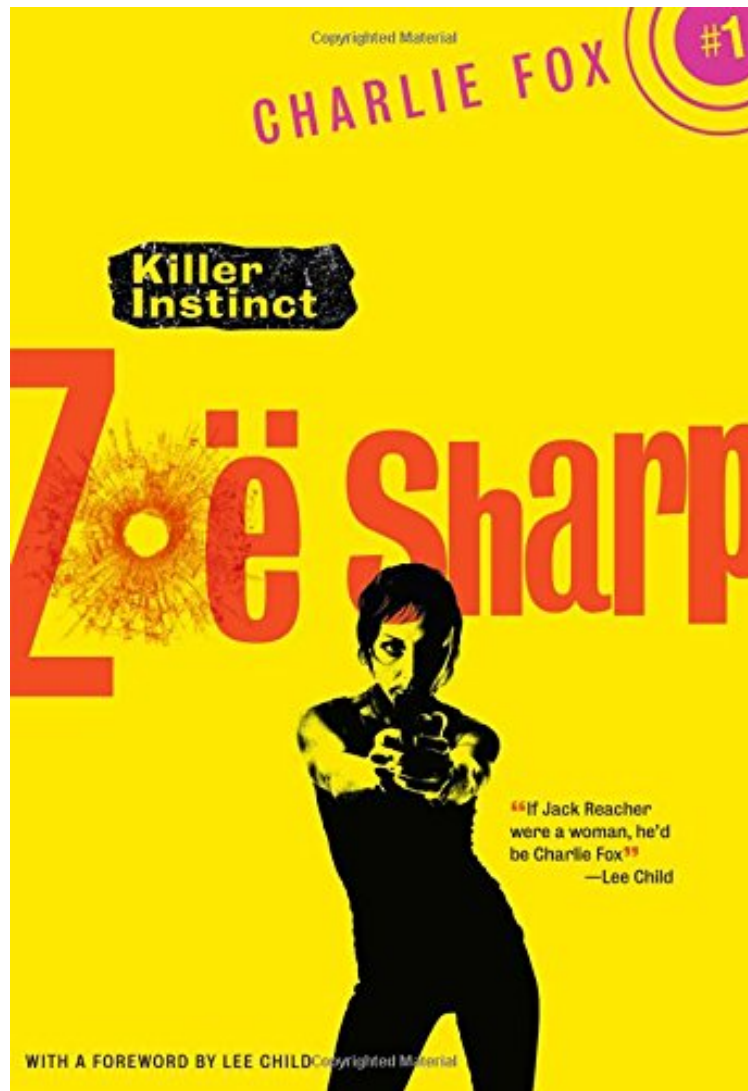


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Zoe Sharp : Killer Instinct (Charlie Fox) before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Killer Instinct (Charlie Fox):

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. This strong female protagonist makes this an enjoyable read. By Jane V. Blanchard Killer Instinct by Zo Sharp is the first in the Charlotte Charlie Fox crime thriller series. When you read this book, you'll want to read the rest of the series to see what other thrilling adventures await Charlie Fox. Charlie's character is complex and believable. I liked her spunky point of view from the get-go. She is vulnerable and yet tough, steadfast in her beliefs of right and wrong, and with a desire to help others, even when putting herself in danger. Trained for the army Special Forces, she now teaches self-defense to women. Short on cash, she takes on a job

as a bouncer in a new nightclub. Always believing that it is best to cool a confrontation than to escalate it, Charlie is not favored by her all-male team, until she shows them that she is not afraid of a fight. While working at the club, Charlie finds connections with the venue, rapes that have been happening in town, and the murder of her friend. The plot is full of surprises. As the story unfolds, you find out why Charlie is the person she is, what is really going on at the New Adelphi club, who is raping local women, and who wants to kill Charlie. When you think you have it figured out, there is a new twist. Set aside a few hours to enjoy this strong female protagonist. I surely did. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Charlie Fox, she's not too friendly unless you're OK, and as a former special forces trainee, she'll take you on anytime. By James K. Bashkin A fresh voice and character for me. Obviously, the author has been writing for a good while but I'd not come across her before. I wasn't sure what to make of the Lee Child endorsement at first, but it was spot on. Original, incisively written, with outstanding descriptions that remain relatively terse, the book builds in suspense as it builds the complexity of Charlie Fox's character. Through these means streets, a woman must ride..., and even if she can only afford an aging Yamaha motorcycle, Charlie conjured up Richard Thompson's Vincent Black Lightning 1952 at times, though she is a "good guy," for the most part. She writes her own laws and lives with the consequences of her actions, as well as the consequences of crimes against her. This is a great read and I immediately bought the next five books in the series. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. A+ thriller from an author with a strong voice. By AJ Norton Outstanding! I will buy more of this series. I love Lee Child's Jack Reacher, and when I read that he had written, "If Jack Reacher was female, he would be Charlie Fox," I was hooked. Glad I found this author. Yes, there is violence the threat of violence; yes, there is sexual content and innuendo and discussion of sexual violence ... but that is true of any news report. The character of Charlie Fox is compelling, well-drawn, and the reader wants her to win. This is an "escape thriller" for the average reader, and a healing, life-affirming vindicating catharsis for any woman who has been battered and/or sexually abused. As a former prosecutor, I wish to end all sexual and physical abuse -- but I also wish that every abused or victimized woman could survive and rebuild herself to be as strong as Charlie.

Charlie Fox was no good at being the nice girl her parents wanted, so she joined Her Majesty's military and acquired a new set of skills. Now she puts them to use teaching self-defense to battered women in a refuge passing on the finer points of roundhouse kicks, running like hell, and breaking a cheekbone when necessary. Her skills come in even handier when she takes a job working security at the Adelphi, a hot new club with an enigmatic owner. And they come in handiest of all when a rapist appears to be targeting the desperate women at the refuge, and someone with a very nasty line in knife-work appears to be targeting Charlie's friends.

From Booklist Psychically damaged by a horrendous episode when she was in the British army, an incident that led to estrangement from her parents, Charlie Fox is a biker chick whose conscience restrains her from using her potentially deadly hand-to-hand combat skills. Three Charlie Fox books have been published in the U.S., out of series order; now, at last, comes Sharp's first, the introduction to this unique female protagonist, who's tough without losing her femininity. After some backstory, we meet self-defense teacher Charlie, who is hired as the only woman on the security force at the rehabbed New Adelphi nightclub in Lancaster. She is soon involved with club owner Marc Quinn and mixed up in porn videos, illegal drugs, and multiple rapes and murders. As Charlie herself is threatened by the murderer, action and peril intensify to a harrowing climax. Sharp manages to combine blood-and-guts action with a strongly feminist slant, as Charlie, who knows what it's like to be a victim, seeks to empower women with her training. With a laudatory introduction by Lee Childs, this is a must for crime-fiction fans who like it rough. --Michele Leber "Charlie Fox came on strong in Zo Sharp's early novels but, like a lot of tough girls, softened up with time. Now, thanks to an enterprising small press, we can catch Charlie in the rough. Originally published in 2001, Killer Instinct finds this army-trained martial-arts expert on her first job, working security for a club in an English seaside town. Charlie looks like a made-for-TV model, with her red hair and motorcycle leathers, but Sharp means business. The bloody bar fights are bloody brilliant, and Charlie's skills are both formidable and for real." -- Marilyn Stasio, The New York Times Book, July 4, 2010 "A solid, very well-written debut... The urban English setting is nicely realised, and grimy enough to make the readers skin crawl on occasion, particularly Charlies work at the Adelphi Nightclub. And even so early in the series, the action is so well choreographed that you believe every bone crunching impact on the page. Killer Instinct is a sharp, punchy read; a brutally confident start to a series that would continue to evolve in the best possible ways. Busted Flush Press are going to be reprinting the early Fox novels over the next year or so, and you'd be well advised to check them out and get acquainted with one of the most well-defined and convincing series protagonists I've encountered in a long time." -- Russel McLean, Crime Scene Scotland "One of the best crime debuts for years." -- Yorkshire Post "An exciting... entertaining first novel." -- Sunday Telegraph "A lively first book from Sharp, written with assurance and panache... a pacy read with a fresh and defiant heroine." -- Manchester Evening News