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Ava Winters is young, beautiful, and the heiress to Napa's prized Starling Vineyards. She is also in love with the perfect guy at least that's what she thinks until he helps take everything that was once hers. With no place left to turn, Ava finds herself on Rebun Island, Japan, the site of Takeda's revenge school, where she trains to be mentally and physically strong enough to take revenge. On the island, Ava meets Emily Thorne, who has recently returned to training with Takeda. Emily shares her wisdom with Ava about revenge and the importance of looking for justice in a world where enemies thrive.

Four others are on the island preparing for their own personal vengeance—a handsome but guarded man, a feisty young woman and the guy who will do anything to protect her, and a girl who has no memory or idea of who she is or why she's on Rebun. Conflicts arise, bonds are formed, and romance even blooms. The trainees learn that their missions are intertwined. All roads lead back to Ava's home in Napa and Starling Vineyards' annual gala, and if the group attends, each will gain the chance to exact revenge. But to get there on time, they must leave Japan and Takeda before their training is complete. Are they ready? Will they succeed? Will they even survive?

## Schooled in Revenge Details

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### **Mariiine says**

Ce n'est pas génial génial mais ce n'est pas mauvais non plus.

ça commence bien, puis ça s'accélère très (trop) vite, pour finir avec 2-3 chapitres qui laissent présager une suite.

Que ce livre soit un tome d'introduction ou pas, il aurait mérité d'être un peu étoffé, une bonne centaine de pages supplémentaire n'aurait pas été de trop, bien au contraire.

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### **Diana says**

Didn't really like the first part of the book. It was like it was written for 15 yo girls. Or maybe I just couldn't relate to the main character who was a weakling.

But the second to last part was pretty good. Action packed, full of revelations and character growth. You just gotta love Takeda.

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### **Lauren says**

Overall I would've given it 3.5 stars but I'm bumping it up to 4 for the ending. The first 50 or so pages aren't that attention-grabbing but by the middle, it really picks up and the ending had so many twists that I had to give it 4 stars! I found some of the characters actions irritating and foolish especially considering their circumstances and the ending felt a bit unresolved (unless a sequel is coming) but not enough to hurt my enjoyment of the book too much.

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### **Lagniappe says**

This was an impulse purchase from the Dollar Tree, and I have never seen the TV series, so perhaps I'm not the target audience for this story. Having said that, I must admit that it did surpass my (exceedingly low) expectations. Yes the plot was predictable. Yes the writing was awkward at times. Yes it often relied on the "big message" delivered by the stereotypical mysterious eastern sensei. But it only took a couple of hours to read and it did have its moments. So it was worth my dollar - just don't pay more than that.

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### **Gerardo A Mora says**

When I read the comments, I don't get most of them. If you read this book as it has nothing to do with the original series, is very enjoyable. I liked it and got me hooked.

I think there's something wrong with the plot since it kind of gets...unresolved, maybe on purpose for a sequel I'm not sure exists. I'll check.

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## Vince says

**08/12/13**

This book. THIS BOOK!!!

I LOVE REVENGE. *Schooled in Revenge* centers around Ava Winters, another revenger of Takeda. But Emily Thorne gets to appear somewhere in the book. The feels.

The cover is perfection. The title is perfection. Everything is perfection. ~~Except that it's not yet available!~~ Please exist in my hands.

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I STILL HAVEN'T FOUND A COPY!!! FML!

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## Stefani says

First off, let me make this clear. I love the Revenge TV show. It's had its ups and downs but always comes back stronger than before. So, naturally, when I saw that a book was being published about it I had to get my hands on it asap. Then I heard that Emily Thorne is only a minor character in the book and my enthusiasm died down.

I'm on a mission to read the books I already own this year so *Schooled in Revenge*'s turn came. It's about a girl called Ava Winters who is (you guessed it) training to avenge her parents' death on Takeda's island. There are some other people on the island as well. It later turns out that they're all together for a reason: they have a mutual enemy. Their training ends prematurely and they are facing some serious danger.

Now, my main problem with the book was how annoying the characters came across. They behave childish and are so centered on their own troubles that they don't seem to care for anything else. I read over half of the book and just wanted it to be over. Then came an unexpected twist that slightly redeemed it in my opinion but as quickly as my hope rose, things came down to a terrible ending. I couldn't believe it. It's such an open ending and I can't find information on whether there is going to be a second book. I hate cliffhangers!

To sum up, this had the potential to be a great thriller but it isn't one. I appreciate the idea, but the execution was terrible. I feel like this was only published to make some money on the show's name. It failed to meet my expectations. Every single episode has more thriller elements and is better than the entire book. Might have been better if Emily had a more important role. And if Takeda didn't have such an air of mystery about him. Makes me wonder, why does he train all these people in revenge???

~Rating~

one\_star\_rating

Disappointing. I'm glad it was really cheap. Going to my unhaul pile.

~Recommendations~

Let's just skip this part. I can't really recommend a book I strongly disliked.

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### **John Amory says**

Pretty lame, mostly because it takes itself so seriously. I kept picturing everyone sitting around giving Bette Davis looks or twirling handlebar mustaches, muttering "revenge" over and over (and over and over and over). In my mind, it might as well have been in caps and italics every time (an example from page 81: "The only thing left was *REVENGE*.").

It's a seriously ridiculous conceit that sounds kind of cool in theory, like a superhero training academy, but comes across as totally stupid when put on paper. These kids literally are at a school for *REVENGE*, as if it's something one can be taught, like spelling or algebra, or practiced. It's far less awesome than the image I had in my head, which was basically along the lines of the *X-Men: First Class* film.

No, this is a lazy attempt at expanding the ABC series universe and nothing more. It's not awesome, it's not even all that entertaining because it's so angsty and melodramatic that I wanted to slap all the characters (of which there are far too many, including some unnecessary ones) and tell them to shut up and quit whining. It's also clearly written by a television writer, because every chapter ends the way a segment of the show would end, like with some bit of revelatory information. The chapters are also obscenely short, typically only comprised of one scene, and flashbacks are utilized far too often. I get that this style is right in line with how the series is presented, but this is a book and should be treated differently than a teleplay. And, to top it all off, it ends on a cliffhanger, as if we're supposed to wait until next week for a new episode. Everything wraps up too quickly and too neatly after 200+ pages of nonsense, including a completely useless appearance by Emily from the series, with the author eschewing all depth and development in favor of repetitive scenes of the characters planning their *REVENGE* or reliving memories that have nothing to do with the situations they find themselves in.

Let's talk about the characters, actually. Apparently Jesse Lasky learned nothing from the fan backlash of *Revenge*'s second season. We care about Emily's revenge. Her story is intriguing and relatable on a huge scale, and we understand her need for *REVENGE* because the atrocities committed against her and her father are truly horrific. I mean, you don't get much bigger than blaming a guy for a terrorist attack on his own

countrymen. We see how truly bad the people Emily takes down are, so we root for her. In the second season, when the scope of the show expanded to include several characters exacting *REVENGE*, it became less interesting. A conceit like Revenge is successful when it's focused. This novel is more along the lines of season two: too many characters we don't give a shit about (I'm looking at you, Ashley) righting wrongs done to them in the past. That's what this book is. There are five trainees, plus one Aiden-esque character, whose *REVENGE* plots are all connected, in a totally convoluted way that I'm still not 100% on, I might add. That's too many characters. Make the book about Ava in the same way the show was about Emily, and this would have been more successful... it wouldn't help a lot of the other issues, like the uneven tone and writing, but it would solve characterization and development problems.

Here's to hoping that Lasky or whoever else at Hyperion learns from the mistakes of this book if a second one ever happens. I did still have fun reading it, once I accepted its stupidity, but I can't help but think this could have (and should have) been so much better.

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### **Braiden says**

I LOVE Revenge. So I'm definitely reading this book.

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### **Rose says**

LOOK WHAT EXISTS! Do you know how happy that makes me, #1 *Revenge* fan, Rosie Rose? (Did I really just call myself that?)

I WANT IT. Now. Someone give it to me, please? I need it, like, *now*. I'm only a kid, *c'mon*. You can't let a kid suffer until the end of August, can you?

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### **Cat says**

Dear Jesse Lasky, please start writing a sequel. Or a series. Signed, a loving fan.

I loved this book. I wish there was a sequel, or a series of these written. It made me miss the tv show and I finished a majority of the book in just a few hours at the beach because I couldn't put it down.

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### **Kelena says**

Vengeance Never Ends.....

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**Kandi Lopez says**

Being a Revenge fan this book makes me want to binge watch revenge all over.

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**Danielle says**

just started reading this book. Didn't want to put it down! So good!

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**Phil says**

so I love the tv show, and was really hoping to like this book. but really it just seemed like a wannabe revenge, its like they took the concept of revenge but made it lame :( also from the ending it seems like there will be a sequel, but I probably wont pick it up

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