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In the small town of Harden Fields, summer time seems to be the best time to set fire to old flames in this racy, heart-stopping romance. Laney Oliver is ready to start a new life. Away from the small lonely town of Harden Fields, Alabama. Away from the pressures of her careless family. And away from the shadows of her broken heart. Laney is just beginning to heal after the love of her life shattered her perfect world, leaving her with no explanation. When the reason for her pain-stricken heart returns to Harden for the summer, she vows to stay away. But, she soon realizes that it may be easier said than done. Jeremiah Cutler left Harden Fields in a rage, leaving his entire reason for existence behind. He knew that he was shattering Laney's world, but he had to...there was no other way. Everything he did, he did for her... he just has to prove himself to her once again. Leaving Laney was a necessary fleet that he wishes he could take back, but staying away from her was never an option. Now, amidst his return, Jeremiah's sole purpose is to win Laney's trust back and to regain his forever at any cost.

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Katie(babs) says

DNF'd by chapter 3. Very boring introduction that doesn't improve at all. Big issues with the heroine's non-stop internal monologue.

axola says

OMG! This one was one of the worst YA books I have ever read. What a waste of time! There was nothing to like. The story itself was a bunch of crap, the whole parents drama laughable and let's not even start with the main characters, Jay and Laney. Let me put it this way: even a Taylor Swift hard core fan would find the female lead pathetic and spineless.

Andrea Heltsley says

Such a cute book!! Loved it!

Secretly Adorkable Readers says

Alternate POV's, Best Friend Romance w/ the boy next door, Stand Alone w/ Family Drama and Parent Issues....

This was a very cute best friend romance. I loved both of the Cutler boys, Jeremiah and Jonah, whom both are cousins but one is Laney's soul mate and the other is her best friend. I get to meet this author soon hopefully in Memphis Comic and Fantasy Convention this fall so looked up some of her books to read to get familiarized.

I would love to see a continuation with Jonah's story maybe about his college sports career and a love interest.....

Reviews posted on Goodreads and Amazon under Hotninja_angel

Olivia says

I think...I must have missed something about this book. It started off okay but the moment Jeremiah returned things just went downhill. The chemistry just wasn't there for me and the whole deal with the parents...that was just weird.

Casey says

Everything from the blurb, to the cover and the idea of a small town second chance romance drew me in and I really thought that this was going to be a home run for me. Unfortunately, *This Side of Forever* just didn't live up to all the promise that I had been expecting. I am a huge fan of the New Adult genre, and tend to read every single one of them that I can get my hands on. Although this story had similarities to other NA books, I knew that I really wanted to see what could possibly make someone up and leave someone they loved with no explanation.

Laney is just graduating and getting ready to spend the summer with friends before leaving for college. Her senior year has been filled with heartache and misery after the boy that she loved left her with no explanation at all. Now that she has finally started to put her life back together with the help of her best friend Jonah who happens to be her love's cousin, Jeremiah decides to return to town. Even though Laney knows that she should stay away from Jeremiah she finds it impossible not to be drawn to him. Jeremiah is determined to win Laney back and get her to trust him again. He knows that he did the right thing trying to protect her, but can he prove to Laney that he never stopped loving her and was doing what he thought was right?

I had several problems with this story. Jeremiah was one of them. From the start he just seemed shady to me. He was trying to get Laney to forgive him, and yet you could tell that there were a lot of things that he wasn't being honest about. I also don't understand why when he was trying to get Laney back he would be talking to random girls and then when she would run away he would be right there to get her and wondering why she was leaving. He was also very possessive even though he really didn't have a right to be. He seemed to be extremely jealous and would go off at the slightest flirtation, comment or look from someone else to Laney. Laney was also a problem for me. I realize that she is young and this was her first love, but she just came off as weak and emotional to me. Jeremiah has done nothing to gain her trust back after devastating her with no reason given, and yet she is basically welcoming him back with open arms. It just seemed as though she really based her whole life and happiness off of Jeremiah. I couldn't get past that. For me the relationship was pretty unrealistic in that they just seemed to pick right back up where they left off, as if nothing had happened. Also, there was very little chemistry between the two leads. They didn't seem to ever really progress beyond some heavy kissing, and even that just seemed to be almost tame compared to what I would expect when the term soul-mate is tossed around.

Another problem I had was that this story was extremely repetitive. Laney's thoughts are a very large part of this story and often times I felt like her thoughts were the exact same thing we had already read about a dozen or more times. I cannot tell you how many times she describes Jeremiah as her blond haired blue eyed only boy she would ever love. There seemed to be very little story to the actual plot and besides the final reveal of what really caused Jeremiah to leave and lie to Laney, which took a very long time to actually get to, there really didn't seem to be much going on besides Laney and all her friends going from party to party while running into Jeremiah. Besides a bunch of drama between friends, the biggest conflict of the book seemed to be why Jeremiah left and that just fell really short for me. Because it took so long for answers, I found myself getting bored waiting for it that by the time that it finally came out I really didn't care anymore. Honestly I'm not sure that they big reveal was even enough that I would have kept reading if I had known ahead of time.

For me, this story just didn't work. I felt that the story was slow, and yet the relationship progressed way too fast. One minute he is returning and she is still heartbroken and the next they are already back together. Most of this story was one party after another and then all of a sudden we are at the end getting the whole story and then they are rushing into the next step together. This book to me was just not very believable. Also, I wasn't interested in the characters, and there seemed to be way too many of them for the lack of plot. The secondary characters honestly didn't interest me one bit, and it was hard to find any redeeming qualities in them. They were all extremely messed up in different ways, and I really couldn't have cared less what

happened to any of them. Overall, I am sitting here trying to figure out why I didn't DNF with this book, and the only thing I can come up with is my ever present need to finish what I start. I think that even though I personally did not enjoy this story, that there are plenty of people who will. If you are looking for a New Adult story about two old flames who find each other again and get their HEA then this might be something you would enjoy.

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Crystal Swimmer says

Though the plot line has potential, this story falls flat. The characters are lifeless and dull and no character has its own individual voice. All the dialogue sounds as though the same person is speaking it. There is no spark between the two lead characters and everything about them and the plot seem forced and over-worked. I tried really hard to enjoy this book, but could not find anything I liked or related to with the main characters or even any of the supporting characters.

Heather andrews says

Oh good Lord Jeremiah that sweet boy, "what do you want me to say, Laney?" He pleaded. "I messed up -" I love it when a man knows he did wrong and will do anything to make it up to his girl, "I know, baby. I just want you to know that I'm gonna make this work. I'm gonna get us back. Believe it." He's so supportive, "I've got you, baby," he whispered into my hair, "I'm here, and I've got you." He's also quite the gentleman, "no, there's no question, I love you. And I want you - I want you so bad." He paused, letting his words settle. "But baby...not like this." This book was such a cute read and I hope Jonah gets a story.

Dianne says

This Side of Forever by C. Marie Mosley is full of broken dreams, angst, insecurity, deceit and some huge leaps of faith! Laney has two best friends, cousins, Jeremiah and Jonah. She can always count on Jonah to know what to say or do to make her feel better, but its Jeremiah who has stolen her heart and soul. The night they are to leave together and start a new life, Laney is stood up, without a word from Jeremiah. For almost her entire senior year, she suffers from the heartbreak and not knowing why Jeremiah disappeared from her life. Jonah is there for her, she loves him like a brother, but does he wish there were more? Just as suddenly as he disappeared, Jeremiah reappears in Laney's life, only to send her emotions into overdrive all over again. Where was he? Why didn't he call? Why did he come back? Can she trust him? If this isn't enough, Laney's family has their own issues, and they involve Jeremiah's family. What has everyone been keeping from Laney? Why are they so opposed to their love?

C. Marie Mosley has certainly captured the angst of a teen who seems ill-prepared for the adult world, particularly when it comes to making mature and responsible decisions. For much of the story, we are invited inside Laney's tortured, one-track mind and it sometimes becomes overwhelming. The plot is terrific, like riding a roller coaster in the dark at full tilt! Jonah's character was almost saintly in his maturity and acceptance of Laney's feelings. Jeremiah, while he clearly loves Laney, is still too secretive, his reasons for being so really didn't sit right with me. Their families, well, there was so much to tell, it felt rushed and came

in chunks too big to digest at once for me.

I will say, C. Marie Mosley can write with emotion, digging deep into the wells of feelings and **This Side of Forever** will make a connection with younger readers!

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Talk Supe says

Braine's Talk Supe review

The character development felt a little short IMO. Given that challenging relationship hump coupled with their respective family problems, Laney and Jeremiah's relationship should show signs of growth, it should've evolved and matured. Instead it felt stunted as if nothing happened, no consistent trust issues were displayed and their reconciliation was premature. Jeremiah's reasons for leaving was heartbreaking but when he was telling Laney the story, it felt like he was downplaying it or maybe trying to appear strong? But this is Laney, his forever love, someone he should feel safe with, enough to be vulnerable. Laney showed the necessary sympathy however I didn't feel like she made Jeremiah take full responsibility for the damage he did to their relationship, she came off as either being too passive or too nice and forgiving. Also, during the process of making up, Laney kept on blushing three, twenty-seven and eighteen shades of red which was really really starting to annoy me. Let out your inner goddess while you're at it, will ya! Smh!

To sum up, *THIS SIDE OF FOREVER* is a quick and entertaining enough to read. IMO, it's more of MYA than NA, the main theme being the usual family issues associated with the genre. The reason why I only Liked it and didn't Love it is I didn't feel CMosley made this as emotionally driven as the premise hinted at. There were a few missed opportunities where the scene could've been more powerful, instead it felt passive and were left to the readers to determine what the characters aren't saying.

Beth says

This Side of Forever was such a heart felt and gripping story. From the beginning Mosley had me hooked. Riveted to the pages, I anxiously watched this wonderfully crafted young adult love story unfold. Secrets, lies, betrayal all whittle away at Jeremiah and Laney but Mosley writing gives you an up front and center seat as it unravels, emotionally binding you to her characters. Simply an enchanting story you won't want to put down, *This Side of Forever* was made for the HEA lover in us all.

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