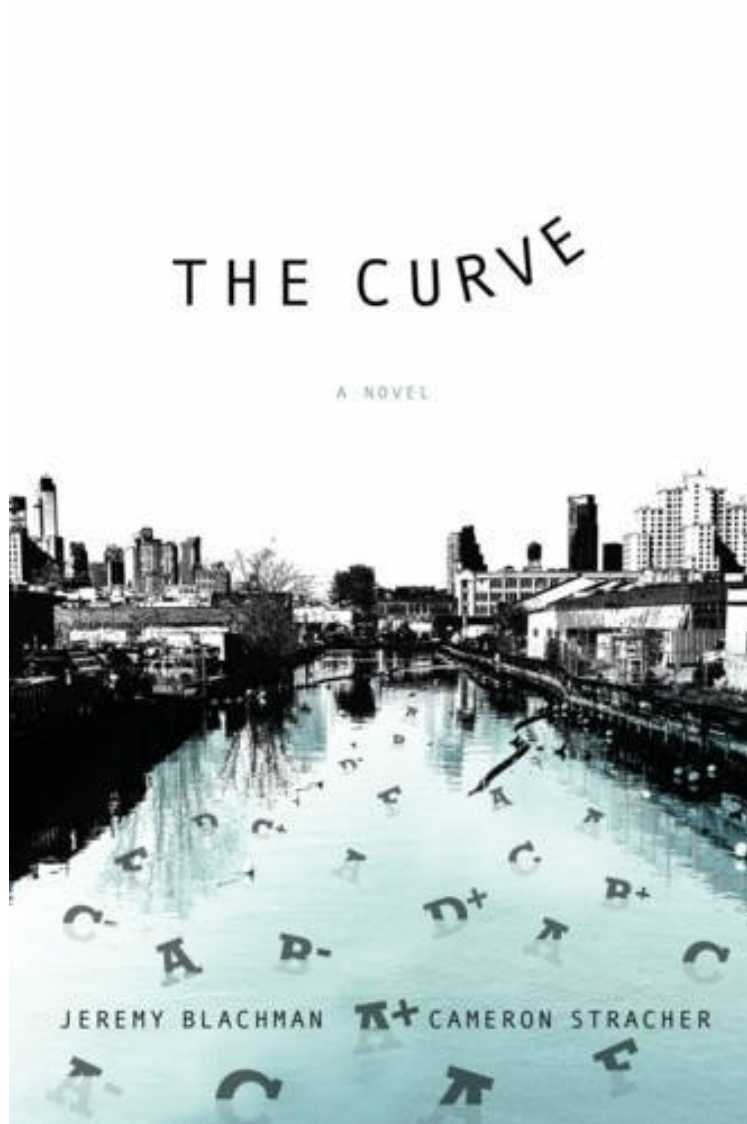


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Jeremy Blachman, Cameron Stracher : The Curve: A Novel before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised The Curve: A Novel:

2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. ... hilarious "Anonymous Lawyer" with co-author Cameron Stracher in this terrific comedic novel satirizing the "worst law schoolBy Raffi MelkonianJeremy Blachman follows up his hilarious "Anonymous Lawyer" with co-author Cameron Stracher in this terrific comedic novel satirizing the "worst law school in the world," set on the shores of the bucolic Gowanus canal (the Gowanus is a super-fund site in

Brooklyn). I'm a lawyer, so it is especially funny to me, but I think that even non-lawyers would enjoy getting a bit of a peek into legal (and especially law school) culture gone wrong. The writing is crisp and funny, but what really made the book for me are the little easter eggs - fake syllabi, etc - that often punctuate the chapters. Linking all of the really funny set pieces is a good story that drives the action along at a fast clip. The whole thing is just really well executed. I read the Curve on a beach here in Texas, and it was exactly what I was looking for. Pure fun! 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Nothing like Anonymous Lawyer By Carlos I bought this book after reading Blachman's Anonymous Lawyer book. I was hoping for the same (dark) humor and character style. Nothing of the sort here. The Curve has its funny things, but it's mostly a predictable novel without too much relation to the real world. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Certainly throws light on the sad practice of taking money from students whose chances of ... By Customer Certainly throws light on the sad practice of taking money from students whose chances of "making it" are slim. Clearly written by someone who's been on the inside. All wrapped up a little too neatly at the end for me - hence 1 star deduct.

The students at Manhattan Law School, a decrepit institution on the edge of the toxic Gowanus Canal in Brooklyn, are geographically-challenged and mad as hell – in debt up to their eyeballs and fighting over the few legal jobs left for those who are far outside the Ivy League. Our hero, Adam Wright, is a newly minted professor with high hopes and low expectations. But nothing has prepared him for a classroom of digitally distracted students, a rebellion of grade grubbers, a Law Journal staff at the helm of a school-wide scam, and a corrupt administration that runs the school as if it were a personal ATM. Adam regrets leaving his lucrative corporate law firm for the wilds of academia, until he finds an ally in the brilliant and fetching Laura Stapleton, a colleague with her own troubling secrets. Now the two professors may just have to save legal education... or join their students in the unemployment line... or worse. With its colorful cast of eccentrics and law school misfits, a satirical plot that – without too much of a stretch – could be ripped from the headlines, and a proven author duo who know this world and have six previous books between them, *The Curve* continues Ankerwycke's trend of publishing high quality/highly readable legal fiction with an edge. *The Curve* is a hugely entertaining and deeply felt novel that satirizes the current state of higher education and reads like a cross between *Dangerous Minds* and *The Paper Chase*.

"Is 'The Curve' a searing indictment of the industry of legal education? Or an idealistic vision of the possibilities that remain for those whose hearts are pure? It's both, of course, and a book that only such talented insiders as Blachman and Stracher could have written. But more important it's a great read. Every page, and frequently every paragraph, made me stop to laugh or wince, or more often both. Painfully funny, surprisingly touching, and not just knowing but wise." (Kermit Roosevelt, Professor of Law, University of Pennsylvania Law School, and author of *Allegiance* and *In the Shadow of the Law*)

About the Author
Jeremy Blachman is the author of *Anonymous Lawyer*, developed for television by Sony and NBC and currently in development for film, and a frequent writer of humor pieces for a wide variety of publications, including *McSweeney's Internet Tendency* and *The Barnes and Nobel*. A graduate of Princeton University and Harvard Law School, he lives with his wife, Nina, and son, Micah. Cameron Stracher is the author of 6 books, including *Double Billing: A Young Lawyer's Tale of Greed, Sex, Lies, and the Pursuit of a Swivel Chair*. A graduate of Harvard Law School Law and the Iowa Writer's Workshop, he has taught and practices media law, and written for the *New York Times* and *The Wall Street Journal*, among many other publications. He lives with his family in Connecticut.