books do we come across in NA these days? The only other book even remotely similar would be *Equal Parts* by Emma Winters.

The premise is pretty simple with an urban fantasy setting where superheroes like Angel work for the LA supernatural police department and fight against supervillains. One such villain is The Executioner or X, who is literally able to kill people with his touch. At the beginning she falls for a trap set by him, and when he tries to kill her he finds out that he can't as her healing abilities negate his touch. He is obviously shocked. And what does he do next folks?

Yes. He kidnaps her and takes her to his home. *smirks*

He is ecstatic to find someone he can finally touch and he is not going to let her go now that he's got her. Though their relationship starts off rocky, Angel is still attracted to him though her common sense warns her against it.

"He's a horrible, evil person. Don't be one of those girls that forgives a guy his shitty personality just because he's gorgeous."

In the meantime they also have to deal with the Cruel Countess who wants to steal Angel's powers and Angel's superhero friends who try to rescue her.

Though the world building wasn't as well developed as Laura's other books her characters are always spot-on. Angel is witty and sarcastic while X is broody but sweet at the same time. Angel's superhero friends are a good addition. The Cruel Countess was the typical psychotic villain who is out for power. Though I loved the interactions between Angel and X, I felt like the book could have been longer and the relationship more developed. I would definitely suggest this to all Laura Thalassa fans and anyone else looking for a witty superheroine. ;)

Ari Reavis says

LOVED IT!!!! I was expecting a great story from this author, and that's exactly what I got. Superheroes, supervillains, romance, and action. Angel was a kind hero, but kicked some serious butt when you pissed her off. Executioner, a villain, really had a good heart, but was forced to do some horrible things. I liked him even before I knew he was a good guy down deep. He kidnapped Angel from the superhero headquarters.... I mean, come on!! The head supervillain, Cruel Countess, was seriously demented and just straight up evil. I couldn't wait until the heroes came face to face with her. Great read!!

Sunniva Dee says

When did I last read a superheroine story?

I don't even know. Have I?

I'm a romance girl, but if there's some asskickin' action in there, I'm all for it.

Laura had me from the first page, where Angel explained the inadequacies of her tight superhero outfit with no pockets for her phone. She jabs it into her cleavage, and from then and on the story straight out skyrockets.

At breakneck speed, I'm introduced to the hero.

Wait. Villain.

Wait...?

Yeah, that. He's hot as all get-out, dangerous as shit, and freaking just—straight out delicious; did I hear "Book Boyfriend from the roams of superheroes-slash-villains?" Or I could just say, in the words of Twitter: #allthelove

A last warning to the weak of heart: there isn't just some asskickin' action involved. No. There's a hell-of-a-lot of asskickin' action involved, and man is it worth it. To get to that end? That beautiful, awesome, my-kind-of end?

I was in heaven while holding my breath through it all.

Angela (Pooled Ink Reviews) says

Okay I don't normally go for books with superheroes but I actually really enjoyed this. It was short, cute, and a perfect late-night read to get me out of a reading slump :) Angel's humor and X's dark persona were absolutely perfect and honestly this was just a real quick but fun light read! I love Laura's work and it's nice to know she can write short (almost) rom-coms as well as epic fantastical series.
