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Rich attorney Sydney Van Allen is a rising star on the political horizon. Lovely professor Faith Fitzgerald is a dedicated scholar and award-winning author. Engaged to Sydney's brother, Faith prays that this marriage will save her from the pain of the past. Thrown together by fate, these strong, independent women find themselves impassioned by a dangerous longing that threatens the very foundations of their carefully constructed lives.

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Ty says

The first half of this was better than the second, in my opinion. I had been reading, thinking that this didn't feel like a 20 year old novel, but as the two women got closer to getting together, that changed. It began to show its age a bit. Still, this is well written and engaging.

M says

Excellent, really enjoyable read.

I just wish there had been more, you cover an awful lot of ground in quite a short space of time.

Tara says

I've been reading so many books written in the last 10 years that this felt very different. There aren't many coming out stories being published at this point, so this was a good reminder of how different things are now.

Linda says

I really liked the aspect of this book that dealt with religion and coming out. Well written and introspective.

Evan says

This book is about a Catholic woman named Faith who is a history professor/writer coming to terms with her sexuality as she falls for her boyfriend Eric's sister Sydney, a recovering alcoholic who is on the verge of running for the Senate as the democratic candidate. It's set in the mid 90's in Chicago. On Faith's side there's devout Catholic parents, a brother who was in the navy and survived an engine room fire with 30% of his body burned, a younger sister who is suddenly a 22 year old widow with a 9 month old half Jewish son who needs to move home. On Sydney's side, there's a supportive, incredible, sweet, slightly older, very successful brother, nice parents, and very celebrated and successful in their own right extended family. Sydney's family is ridiculously rich but her and her brother work hard at their chosen professions. They are not the idle rich which they could easily be. Besides the obstacle of Eric and their developing feelings for each other, Sydney is weary of dating because she doesn't want her sexuality to be the center of her campaign. Will these two crazy kids work it out and live happily ever after? Read it and find out! This book is a simply written, enjoyable page turner.

Corvida says

The description above is incorrect. Here's a quick synopsis:

Sydney Van Allen is a rising star on the political horizon. Faith Fitzgerald is a dedicated scholar and award-winning author. Thrown together by fate, these strong, independent women find themselves impassioned by a dangerous longing that compels them to surrender- body and soul!

C.J. Reid says

A pure and simple classic.

Agirlcandream says

My how times have changed.

My longish review got erased somehow last night but what I had tried to say was how impressed I was with Ms Kallmaker's efforts to educate all who read this book. I had to check the publication date (1996) to appreciate just how far acceptance of same sex relationships have come in the past almost twenty years.

A must read for everyone in this (mostly) post DOMA era we live in.

Mallory says

Wild Things was wicked fun

This was my first Kallmaker and I will definitely be reading more of her stuff. The intrigue was high and the predicament Faith finds herself in is quite the puzzle. I enjoyed going on this journey with her and I loved the history that got interwoven into the story. I would be surprised if this book hasn't inspired a few women to run for office or quit drinking. Sydney is fabulous and I think we all wish we had a family like the Van Allen's. I'm not a religious person, but it was interesting to get Faith's perspective/experience coming from a staunch Catholic background.

Note that there is some domestic abuse (father on daughter violence) portrayed and if that is triggering for you, give this one a pass.

Leavethesky says

A well-written, interesting romance with well-drawn characters and an interesting storyline. I would have liked to see more tension in Sydney's story and the potential impact of her attraction to Faith on her political career, but was satisfied overall with this one and it doesn't bill itself as a political thriller. Overall, the

depiction of Faith, a devout Catholic and an academic and Sydney, a super-rich, lesbian, politician, rang true and the author didn't rely on the usual artificial obstacles and painful misunderstandings to further the plot.

Ulla says

I completely agree with the previous reviewer! I love this story (I love all of Karin's stories, of course) but this one is extra interesting with the historical content!

Have the first Naiad edition and the pages are starting to fall - as it's a book I read appr. once a year!

R.J. Samuel says

One of my favorite lesfic books. Loved the interaction between Faith and Sidney.

Jay Odon says

"The Sixth is Serendipity"

What do you get when you combine a high profile attorney on the political track and a future sister-in-law who has a secret past that she dare not let anyone know? Wild Things!

Faith Fitzgerald is engaged to Eric Van Allen and she hopes that this relationship will bring to a close the sins of her past. Sydney Van Allen, Eric's sister, is a high profile attorney with a past of her own. When the two women meet there is instant attraction which neither of them are willing to acknowledge. While Sydney is on the political track and her sins have already been laid bare, Faith is a professor that still live in her ultra-conservative christian family. Faith has had a little experience in the love department but none of it has been with a man, not until Eric, who respects her upbringing and is willing to wait til they are married. As Faith and Sydney get closer, they start to realize that they share a love, one for Eric and one for each other. Trying to assert herself, Faith decides it is time for her family to know the real her, so she tells them that she loves women, one in particular, and she doesn't want to keep living a lie. As suspected her father goes into rage mode and the only thing in his way is Faith's brother who stands up for her. After that scene she decides to move out, and live her life, all the while trying to ignore her feelings for Sydney. Sydney realizes the attraction between them and tries to stay away but true love cannot be bottled up. Faith breaks up with Eric who is way more understanding that she thought possible and he remains a great friend as their relationship changes and Sydney becomes more to her than just a friend.

This is a great coming of age tale, although it is late in life, just letting us know that whatever happens if you are true to yourself nothing can stand in your way.

Lira says

I have to say that I was surprised to find that this is my new favorite Karin Kallmaker book. I always expect

to love her books but this one took me by surprise. Upon finishing the book I wanted to immediately re-read it. I loved it that much. The book is told from both main characters points of views and I found myself completely tied to both characters. There were scenes and lines that had me holding my breath. Like when she says- "For every thought of him, I think of you a hundred times," I found myself highlighting line after line with my ereader. Just a great read. KK at her best! Loved it.

andrea says

Quick, enjoyable read. The characters were pretty good, and the plot was well put together. The last fifteen percent felt rushed and I wish it had addressed some things that were glossed over.
