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Synopsis

At the age of fourteen, Conner Reeves became Britain’s kickboxing champion but he did not know what was to come. After being secretly tested in a real-life situation, Conner was invited to a top-secret program called Bodyguard. The Bodyguard program is a classified program where teens from around the world get recruited. They call themselves The Alpha Team. Being the youngest there Conner was the underdog. After a few months of training, Conner seemed to catch up to his teammates who have been there for years. One day their director called the team in, saying that someone is being assigned for a very big assignment and that person was Conner. Conner was assigned to be a secret bodyguard of Presidents of the United States daughter Alicia Mendez without her knowing. At first Conner was stunned because he didn’t know why they would pick him, until he found out that his dad was the President’s bodyguard and saved his life by sacrificing his. Conner was following in his dad’s footsteps. Being the leader of the United States there is a lot of Terrorism. Throughout the book Conner has to protect Alicia who doesn’t like to follow the rules. Conner will need to protect her from bombs and kidnappings from Terrorists. Will Conner be able to protect the president daughter, or will it all fail?

Chris Bradford was born June 23,1974 in England. Chris also like Conner was high in martial arts, being a black belt. Chris has written two long series with three books in the series. The Young Samurai and Bodyguard with 8 books. Currently Chris lives happily in England with his wife and his two sons.

Setting

Bodyguard Recruit takes place in multiple places. At the start of the novel, there is a throwback to when Conner’s dad was protecting Mr. Mendez which turns out to be the President. They are driving away from an attack in the dry dusty desert of Iraq. Later on, in the novel the main character Conner lives in London, England with His mom and Grandma in a small snug house just outside of London. After being recruited to the Alpha Bodyguard training camp, where Conner spent around 3 months training, located in Wales. Camp Bodyguard had the looks of a regular house in Wales, but it has many high Tech security features outside of it. This included 4 zone security ground protection and shock proof windows. The main part of Conner’s and Alicia living is in the highest tech and protected house in the world, The White House located in Washington. This is where Conner lives when he is protecting Alicia.

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Characters

Protagonist

The protagonist in this novel is Conner Reeves. He is 14 years old. Conner Reeves is a kickboxing champion from London England. Conner has a strong build with brown hair and blue eyes. Conner lives with his mom and grandma after his father passed away saving Mr. Mendez’s life in Iraq. Conner gets recruited by a top-secret Association called Bodyguard. His experience in martial arts helped him become as good as his teammates. Connor is a very caring, humble person who can persevere through almost anything.

Antagonist

The antagonist in this novel is Malik Hussain. Malik Hussain is the brotherhood terrorist group leader from Saudi Arabia. Malik leads his terrorist group to carry out multiple bombings on The White House. He also kidnapps Connor and Alicia, the president’s daughter. He black mails the President to let his brothers free from jail after the 911 bombing. Malik has a black beard and tan skin that he covers up with a keffiyeh.

Other character’s

Another important character in the story is Alicia Mendez. Alicia is the President’s daughter. She is a big part of this story because the terrorists go after her to blackmail the president to get the way.

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Writing Style

In the Bodyguard, Conner is the narrator and tells the story told in first person. I like the style of first person because its easier to relate to him since he’s the main character. I like how the Author used an articulate style of writing. Chris Bradford gave specific details and examples when describing the training and other important parts of the story. He was also articulate in the details of the White House. This gave me an inside look into what being a bodyguard would be like.

Things I Liked

I liked how this story is very realistic with the big events such as terrorism. It’s also realistic because it sounds like the story could take place in our time. Today, terrorist threats are still happening. In the story, the terrorists want the President to free their brothers from 911 attack. This story had action and danger.

 I also liked how it was easy to relate to the character’s and their feelings. Conner was my age which made him a very relatable character. I also liked how he wanted to following in his dad steps.

Significant Events

The first significant event was when Conner got asked if he wanted to get recruited to train to become a bodyguard. This was an important event because it was a life changing decision. He would not be able to live at home with his mom and grandma anymore. Conner decided to go when they said they would look after his mom and grandma. He also wanted to do something important with his life.

The second significant event in the Bodyguard is the bombings on the White House. In the middle of the story, Alicia finds out that Conner is not an exchange student from England but that he is instead actually her bodyguard. After she finds out, she decides that’s she’s tired of being lied to. So she decides to escape the White House without telling anyone. The terrorists picks up on her escape and decide to bomb the White House three times to distract the army and special services from knowing where Alicia is. Conner realizes that he doesn’t know where she is and goes and tries to save her from getting hurt. At this point, Conner has found Alicia and realizes that they need to get out of the danger zone and go to the underground safe house. They realize that everyone’s cell phone stops working when they try to call someone for help. A secret service person ends up picking them up. They get in the jeep then Conner realizes that she doesn’t have the correct pin on. They try to leave but then they both get shot by a tranquilizing gun. This a significant event because it’s dangerous and the highest point of action.