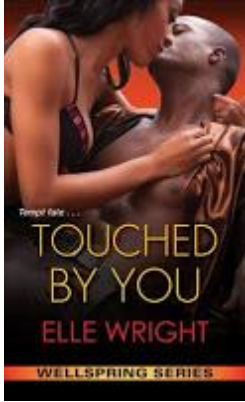


# SPOTLIGHT ON BOOKS



Sometimes getting out of our comfort zones can be quite comfortable.

I haven't read a romance novel in a million years, and quite frankly, have not ever read more than a handful that would be classified as such. But sometimes it's good to try something outside of our normal reading choices and Elle Wright's *Touched by You* did not disappoint.

*Touched by You* tells of Brooklyn, a daughter of a villainous tycoon, meeting and falling in love with Carter, a grief stricken widower.

Romance, big money, and villains? It's definitely a book for the soap opera crowd.

And with that, there are unsurprisingly some dubious plausibility issues. Brooklyn's father is an over-the-top moustache twirler and the first couple of times the two lovers meet, Brooklyn literally falls into Carter. It's cliché to the point of annoying.

However, Wright develops the couple sufficiently to make their motivations believable and many readers, like me, will wind up rooting for them. Plus, the pacing is excellent. Of course, with a romance novel most readers will be waiting impatiently for the big lusty moment of consummation. But Wright taunts it just enough. These scenes don't take over the romance but certainly are appreciated when they finally arrive.

Ultimately, it was an entertaining diversion with some glimpses of real human emotion and a happy ending.

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