

Content Guide

Heaven's Hunter by Marie C. Keiser

Themes: Forgiveness, friendship, loyalty, martyrdom, fortitude, commitment to truth, good example

Educational Value: Could spark discussions about religious persecution and ethical dilemmas. There is some mention of political and economic systems, especially utilitarianism.

Positive Messages: Vengeance will not satisfy you. Truth is always worth it. Real freedom is found in truth and virtue.

Spiritual Messages: God will reward you for your sacrifices. God is present in His Church. Grace is there for you if you ask for it.

Positive Role Models:

Although deeply flawed, the protagonist Randall Yung heroically chooses to sacrifice everything rather than compromise his own integrity and potentially hurt others. Hector Alvarez models patience and charity and integrity. He is ready to pay for his mistakes, to forgive his enemies, and to offer his life for others.

Violence/Gore: There are multiple beatings, fights and battles in which many people die or are injured. There is physical and psychological torture. A group of people are executed; the protagonist thinks briefly about their appearance after death. There is a description of scars from previous injuries. After a ship crash, some burnt bodies are found.

Sexuality: None

Language: The main character uses the word "hell" a few times.

Drinking, Drugs & Smoking: Brief mention of a stranger having withdrawal symptoms from an addictive drug. A scene in a bar where some people have drunk a lot. Characters engage in some social drinking.

WHAT PARENTS NEED TO KNOW

The story is told from the point of view of the protagonist who, through much of the story, is seeking revenge and harboring hatred. He lives in a violent world that is deeply corrupt and explicitly anti-Catholic. He approaches the Catholic faith from a skeptical outside perspective, but eventually comes to accept it because of the example of others.

Rating Scale: ADVANCED

Light- For all readers.

Moderate - Story includes subject matter for teens 13 plus

Advanced - Although not graphic in description, the subject matter is recommended for teens older than 15.