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A short story introducing the beginnings of a hired assassin.

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Monte Hickman says

Take 15 minutes, it's free.

A very quick read, but after reading her first installment of the Michael Sykora novels, just had to read this one. Took less than 15 minutes, but just as good as her novels.

Mel Ann says

Unexpected and powerful

Sean McCarthy and Michael Sykora were both brought together through devastating circumstances. The path they lead is a dangerous one and it brings so many, just a little bit of solace.

This is my first time reading this Author and I have to say I was blown away with the power behind this short story. No doubt, I am hooked! If you haven't read it, I highly suggest you do.

Reba says

Darcia Helle ALWAYS delivers, and this short story is no exception!

Kim says

Ok, so this was a very short read, but a VERY powerful start to this authors series Michael Sykora. The author totally got my attention with every page I turned. I will be reading this series. It's a very intense look into a world I hope I never get to know or know anyone this has happened to. Unfortunately it does happen all the time. I agree and disagree with this characters way of handling things. One part of me applauds him, the other, he scares the daylights out of me. Would I want hire him? I sure would think about it. All this review from such a short story, like I said, it's a powerful subject. You know you want to find out, go ahead, download and read for yourself.

Sharon says

Darcia Helle's "The First Kill" is not for the faint of heart. This is a brief, but graphic, crime story reminiscent of British gangster films. Her main character, Sean, is an assassin for hire ... and he is plying his art with aplomb in this tale.

Crime fiction fans should investigate this story.

Julie Powell says

Yes, this was short, yes, I wanted more, but wow, it was an extremely powerful story, stinging the brain with very few words. The writing was punchy, hard hitting and flowed with ease, bringing alive the character, so much that I instantly could feel everything...always a plus for my reading.

A fabulous taster for this series.

Ashley Moore says

This was a short story about an assassin's kill and how it is linked to his first kill. It was an interesting short story.

Jess Scott says

This is a short story that delivers--with strong characterization and no time wasted in terms of storytelling. There are two things I truly loathe in terms of reading material: (1) superficiality, and (2) filler (words simply there to increase the word count, with more emphasis on quantity than quality. These two qualities are most certainly not found in this eBook and other books by the same author.

I have enjoyed reading Darcia Helle's writing for several years and I think her brand of suspense stories/novels would appeal to many. As a sample or free download (at the time of this posting), this story is a superb introduction to the world her characters inhabit, where the reader gets to viscerally experience the blurred lines between revenge and justice.

Maria says

A skillfully written crime short story, taking a minor character from Darcia's Michael Sykora series of novels, and giving him the spotlight. Sean Riley is a man with a dark past and this story shows just what effect his past has had on the way he now lives his life. If you like crime fiction, you'll love the way Darcia Helle writes. This character oozes pure evil, and the dialogue-driven prose helps to give the reader the impression that they are a fly on the wall witnessing this brutal scene. Definitely not a story for the fainthearted!

Stacy Juba says

Wow, this was a powerful short story based on characters from the two Michael Sykora novels - No Justice and Beyond Salvation. It was really well written with well-drawn characters. Having read some of the author's full-length books, I shouldn't have been surprised by how powerful this was. I haven't read the

Michael Sykora novels yet but have just downloaded them as this story left me intrigued and wanting to know more!

Sheri says

The First Kill (Darcia Helle)

A short story introducing the character, Sean Riley who is in the Michael Sykora series. We find out about Sean's past and how he became an assassin. Fantastic short. A great introduction to the other three.

No Justice, Beyond Salvation and Killing Instinct: A Michael Sykora Novel (the newest in Michael Sykora Series)

Lynn Thompson says

Great short read! Wasn't at all what I was expecting, but the short story was written well. Gives the reader the insight on how a killer can be born and use his skills for the greater good. And the bad guy got the Justice he deserved!

Shekhar Ruparelia says

A short story about a detective who, I am made to understand, plays a side role in the other stories by the same author.

'The First Kill' is a short, fast read. Just what you need on a short, train journey. Kept me wanting to twitch my fingers and reassuring myself that they were alright (read to find out more).

Helps build some intrigue about the main characters.

Tanya says

This book is pretty good. The theme is dark, but the characters and the emotions are very well written. An assassin is on a mission to get rid of a pedophile who ruined so many innocent boys' lives, and he has no mercy when he delivers the punishment.

The excerpt near the end of this book is also an intriguing story that portrays the same theme, albeit the main character is a different assassin. I'll probably check that book out next time I visit Amazon.

Scott Collins says

I like the plot, I like the writing, I like the character. I rated a three star only because I was left wanting so much more. Otherwise, top notch writing. I'm looking forward to my birthday at the end of the month. Hopefully some amazon gift cards will come and I can pick up a full length novel. ;)
