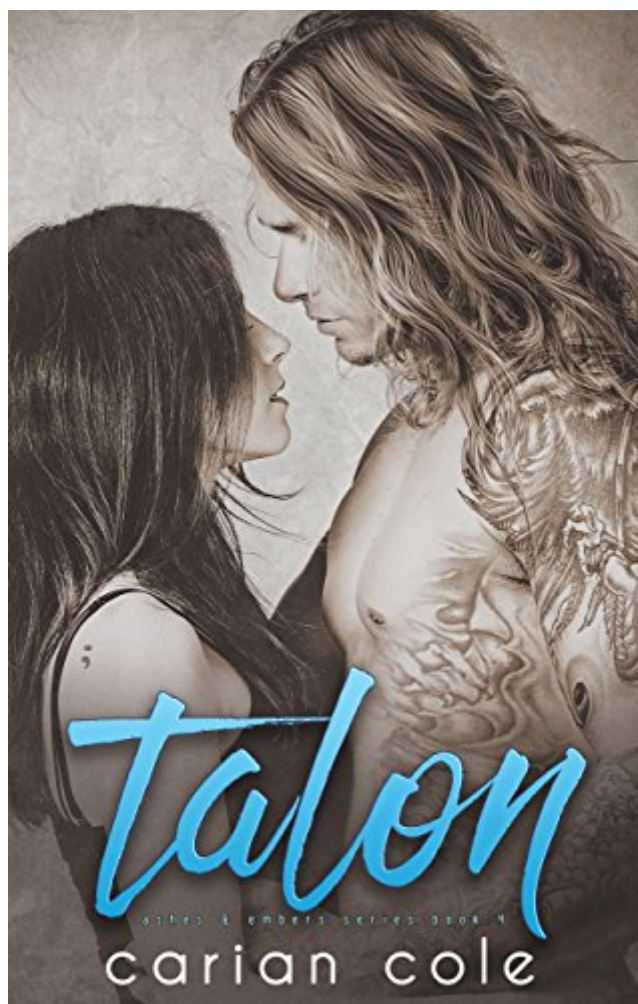


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## Talon (Ashes & Embers Book 4)



## Synopsis

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DESCRIBE YOUR IDEAL PARTNER: Independent. Tall, blonde, sexy. Outgoing. Intelligent, neat. Unslutty. Confident. Loves to travel. Committed. ~ Talon Valentine  
A SOCIAL EXPERIMENT. The concept was scary but exciting... Marry a total stranger. Live together for six months. Journal everything. (Feelings. Fights. All of it.) After six months, we each get \$50K in trade for our journals, whether we stay married or not. But the goal is to commit to the experience and see if the relationship experts could put together the perfect matches. I have never been lucky in love. This was my chance to find my soulmate. I couldn't wait to meet the man the experts felt was perfect for me. My hopes were immediately dashed when I saw him at the altar. Shit. I married my worst nightmare. Right?! \*\* This story is not a reality show. It's a serious social experiment run by a psychologist and it's all discrete. The characters are not on TV or followed around with cameras. They are alone \*\*

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## Customer Reviews

Oh Wow! I don't even know where to start or how not to ramble about this book. There are so many

things bouncing around in my head about this book, I'm not sure how to keep this review clear and concise. I'll start by saying that this is not the typical type of book that I read but this book changed me. I'm usually a Dark reader, only Dark, but I see I have been missing out on some great new talent, specifically Carian Cole. This book called to me for some reason so I signed up for it for my blog. I loved it so much that I immediately purchased the other three books in this series and I have been reading them non stop until now which is why my review is late. Now here I am with a new favorite author because I'm telling you, this author has talent and she will go very far. Its not dark, but its not all hearts and flowers. It has just the right amount of angst and grittiness for me to fall in love with Talon, the book and this new author. This book is a must read but clear your day because I promise that you will not be able to put this one down until the very last page. Talon, by Carian Cole, is the 4th book in her Ashes and Embers series. It can be read as a standalone, the author did a great job making that possible. But. I'm a firm believer that any series is best enjoyed when you read it in order. I actually started with this one and I had no confusion. After completing it I made it my mission to read the rest of the series and that I read in order. I suggest you do the same thing because every single book is a 5 plus star and captivating read. Ya know how some books slap chains on you, demanding that read every word before walking away? Well, this entire series slapped chains on me. So, back to this specific book. The subject is unique.

I have been in absolute awe since the first time I read a Carian Cole book. So far I have read every one she has written to date and after devouring Talon I have to say BRAVO woman...you have matured into quite an amazing storyteller and this one is by far my favorite (and that is saying a lot because I adored all of the boys). A social experiment to partner up compatible couples (much like you might have seen on a reality tv show), have them get married without knowing anything about each other and then seeing if they would stay married after six months of marriage sounded like a fun idea for a book but honestly I was not excited to read it at first. Then...OMG...I started to read and was completely sucked into the story of these two complete opposites and what on earth was anyone thinking when they paired off a manwhore of a player and a shy artistic young woman who was looking for Mr. Average and not Mr. Rockstar. Things are not always what they seem to be though, and as the layers start to peel off of these two (seemingly) mismatched people looking for love, it becomes apparent that there is way more to each of them than what is on the surface. I can't really say too much about what happens when they get married and are contractually required to live and sleep together, but suffice it to say that it was at times hilarious, at times sadly poignant and mostly just heartwarming and REAL. This is no fantasy people (yes it is

fiction but this type of experiment has been done before) and what Talon and Asia go through was very realistic and believable...no insta-love or phony dialogue. The banter was witty and some of the expressions made me literally laugh out loud while I was cheering these two on that they would end up where I wanted them to be.

It's been so long since I picked up a book and just couldn't put it down. I mean my kindle went EVERYWHERE with me so I could continue to read this book. This book is number 4 in the Ashes & Ember series, but can be read as a standalone. I have not actually read any others in this series and wasn't lost or wondering "what the heck?" Can strangers really pick your perfect match? Asia has been unlucky and unloved all her life. All she wants is to find that one man who will love her for who she is and let her love him in return. Like all girls she has an idea of what her perfect man is. But when she agrees to a social experiment to marry the man a team of experts pick as her perfect match she doesn't know how they could pick the complete opposite of what she thinks she wants. It's not about what you want, but what you need. Talon is a rockstar used to partying and women falling all over him for his "11 inches". He's tired of being used and not having someone to come home from tour with. So when his mom mentions the social experiment he can't believe he even is considering doing something as crazy as allowing strangers to find his perfect woman. What he ends up getting is a non-smoking, non-alcoholic, vegetarian hippie who has no idea who he is. No beginning, no end, just now. Over the course of the experiment these two find that they really are perfect for each other and bring out the best in each other. But obstacles are constantly thrown at this couple, like any marriage, and these two have to find a way to overcome them to finally get their HEA. Laugh with me, love with me! I honestly had to wonder how I would feel about this book when I started reading it, but like I said before I just couldn't put it down.

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