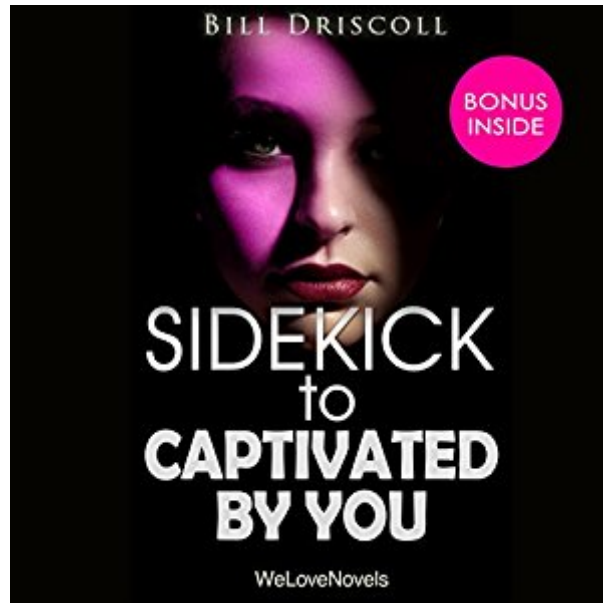


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Sidekick - Captivated By You, By Sylvia Day: Crossfire, Book 4



Synopsis

Can't get enough of Sylvia Day's Captivated by You? Immerse yourself in her world and discover hidden treasures with this Sidekick. Note: This is an independent companion to Captivated by You, meant to enhance your experience of the novel. If you have not yet bought Sylvia Day's novel, make sure to purchase it before buying this unofficial Sidekick. In the fourth book of Day's Crossfire Series, Gideon and Eva find themselves facing some of the strongest challenges their relationship has yet encountered. Even as the newlyweds fight for their future, they find themselves ensnared by the past - a past they will have to confront if they ever want to truly move forward. With this sidekick, you'll: Spend some more time with the characters you've come to know and love Learn what you might have missed on your first listen of Day's novel Uncover some of the hidden gems and underlying themes Explore a possible alternate ending and imagine ideas for a sequel

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Customer Reviews

Crossfire is a series based around tangled relationships and erotic complications. This sidekick provides a clear insight into the main characters Gideon and Eva. In-depth analysis is provided on the characters and their motivations, for example how each has secrets they hold against another that are forgotten when the two lovers become entangled in passion. Eva's affair with Brett Kline and Gideon's past history of abuse are both explored on a deeper level. Additionally, this sidekick provides some unique alternate possibilities, including an alternate ending where Eva fully pursues the affair she is having and leaves Gideon behind. The outcome could very well have led to Gideon's suicide. Also, a theme is outlined which poses the question is it better to take care of your

own troubles, or reach out to others? Since some of the romance in the novel as well as side plots seems to fizzle out, these are nice additions to the sidekick. Character analysis is also provided. Very well done!

I started reading the crossfire series about 3 months ago, and I'm captivated (pun intended). I was happy to see there was a sidekick for "Captivated By You" and gave it a read. I liked the how the sidekick breaks down the book and provides additional insights. The themes and symbols section, as well as the character guide are very helpful. This sidekick is great while reading the book, as well as reading after you have completed the book. There are sections instructing you to "read this section while still reading the book and read this section after". The character pages were helpful, and the alt endings were amusing. There are also suggestions for other books/series you may enjoy included at the end, which has led me to some great books and authors.

Ok, moment of truth. I am not a fan of erotic novels and do not read them at all. That being said, I do want to be in the loop about the trending books out there without wading through all the sexual content. I want to get to know the story, understand the characters, and the struggles of the characters quickly. I've turned to Sidekicks while reading books to add depth to my reading experiences before and decided to try reading a sidekick apart from the novel, *Captivated By You*. I know, shame on me. But it gave me a deeper appreciation for this sidekick. Through it I was able to get acquainted with the characters, their obsessive ex's, their struggles with past scars, and their struggle to find balance in their new relationship. I was able to understand the sub-plots and the real living relationship between the characters without filling my mind with unwanted sex scenes. The sidekick was very well written, and easily explained the differences and personalities between the characters as well as their relationships to one another. I loved how the author didn't "summarize" or dwell on the sexual aspects of the book and instead focused on the relationships and human interactions of the novel.

It is more like a cliff note or book report than a "sidekick" It doesn't offer any more insight than any normal reader would already have deduced while reading the book and imagining on their own. The only semi-redeeming quality was the "alternate endings" and even those were brief, to the point and offered little to the imagination. At \$4.99, I wouldn't have been so negative, but a total rip off at \$9.99 considering it is more than the actual book it "compliments."

Recently I got more into reading. I read Captivated By You on the recommendation of a friend. I was looking for something erotic but not another 50 Shades of Grey. I enjoyed the book yet I was a bit confused at times and my overall experience lacked something. I felt as if I was missing something. I had a problem. I came across this sidekick and found a solution. I love how this book features more information on Gideon and Eva. I felt more invested in these characters because the book provided backstory or more context to them. In addition and more important to me, I learned more about the underlying themes and alternative endings. This is great. Overall I recommend this for someone who's read or plans on reading Captivated By You. This sidekick improves the reader experience.

Are these "sidekicks" absolutely essential? Not really. We were fine without them for a heck of a long time. But are they useful and convenient? For sure. This one by Bill Driscoll, to accompany the latest installment in the steamy, popular "Crossfire" series, is no exception. From his insightful analysis of the series up to now (and of the genre in general) to equally penetrating character analysis, Driscoll does a yeoman's job of making his reader truly feel that he or she is getting value. This companion goes way beyond simple chapter summaries and even delves deeper than a good SparkNotes-style treatment. A special treat is the section called "Possible Storylines for a Sequel." Here, Driscoll looks ahead, musing (along with so many other fans) about what the next book might bring for these characters. And he also offers some pretty imaginative (!) alternate endings for the current book. In short, this is a fun and thoughtful little book.

One man's snarky regurgitation of a four novel body of work is not to be considered entertaining. Just as one wishes they could "unsee" certain things- I wish I could "unread" this drivel. Bill Driscoll- go out and get a real job- "writing" is clearly NOT your forte.

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