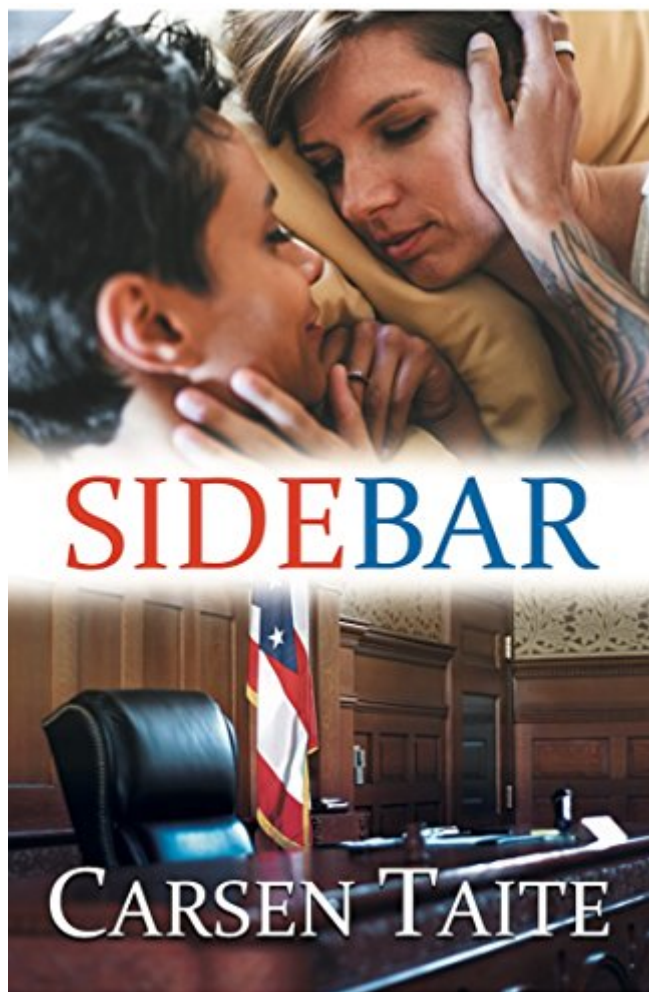


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## Synopsis

Judge Camille Avery, newly appointed to the federal court, is finally back on her dream career path. She's determined not to let any mistakes, past or future, get in her way, but a complex murder case and undeniable attraction to her rebellious law clerk threaten Camille's carefully planned future at every turn. Attorney West Fallon is a social justice crusader, reluctant to put her career plans on hold to clerk for a federal judge, even if the judge is the man who saved her life. When he's suddenly forced to retire, West is stuck clerking for Judge Camille Avery, an infuriatingly stubborn—okay, brilliant, intense, and sexy—law-and-order jurist who seems just as unhappy to be saddled with her. As Camille and West explore their growing desire and challenge the boundaries of their work and personal relationships, a big case threatens to destroy both their careers. Can their love survive?

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## Customer Reviews

Probably an unlikely combo in life but made for a pretty good story. I enjoyed it more than the last couple by this author.

I really loved this book. It was meatier than most romances and it kept me engaged until the very end.

Another home run hit by Ms Taite.

Awesome

Great book, interesting content, could have kept reading about these characters.

Well written legal drama about a newly appointed judge and her clerk. MsTaite is at her best when in the courtroom and she doesn't disappoint here. She describes the intricacies of working a case in detail and with experience. So many authors give their protagonists occupations they have no idea about. The romance is touching, with plenty of chemistry between the two women. But it was a bit odd to me, that they only knew each other for a month and they're expressing their undying love, especially the judge. Maybe I would have believed it more if they hadn't spent so much time in the book avoiding each other. I found the mystery sub-plot the weakest part of the novel. It was far too obvious who the culprits were, and the end was too rushed wrapping up the romance and the mystery. Overall though, an entertaining read.

I got an ARC in return for an honest review on NetGalley. So little known fact about me: I work in the legal world. I got this expecting it to be this terrible representation of the legal world like most TV shows are about it. This book was different than my experiences, but that may just be the way that county and federal differ. However, what I was able to piece together, this author did her research. There was a lot of spot on things that were great details like the characters using Westlaw to do some research. The plot was engaging and interesting, until the very end. Things got to be a bit much. I can't go into too much detail in fear of spoiling the story, but it was just felt like conflict for conflict sake. My biggest issue in romantic media is the propensity towards abusive relationships as ideal. This book manage to avoid that trap, but it fell into my second biggest issue with romance anything: jealousy as a sign of love. The characters were clearly into each other and were dealing with that, but then BAM jealousy. Jealousy is a negative and dangerous emotion. Jealousy is not a

sign of love, but a warning sign. I hate how media hypes it up as you can't truly love someone unless you are jealous or having a partner that is jealous is a good thing. This book stopped short of glorifying it, but it was still an issue for me. The characters were motivated by jealousy and it was enough that I was disappointed since the book was doing so well. Overall, I loved the characters and the story. I really would like to read more on them. The book ended just as things started to settle. there was so much more story that happened before and after that I need to read. 4 out of 5 stars. I would recommend this book.

Newly appointed, Judge Camille Avery is dealing with the differences between state and federal jurisdictions. Smart, capable and sexy, she works hard to overcome her bumpy past as a state judge. Her inherited law clerk, attorney West Fallon, is a social justice crusader who would rather work for the ACLU than clerk for a judge. Rebellious and not always respectful of authority, West is brilliant and sexy and has the hots for her boss. Their mutual attraction is palpable from their first serendipitous meeting a month before the Judge is appointed. Within a few weeks, they're dealing with their first big case. When details about the case start leaking to the media, and their attraction is harder to deny, everyone is under pressure. Taite is an old hand at the legal drama/romance. While she writes crime thrillers as well, it is her first-hand experience as a lawyer that really shows in her legal books. The two main characters are smart, sexy and bold, and that makes for entertaining stories and likeable characters. Camille and West fit into this mold well. One is older and is technically the boss, but there is enough rebellion in West to enable this to work, without the obvious power dynamics really pushing the story in that direction. The back story is kept to a minimum, and neither character is severely damaged psychologically, so it is a lighter story than Taite often delivers. The romance is clever and there is enough of a build up to work, but it does feel a bit sudden with the revelations at the end. I do enjoy Taite's books, and I've probably read most of them. This is lighter fare than most, but no less enjoyable for it. This was a delicious morsel of a legal drama/romance. Advanced reading copy provided by NetGalley for an honest review.

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