



Book Review: Assassin

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He's back ... After a thrice-extended internment as a political prisoner, our protagonist is paroled with the help of well-placed friends and is now preparing to fight the Fed (s).

I am of course pecking out these words about Charles Knight and the third book of Casey and Hunt's High Ground series of novels. In this episode, we are led on another modern-day dystopian discourse of Deepest State dastardly deeds done from DC to NYC.

A proclaimed purpose of what will eventually become a seven-book series is to explore professions that are currently viewed as illegal and/or immoral by contemporary Western governments and cultures.

The first book, "Speculator", featured a young entrepreneur, Charles Knight, as a savvy investor in a mining stock that he discovered to be an outright scam during on-site due diligence in western Africa. Despite completely legal shorting and profiteering, Charles was charged by the SEC for insider trading and the government seized most of a fortune made.

The second novel, "Drug Lord", was set seven years later when Charles financed a startup biotech company that developed and marketed a new anti-depressant inhalant that taken in massive doses, became a mind-opening psychotropic drug. It became very popular among middle-class Americans and spawned a mass movement for individual rights and freedoms. The federal government soon declared it a danger and menace to society, instituted a new drug war, and criminalized its mere possession with draconian penalties. For his deeds, Charles was sentenced to 20 years in prison with all but six months suspended by a sympathetic federal judge.

In this third installment, "Assassin", Charles is finally out after spending 18 months in the pen because of the aforementioned judge's retirement. He then undertakes the book's eponymous role, both literally and figuratively to avenge unjust losses. In true entrepreneurial spirit, Charles launches a novel cryptocurrency business to undermine the Federal Reserve and associated Deep Statists.

For those of my generation, the Western television series "Have Gun - Will Travel" starring Richard Boone as Paladin, a sophisticated, San Francisco-based, mercenary gunman who commonly solved clients' problems without employing his deadly, long-barreled Colt 45 revolver remains a favorite on the oldies channels. Here was that character's business card:



With mercenary zeal, Charles similarly advertises his services and again dons disguises for covert operations. He also reassembles his network of like-minded libertarians from previous adventures with the expressed goal of exposing and fighting the cabal of banksters and bureaucrats who operate under the guise of government and increasingly tread upon life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness of ordinary American citizens. Efforts are financed by a grassroots, anonymous cryptocurrency network dedicated to libertarian principles.

Much like the television hero, Charles' Paladin cryptocurrency aficionados employ a variety of ways and means (including both physical and character assassination) to scrub some of the very worst Deep State offenders and cause pause to their equally threatened allies. Given the venture capitalist bent of Casey and Hunt, Paladin virtual coins make its insiders, developers, financiers, and even casual participants very big piles of US fiat currency.

Philosophically in Doug Casey-penned digressions, this book also explores the morality of assassination. Are these inherently political acts always to be deemed simple murders? Or can they at times be justified as acts of self-defense to protect rights and freedoms against evil, unjust, morally bankrupt, and tyrannical persons and/or states?

So my fellow free-thinking friends, that's the setup.

I will leave it to you to purchase yet another entertaining novel in the series and to discover in its final four lines Charles' forthcoming occupation in book four. I opine this book makes a worthy holiday gift for anyone who likes to read a fast-paced yarn of intrigue and suspense and subscribes to the libertarian creed, i.e., the non-aggression policy.

"Assassin" is currently available in signed hard cover and in also paperback, electronic, and audio formats [via this link](#).

As always: Do not tread on me and I will not tread on you.

Ciao for now,

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