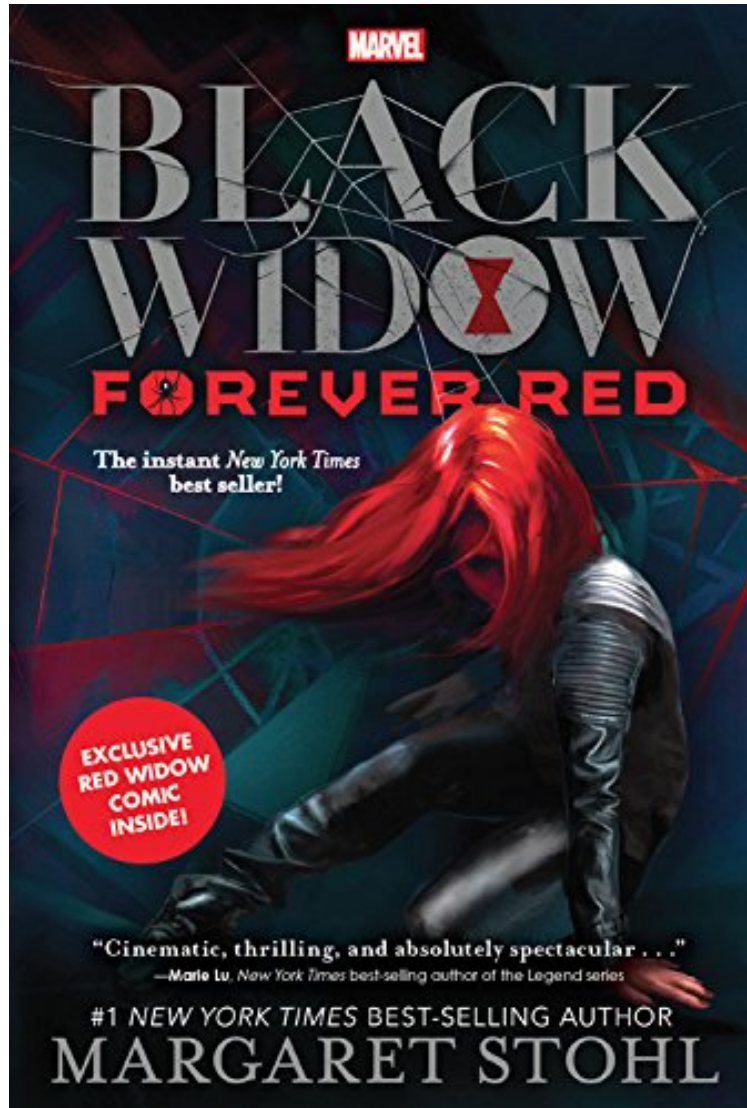


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Margaret Stohl : Black Widow Forever Red (A Black Widow Novel) before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Black Widow Forever Red (A Black Widow Novel):

3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. Misleading cover and title, and odd use of Character. By Kindle Customer I bought the Book because I like the Black Widow. I have read comics since I was a kid, and Marvel has always been my go to company. While BW was never one of my favorites, I did always enjoy the character. In this book, she is a secondary character behind two older teens named Alex and Ava. The book goes back and forth between each of the three as each chapter is told from one of their perspectives. The story is about Natasha trying to

kill somebody from her past, and of course the main characters get intertwined as well. While it was off the Black Widow book was not mainly about Black Widow, it honestly wasn't a big deal early on. It still felt like a good spy story with shield and Avengers tie ins. It started to fall apart about half way through, when the "young adult" part of the book kicked in. We get romance, which I usually enjoy, and we get some really off backstory on Natasha that tries to humanize that character. Now I know this book giant considered cannon, or part of, the actual Marvel universe, but it still seemed very out of place with this character. Without going into spoilers, I can't really explain why I didn't like it. But it just felt cheesy and seemed almost like they only did it to tie the 3 characters together. The book wasn't bad, and I really enjoyed the first half of it. I loved every interaction Coulson had, and the cameo by a certain Avenger early on. But finishing the book was difficult. It was on sale for a dollar, I easily got that out of it. But I have no interest in reading the next book. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Fun action but silly, at times. By Ardis Y. Atkins I was very excited when I found out that author Margaret Stohl was tapped to write Black Widow Forever Red. I am a big fan of the series she writes with Kami Garcia, Beautiful Creatures. I was also just happy that Natasha Romanoff was finally getting her own story! I can only hope a Black Widow movie is as exciting as this book! It was a fun ride. If you are a fan of The Avengers movies, you will know a little bit of the backstory of the Black Widow. Trained as a child by the KGB to be the ultimate killing machine, Natasha Romanoff is deadly, efficient, and alone. She has been raised to be completely self-reliant, with no family to tie her down. But all that changes when she rescues young Ava Orlova. Ava has been brutalized by the same KGB mastermind, Ivan The Strange, as Natasha. They have had so many of the same experiences that Ava feels Natasha could be like a big sister. Natasha saves Ava, but then disappears from her life. What I loved: I think it was fascinating to learn more about Natasha and how she operates in the S.H.I.E.L.D. organization. I enjoyed the technology and all the cool abilities that Natasha has. I also enjoyed the layers of intrigue that are revealed in the story. I am being deliberately vague about some of this so as to not give anything away. But I will say there are some impressive ways people go undercover in this book! Another fun aspect of the story is when Tony Stark shows up! Every scene he is in is a delight. He is such a fun character that I couldn't wait to see what Tony does next. What I didn't love: Some of the premises of the book are based on the overall Big Bad project that Ivan the Strange makes being plausible, and it just isn't. Okay, yes, this is a superhero book, but I wish some of the technology would have been more realistic. Just because a character can access someone's memories does not mean they would have the muscle memory to perform stunts that would take someone years to perfect. While it makes for a fun fantasy (look, I can now do super-spy acrobatics!), it takes us out of the action by how ridiculous it is. But, if truth be told, I did find this story to be a fun spy thriller. I enjoyed the format: each chapter begins with a transcript of a death investigation. You know by that, alone, someone is not going to make it out alive. This increases the tension throughout the book as the plot is revealed. If you enjoy action, and mystery, you will love Black Widow Forever Red. But, check your sense of reality at the door. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Black Widow: Forever Red By Margaret Stohl Review By Anthony Avina The Marvel Universe has expanded into the YA book genre with Margaret Stohl's "Black Widow: Forever Red." The story does a masterful job of delving into the mysterious history of everyone's favorite assassin turned S.H.I.E.L.D. agent, Natasha Romanoff. After a mission to stop the man who broke, trained and turned her into a weapon ends with a young girl saved and the man supposedly killed, Natasha finds herself inexplicably connected to the young girl she rescued. However, because she was trained to be an agent and not an open person who makes personal relationships, Black Widow disappears from young Ava Orlova's life, leaving her in S.H.I.E.L.D. custody. Years later, Ava is trying to fit in as a normal teenager in Brooklyn, but her experiences and connections to her past has left her unable to let people past her own barriers. Soon however, life gets complicated for Ava. Children across Eastern Europe have gone missing, and when Red Room technology is rumored to be involved in the abductions, Black Widow fears her old teacher and tormentor may have survived their last encounter, and Ava might be the only one who can stop him. Reemerging into the teen's life, Black Widow and Ava must unravel the mystery and their pasts that remain in the dark from even themselves, and will end up discovering a bigger mystery involving the dark-eyed teenage boy who walks through Ava's dreams, sporting an hourglass tattoo. The mystery of this book's story makes it one of the most thrilling political YA novels I've ever read. The way this book blends the thriller, Cold War-era political mystery and YA romance genres is brilliant, and getting to learn more about this bad ass and strong character Natasha Romanoff makes it addicting to read. Getting a chance to peel back the layers of the Black Widow's history and mixing it with the governmental politics of S.H.I.E.L.D. was a stellar storytelling technique, and fans of the Marvel universe will love the surprise characters involved in the story, and the intimate look at a brand new character like Ava Orlova. The novel is filled with tons of action, romance and a fast-paced plot that will leave you craving more by the last page. With a sequel in the works, Black Widow: Forever Red is a strong first entry in Margaret Stohl's Black Widow series, and Marvel has done an excellent job of entering the world of storytelling through novels. Pick up your copies today!

Enter the world of the Avengers' iconic master spy Natasha Romanoff is one of the world's most lethal assassins. Trained from a young age in the arts of death and deception, Natasha was given the title of Black Widow by Ivan Somodorov, her brutal teacher at the Red Room, Moscow's infamous academy for operatives. Ava Orlova is just trying

to fit in as an average Brooklyn teenager, but her life has been anything but average. The daughter of a missing Russian quantum physicist, Ava was once subjected to a series of ruthless military experiments-until she was rescued by Black Widow and placed under S.H.I.E.L.D. protection. Ava has always longed to reconnect with her mysterious savior, but Black Widow isn't really the big sister type. Until now. When children all over Eastern Europe begin to go missing, and rumors of smuggled Red Room tech light up the dark net, Natasha suspects her old teacher has returned-and that Ava Orlova might be the only one who can stop him. To defeat the madman who threatens their future, Natasha and Ava must unravel their pasts. Only then will they discover the truth about the dark-eyed boy with an hourglass tattoo who haunts Ava's dreams. . . . Black Widow: Forever Red features all the heart-pounding adventure readers expect from Marvel, written by #1 New York Times best-selling author Margaret Stohl. Uncover a new side of the Marvel Universe that will thrill loyal fans and newcomers alike, as Stohl reveals the untold story of Black Widow for the very first time.

From School Library Journal Gr 8 Up Beautiful Creatures (Little, Brown, 2010) coauthor Stohl and Marvel team up for a brand new Black Widow story with two original main characters. Once a lethal assassin for Russia, Natasha Romanov (aka Black Widow) strives to atone for her past mistakes. Working with S.H.I.E.L.D, Natasha is ready to kill her former teacher, Ivan Somodorov, but does not count on rescuing a little girl from a planned explosion at his lab. Without realizing it, Natasha and Ava are caught in Ivan's latest experiment, which gives Ava access to Natasha's abilities. Years later, their lives converge when Ava meets Alex, a boy she has been having dreams about, and is reunited with Natasha, who turns their normal lives upside down. Natasha reluctantly involves Ava and Alex in her mission to kill Ivan and save the world, but the cost may be too high. Black Widow: Forever Red can be enjoyed without prior knowledge, and for those who are familiar with Black Widow, Natasha's history is expanded in new ways. VERDICT Great fight sequences, plenty of action, twists in the plot, and characters motivated by strong emotions will keep readers engaged and entertained. A great addition for most young adult collections. Marissa Lieberman, East Orange Public Library, NJ * "Every aspect of this book is terrific, from the concrete details and rich language to the interactions among Alex, Ava, and Natasha . . . Here's hoping for a sequel!" Booklist, starred review "Action-packed . . . [Stohl creates] a complex tapestry from which emerges the story of the origins of the Black Widow." VOYA About the Author Margaret Stohl is the #1 New York Times best-selling co-author of the Beautiful Creatures series. Her solo books include Icons, Idols, and Black Widow: Forever Red. Before writing her first novel, Stohl was a veteran of the video-game industry, working with Activision (now Activision Blizzard) and Westwood Studios (now Electronic Arts). Margaret later became a cofounder of 7 Studios with her husband, Lewis Peterson. She has previously been nominated for Most Innovative Game Design at the Game Developers Conference. She lives in Santa Monica, California with her husband and daughters.