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When a life is on the line, love has to wait. Doesn't it?

After a devastating professional embarrassment, Cory Lance has been banished from the courtroom. As part of her penance, she volunteers with an organization that works to free the wrongly convicted, and soon she's saddled with a case certain to set her up for another big defeat. To top it off, she's battling a strong attraction to her client's sister, a woman with unreasonable expectations.

Serena Washington has learned to compartmentalize the negative pieces of her past, except for one—her brother, Eric, who is on death row for a murder he insists he didn't commit. Loyalty drives her to enlist help from an organization with a reputation for unparalleled success, but Serena's optimism is shaken when she learns the attorney assigned to the case has a reputation for cutting corners. Her whole world is shaken when she begins to fall in love with her.

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From Reader Review Beyond Innocence for online ebook

Heather Henkel says

Good story

I enjoyed all the aspects of the story. It is interesting to read about the law side of things as well as the relationships.

Gina says

I enjoyed this book. A nice easy read. A good mix of humor, drama, and romance. The main characters, Cory and Serena, were believable, relatable. Even if the circumstances of their meeting and continued interaction were a little unbelievable. There was a slow build-up to steamy romance. I thought the end was a little abrupt. Everything was resolved but after the slow burn of the book until that point, it just seemed a sudden departure.

sapphictionaire says

A nice legal drama with a fast-paced push/pull romance on the side.

Milkiways says

It is a simple and sweet romance story. A public prosecutor, Cory had to work for a non-profit defence clinic, for a short term, as part of her probation on alleged prosecutorial misconduct case. While working on one of the pro-bono cases at the clinic, she meets defendant's sister, Sarena. The chemistry between them instantaneous that evolves over the course of time. There were also few pleasant visits from Skye Keaton.

It is a happy ending story, revolves around main characters, and easy read. The writing could have been better with some punchy dialogues as well as exploration of personality traits of the main or supporting characters. Nonetheless, captivating story telling and definitely worth reading if you are into romances.

Vicky says

I enjoyed how the characters developed. Also that there was an important side story. Not only the story of the two girls.

Sally Trotter says

Another great story from Carson Taite, this time centring around a convicted murderer on death row. A prosecutor suspended & doing voluntary work at an office which investigates the trial & the evidence & the convicted man's sister who believes him innocent. A great combination of characters

Alena says

Ok mindless read. I'm always frustrated with stories that have potentially a lot more to tell are pressed into the romance formula.

Nicholina says

Maybe I'd push the rating up to 2.5. It started off pretty well and I ended up feeling pretty satisfied with how the legal system side of the story played out, but I ended up being pretty frustrated with the romance side, which felt very formulaic in one of the most annoying (to me) ways. There was a distinct lack of communication and a push and pull that each of the women went through that didn't feel justified to me. Then the pat ending. It was only due to the fairly well done legal story that I even stuck with the story until the end.

Lex Kent says

3 1/2 Stars. I realize I always enjoy Carsen Taite's books, and while this was not one of my favorites, it was still a good read. The story revolves around two mains, one a lawyer, the other a bank teller, who finds out her brother is on death row. With the execution date looming, can Serena find help for her brother before it's too late.

The main story-arch was quite good. Also exciting, is the brother innocent and if he is can they stay the execution or even free him? Taite is a fantastic crime writer and how the story unfolds is well done. Where I had a bit of trouble was the characters. Serena, I liked. Even though she had walls up, they cracked enough that I could connect with her. It was also nice to have some diversity, which I don't think we always see enough in books in general. My problem was with the lawyer, Cory. If Serena had walls up, Cory had a mountain up. I couldn't get a real read on her. And at times she was a bit horrible to Serena. Her feelings were so back and forth it almost seemed like two different characters at times. Because of this I felt the romance suffered a bit too. Why did Serena even like Cory, let alone fall in "love".

However, as I stated before, Taite is a great crime writer, so the rest of the story helped make up for the short-comings. I also liked that Skye from The Best Defense had a small roll in this book.

If you are a fan of LesFic crime books, Carsen Taite is a must to read.
