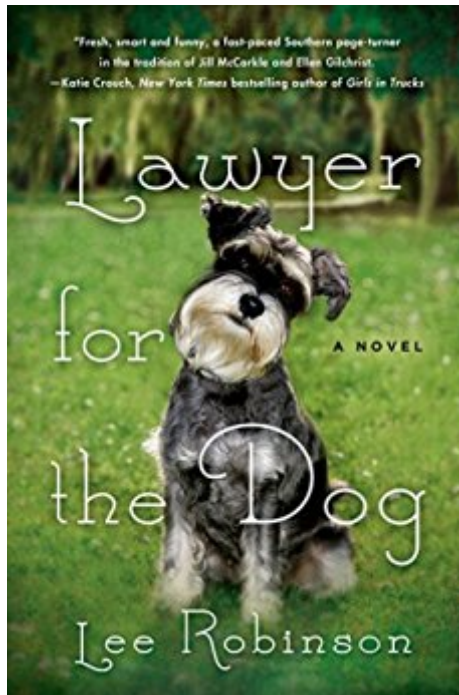


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# Lawyer For The Dog: A Novel (A Sally Baynard Novel)



## Synopsis

One of the sharpest attorneys in Charleston, S.C., Sally Baynard isn't your typical southern belle. She's certainly not what her mother hoped she'd grow up to be, especially since she divorced her husband, Family Court Judge Joe Baynard, and his historic family with their historic wealth and historic houses. Maybe Sally was never going to be a proper society lady, but her success as a public defender and family lawyer have been enough for her. She's represented murderers, burglars, drug dealers and lately has taken on some of the thorniest divorces, all cases closed with her Sally Bright Baynard wit, charm and brains. Or have they? One case she's never successfully closed is her marriage. And when Judge Joe assigns her to one of his divorce cases by appointing her as the Lawyer for the Dog -- Sherman, a miniature schnauzer-- she's forced into close quarters with him again. Juggling the needs of the dog, the angry owners, her amorous but uncommunicative ex-husband, her aging, Alzheimer's-ridden mother, and the expectations of the court is more than Sally could have imagined. And as rascally Sherman digs his way into Sally's heart, he brings along his charming vet Tony, a man who makes Sally question her views on love and marriage.

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## Customer Reviews

This is a gentle story about a middle aged woman growing up, along with those around her. The character development is well done and the dialog (about which I am quite fussy) is spot on. Although this genre is a bit out of my comfort zone I couldn't put it down. Having recently visited Charleston, I was able to re-enjoy the locale, and the legal details rang true. The nursing home vignettes were amusingly gruesome. In all, a winner.

This is a wonderful novel by Lee Robinson! I was able to put the book down (to go to sleep) after the first few chapters. However, when I picked it up again, I simply COULD NOT put the book down again: I had become so involved with the 8 or 10 main characters in the book (including the dog) that I HAD to find out what happened to all of them. "Lawyer for the Dog" is hilarious AND touching -- not easy for most authors to pull off. I highly recommend this book to anyone who likes to read.

I didn't want the book to end. I felt like I had a glimpse into the soul of Sarah. Great character development. As a former domestic attorney, now a judge, I found the legal aspects of the story spot on. I laughed, I teared up, and I felt hope. All great emotions inspired by this book. Highly recommend this book.

This was probably one of those times when I did choose a book by its cover. Take a look at how can you resist that little guy's face?! (My first dog was a schnauzer, so that didn't hurt either!) Lee Robinson's Lawyer For the Dog is pretty simple to summarize. It goes like this: Main character is a woman of a certain age (check) Said character is single and ready for love (check) Add a tangle of past love, regret and self-doubt (check) Enter a winsome schnauzer who is the center of a custody battle (check) Bonus: the knight in shining armor has grey hair (!) (check) Sally Baynard is a family lawyer in Charleston, South Carolina. She's been divorced and single for almost two decades, but her ex-husband has decided he's still in love with her. So Judge Joe Baynard decides to insinuate himself into her life again by assigning Sally as lawyer and ultimately guardian for a dog in the center of a nasty divorce case where both parties demand that Sherman the pup live with them. Sally is not too sure about Joe's unexpected declaration of love, but she is attracted to the dog's vet, Dr. Tony Borden. Complicating matters is the fact that Sally's ailing mother (she has Alzheimer's) lives with her, so a love interest seems like just one more hurdle. Shall I mention again that it was incredibly refreshing to read some chick lit where nearly all the characters all had grey hair and experienced the pangs of middle age?! This quick and easy summer read would please any hopeless romantic or dog lover especially those over forty. The story might not

be complicated, but it is delightful.

Ok. The book has a really cute dog in it. I think Robinson got the dog behavior right, although the human behavior seemed a little extreme at times and, at the same time, not very interesting. Also, for a light weight book like this I like to see everything wrapped up with a happy ending for all.

\*\*\*\*SPOILER ALERT\*\*\*\*\*SPOILER ALERT\*\*\*\* The ending would have been more satisfying if the heroine had accepted the care of the rescued beagle the vet offered her. I also think it would be more realistic because who would be stupid enough to decline the offer of an adorable dog when she had just had a wonderful experience temporarily caring for one? Big mistake if you ask me.

My first book with this author found me interested in the main character, wanting to know her better, and wishing I could sit down for lunch with her! She was likable, her dilemmas were believable, and her actions, although well thought out, were not always the best ones for the situation. In short, she seemed like someone REAL, someone who would be a good friend. The tone of the book is mostly upbeat, but not every problem has a "perfect" solution -- again, more like real life. I really enjoyed the humor woven into the narrative: Sally's musings about how nursing homes are named was very amusing and on target! The book was easy to read, but hard to put down. I cared about the characters, and wanted to find out how the case was resolved. And as an animal lover, I really appreciated all the attention focused on Sherman. The fact that not all of Sally's "issues" were resolved left me hoping for another book -- and there it was, Lawyer for the Cat! If you're looking for an enjoyable read with a satisfying conclusion, this is the book for you.

Sally Baynard is happy with her life. She's approaching fifty and has a family law practice in Charleston, South Carolina. Her assistant, Gina, is extremely capable and more of a friend than an employee. The only thorn is taking care of her mother who has Alzheimer's. Sally wants to take care of her, but it's not easy. Then her ex-husband, now a family court judge, calls for a favor. He has a contentious case. The husband and wife want a divorce, but they both want custody of the dog. Sherman is a miniature schnauzer with huge brown eyes. The judge wants Sally to become the dog's advocate. She agrees, but the case becomes more complicated, at least for Sally, when a contested vet bill brings her into contact with the vet. Dr. Borden is single with gray hair, and he cares about his animals. Sally can't help being attracted. This is an amusing tale. If you're a dog lover, this is the book for you. Sherman makes the people in the story look silly and petty. He's the star of the show. Sally is a good character. She wants to do the right thing and ends up creating

problems for herself, but as in most romance novels â “ all’s well that end’s well.If you want a quick romantic read, you’ll enjoy this book.I reviewed this book for Net Galley.

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