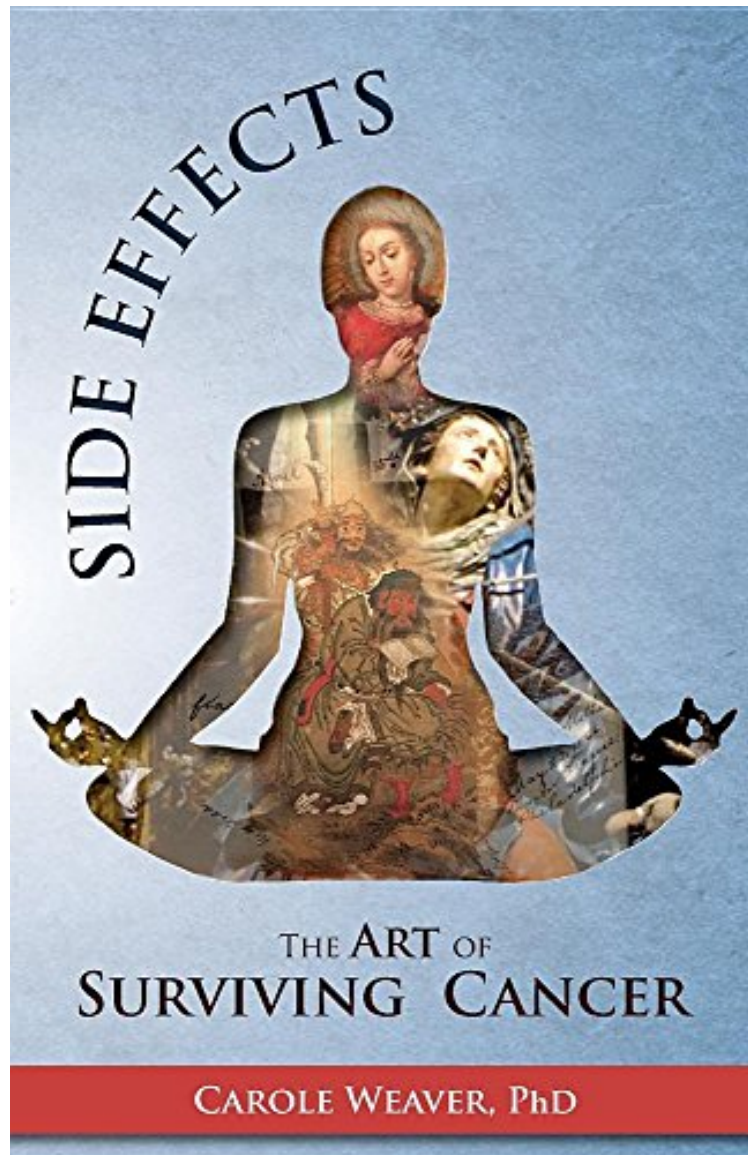


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Not another book on surviving breast cancer! Yes, but this one has a twist conjuring the power of art to heal and revitalize. Among the paintings, sculpture, and unusual collections in her lover's home, Carole finds comfort and even cure in her yearlong struggle with chemotherapy, multiple surgeries, and painful side effects. To paraphrase Tolstoy, happy endings are not all alike, and this one, about a 63-year-old with only one real breast will, like the art objects she loves, satisfy and delight.