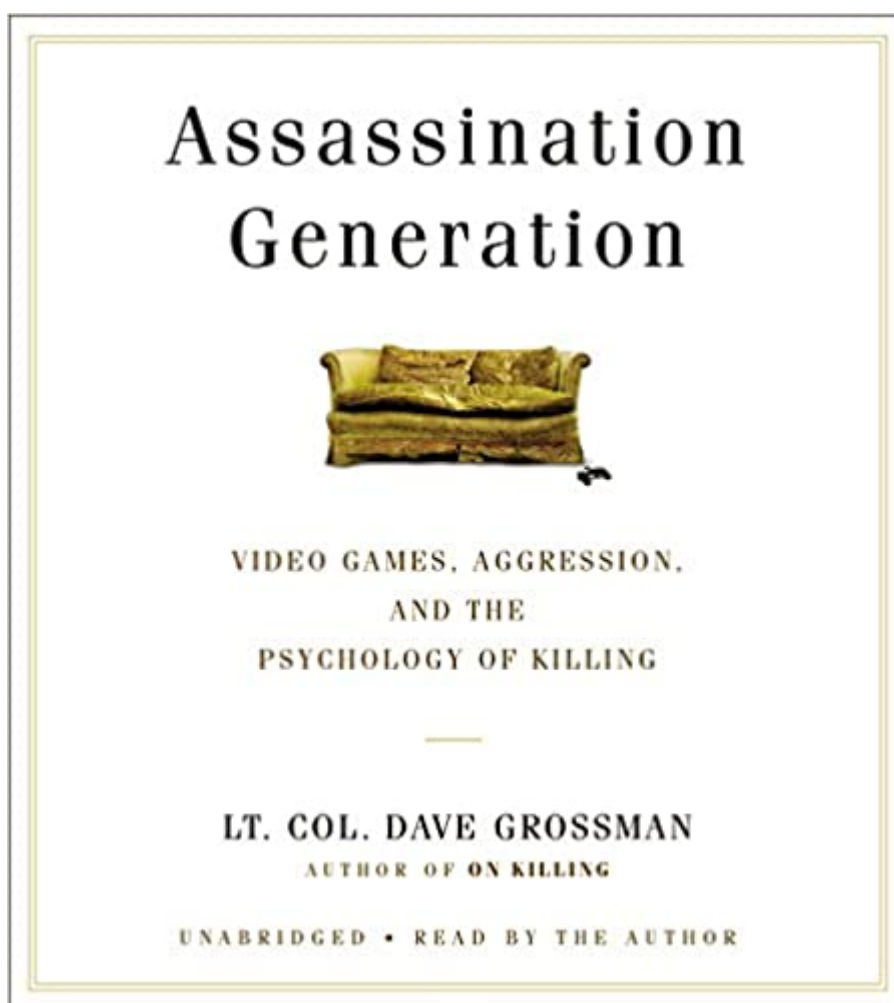




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Assassination Generation: Video Games, Aggression, And The Psychology Of Killing



Synopsis

The author of the 400,000-copy bestseller *On Killing* reveals how violent video games have ushered in a new era of mass homicide--and what we must do about it. Paducah, Kentucky, 1997: a 14-year-old boy shoots eight students in a prayer circle at his school. Littleton, Colorado, 1999: two high school seniors kill a teacher, twelve other students, and then themselves. Utoya, Norway, 2011: a political extremist shoots and kills sixty-nine participants in a youth summer camp. Newtown, Connecticut, 2012: a troubled 20-year-old man kills 20 children and six adults at the elementary school he once attended. What links these and other horrific acts of mass murder? A young person's obsession with video games that teach to kill. Lt. Col. Dave Grossman, who in his perennial bestseller *On Killing* revealed that most of us are not "natural born killers" - and who has spent decades training soldiers, police, and others who keep us secure to overcome the intrinsic human resistance to harming others and to use firearms responsibly when necessary - turns a laser focus on the threat posed to our society by violent video games. Drawing on crime statistics, cutting-edge social research, and scientific studies of the teenage brain, Col. Grossman shows how video games that depict antisocial, misanthropic, casually savage behavior can warp the mind - with potentially deadly results. His audiobook will become the focus of a new national conversation about video games and the epidemic of mass murders that they have unleashed.

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Customer Reviews

Lt. Col. Dave Grossman, U.S. Army (Ret.), is an internationally recognized scholar, author, soldier, and speaker. He is one of the world's foremost experts in the field of human aggression, the roots of

violence, and violent crime. He is a former West Point psychology professor and is currently the director of the Warrior Science Group. His books include *On Killing*, *On Combat*, and *Stop Teaching Our Kids to Kill*.

I gave this book five stars but not for the reason you may think. I am a great admirer of Grossman scholarship and his willingness to take on one of the most important issue of our time, or anytime for that matter, the issue of "killing". I purchased his latest work, "Assassination Generation" for members of my family. This book, like Grossman's other best sellers, "On Killing" and "On Combat", serve as a timely thought-provoking treaty on a subject which both scare us and fascinate us at the same time. Grossman, by the very arguments he makes against other theories on mass killings, put forth the most prevailing argument against his own video game aggression and the psychology of killing. Just as guns, medications, population density, oppression of women and parents are not the primary motivation for killing, neither is video games, Like guns, video games are just tools that serve to enhance the marksmanship capability of those determine to kill. I suspect there is no single cause that drives human-being to murder one another. I am excited by the comments of reviewers, pro and con alike. I am gratified by Grossman's courage and determination of placing both his expertise and his reputation front and center. I am waiting with great anticipation to see where this debate takes us. Thanks Lt. Col. Grossman for supplying more food for thought. i can't wait to discuss this book with family members.

Great book and a must read for anyone who has children and/or cares about keeping our children and country safe. Definite eye opener! LTC Dave Grossman is an expert on the subject.

The most insightful look at what's going on with our children & society written in the last 50 years. The Colonel doesn't pull any punches and this should be required reading for every parent, educator or legislator. Open your eyes and wake up before it's too late.

I have not only purchased this book but have also seen Lt. Col Grossman's presentation on the facts and history of this dire situation. This man's credentials and expertise are second to none. He advises the very top intelligence agencies, law enforcement, and armed forces. He is the most respected man in his field I would imagine. He is a man of integrity, honesty, and compassion. He is warning us for our own sake, that of our families, children, and for our nation. His is a voice to be listened to. Thank you sir for your diligence and for sounding this much needed alarm.

Lt Col Grossman delivers yet again. The definitive expert in the field of human violence.

Great book and amazing author!

Relevant and timely. Research based by expert in combat training.

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