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## Hooked Details

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**Melanie says**

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**2.5 stars**

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*'But then in first period English, for the very first time, he looked at me: Ryan Berenger. The pretentious, moody guy, who couldn't be bothered to have dinner with his family, the one who always had his arm around the bleached-blond girl from the pom squad.'*

One of these days I am going to read the beginning of a contemporary novel then predict how the romance builds-up. Chances are, I'm going to get a gold star. Now that I've become more attentive about the contemporary genre, I am starting to realise that the romance is pretty much the same. While the complications may be different, it's the same stereotypes and same ending. While *Hooked* was no exception, I did enjoy the plot and depth this novel expanded towards.

We have the world's greatest twist at the beginning. Meet Fred Oday, she's a girl. \*gasps all around\* But it was a difficulty for me to wrap my head around it for the first few chapters, eventually, the name stuck with me like glue. When Fred replaces a rich white boy in the school *boys* golf team, she realises that she is in a lot of trouble. From the sardonic remarks and teases, Fred attempts to adjust with the unfortunate events- anything to let herself play golf. However it doesn't help that she's a girl, **or** that she's a native Indian.

What really concerned me about *Hooked* were the characters. They were so mediocrally typical. Not that they were disastrous in terms of personality but they certainly were not agreeable. Fred is a rather irritating character- she's constantly second guessing herself and tends to block out conversations when she feels like it. Her complexion definitely leans towards sensitive and annoying. Then we have Ryan. He's got ego of a trite quarter-back player. Except he undergoes some minor character development which was nice for a change. I guess what scares me most is that the characters are insignificant therefore, like some people have mentioned, are forgettable and dismissing.

The romance was something I preferred than the characters. While I couldn't connect truly and wholly towards the love interests, I was fascinated by the chemistry and endurance that lingered throughout. There are a few bumpy cracks along the ride that sung cliché but the bulk lay towards entertaining.

Another aspect that I enjoyed- in fact my ultimately preferred quality of *Hooked* had to be it's deeper meanings and plot line. It's rare to find such topics of racism and poor and rich incorporated in a seemingly light summer read. Fichera's skills by not making the racism coming out forced and rude was admirable. However, the racism layer fell short of a but as we did not get to know a lot of Fred's heritage. Nevertheless, the rich and poor comparison was effective and sometimes touching.

The plot of this contemporary was like no other. We have our wonderful golf matches which also have a hidden meaning of patronising condensation- which can be linked back to racism. Throughout, I was adoring Fichera's plot and how the multiple morals leaked in between.

A sweet, yet deep novel, *Hooked* may disappoint at a first glance. But can represent some important messages that should be addressed and observed. Overall, an absorbing novel.

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### **Syndi says**

This book is just bad. It is YA romance but with very bad characters and bad writing. The twist and the cliffhangers are scatter everywhere trying to make this book to be 300 plus something pages. Ryan is a whiner. Fred is just.... weak and pathetic. There is no serious character development and the plot is very very predictable.

Plus the gold thing is just make it very unrealistic.

Very bad. Just a disaster

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### **Naoms says**

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3.5 Stars

Fred likes to play golf. In fact, golf is the only thing in her life that makes her feel good. So, when the coach of the high school golf team asks her to join, Fred jumps at the chance. The problem is that everyone else on the team is male, privileged and white, three things that Fred is not. And the fact that a popular boy was kicked off the team to make space for Fred, doesn't make things better for her. "*Hooked*" is told from the POVs of both Fred and school it-boy Ryan. Through their eyes we get to see both sides of the story. It's all direction and misdirection and how easily it is for the smallest thing to be misconstrued and made into a much bigger problem.

After starting, but not finishing "*Perfect Chemistry*," I became weary of reading teenaged interracial contemporary romance. "*Perfect Chemistry*" is one of the most ignorant and prejudiced books I have ever read. Reading the synopsis of "*Hooked*," I was afraid to be bombarded with another ignorant authors idea of teenage romance and what it means to be a minority in this country. Fortunately, "*Hooked*" is not like that at all. "*Hooked*" is an honest and well researched. The author did not try to pretend that the divide and distrust between the two groups at this high school was anything but racially charged confusion and ignorance. She didn't offend my intelligence by trying to excuse, sugarcoat or over exaggerate the situation. She also doesn't write cliché and stereotypical Native American characters. Both sides of the line have been separated and held back from the other. They do not know each other, they do not understand each other's ways, but a girl with the strange name of Fred and the game of football is about to change all that.

I recognized a problem with this book on the first page. I opened the book believing it to be about football/soccer, but it's actually about golf. Golf is a sport I do not get. Footy I get. Rugby, cricket, basketball and American football and baseball, I get all of those. I even understand why people play on bowling leagues, but golf? I just don't get why anyone competes in that and I was sure this would prevent my enjoyment of "*Hooked*."

I was wrong. Golf in “Hooked” is not described from the point of view of the audience, but from the inner thoughts of the players mind. . To Fred Golf is an escape, the one thing she is truly good at and a symbol of her hope for the future. Golf is the thing that can get her out of her family trailer on the reservation. Golf is also her hiding place from her problems. When life gets her down she picks up a nine iron and puts a few balls on the range. (Ha, I learned golf lingo, boom!)

Initially being in Ryan’s head did not endear him to me. His POV gave me the same reaction that meeting him in a high school hallway would give me; spoiled privileged kid who thought his life sucked, but had no earthly idea how lucky he was. I mean what kind of kid doesn’t recognize a girl he has classes with? This is not college where your in a lecture with 250 people! This is high school with what 20 kids per class? To make matters worse he called “The Great Gatsby” a lame 100 yr old book that never made any sense! That frame of thought did not endear him to me, as Gatsby is one of my favorite books.

One thing that works beautifully in “Hooked” is the evolution of Ryan’s character. Sometimes in life we meet people who move through our world like a tornado. They make you take a closer look at yourself and the people around you. They make you question the status quo of your life and as a result you begin to question who you are and what you stand for. Fred is the storm that blows through Ryan’s existence. His POV goes from whiney and cliché teenage angst to thoughtful and full of purpose. Ryan is still a teenager at the end, so there is still overblown angst, but he goes through a transformation that I enjoyed reading.

The love story in “Hooked” is well crafted and filled with dozens of emotions. Fred and Ryan do not look at each other across the room and are instantly in an epic romance. This story, like love, takes its time. It is bumpy in place, smooth in others and has a lot of hurdles to jump over. These characters go from enemies, to tentative team mates, hesitant friends and then finally it becomes more. It is not easy for these two and it is not a match made in heaven. No matter our age group, we all have baggage. We come with family, friends, traditions, expectations and prejudices. It is just a matter of deciding that the other person is worth it.

“Hooked” is not a unique story and at moments it is filled with overblown drama, but it is sweet. By the middle of this book you will be rooting for these kids and hoping that they can figure it out. This story is complicated and filled with half starts and full stops. Your emotions will be all over the place and your frustration will rise, but it will be worth it to finish this journey with Fred and Ryan.

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Recommended for fans of YA, people who like a good romance and anyone looking for books about interracial couples.

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## Eden says

Oh, I so wanted to like this. But Fred and Ryan just didn't sell themselves as real characters to me. Both are a little on the passive side, and their relationship is devoid of tangible chemistry. As well, trying to focus on

both their troublesome parental issues resulted in neither being fully developed.

The side characters ranged from great (Yolanda and the other girls from the rez) to absurd, like Ryan's friend Seth, whose main purpose seems to be to shower hate on Fred with an implausible reason behind his prejudice. And the big problem I have with this is that his racist behaviour is never really dealt with, head-on. After Seth does some serious over-the-top racist stuff, he cries, he's made to seem like a loser, he basically hits rock bottom. But nobody, not even Ryan, addresses his prejudice like "Yo, buddy, racism isn't right." Instead Ryan mutters "Shut up, don't call her Pocahontas" and leaves it at that.

To me, that avoids the main source of conflict to the whole book, and more importantly doesn't present the racism as something solvable. We don't need everyone to become all accepting and open-minded, but the theme topic deserves to be dealt with directly.

That being said, Fred's life on the reservation is remarkably detailed and fully realized, from the trailers to the nameless dogs to the miles of empty space between neighbours. This also serves to make the distinctions between social classes clear (another excellent theme that could've been developed so much more).

Because the conflict stems mainly through the tensions between characters, the plot's motion flounders. There's nothing much to keep readers engaged beyond wanting to know how Fred and Ryan make it in the end, and that might be enough for some.

*\*Review originally published on Pass the Chiclets.*

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**SueBee★bring me an alpha!★ says**

**3.75 stars! YA romance with an unusual plot and a captivating heroine, but a less memorable hero.**

*This is a series, but each book will have its own H/h. Book 2 (Played) is due out in 2014 and will be about the sister and friend of this book's H/h.*

Fredricka Oday, "Fred", "Daughter of the River People" (16 years/Junior in high school/Native American/black hair/black eyes) has grown up on the Gila River Indian Reservation in Arizona with her father and brother, and her unstable, alcoholic mom. She has been attending the "regular white" high school only because there is no high school on the reservation. Fred is a self-taught golf player with "a heck of a golf swing". Her father works as a groundskeeper at the local Country club and that's where she captures the attention of her high school's golf coach. He begs her to join the school's all (privileged white) boys' varsity golf team. In doing so she kicks one player off the team, Sam. Ryan Berenger (16-17 years/student/blond hair/blue eyes) is Sam's best friend and he's not happy about it. But soon his feelings are torn between his loyalty to Sam and his growing attraction and fascination with Fred. The story goes from there.

The story is alternating between Ryan's and Fred's POV.

Fred is a wonderful heroine. Growing up with a volatile mom and isolated on a reservation, faced with prejudice, has made her timid and reserved - invisible. But underneath the surface of a girl hiding her face and twirling her hair lies a smart, beautiful, resolute, enchanting, and proud young lady. Golf started as an escape from her mom/home, but soon developed into a passion. No one on her reservation has ever gone further than high school. The last several years she has worked hard in school and practiced her golf game

with the hopes that somehow it might open the door for her to attend college. I was so rooting for her dreams to come true...

Ryan has grown up privileged in comparison. At first glance he's a guy that parties, hangs out with the in crowd, maintains OK grades. He kind of goes along with status quo – girlfriend by default and sitting by when his friend, Sam, kept on seeking revenge on Fred. He is not a bad person, but he has a lot of growing up to do. We soon discover that he is frustrated and unhappy. He has anger issues, mainly directed towards his parents. He is almost lethargic in his attitude towards college and his future. His one passion in life is golf. Fred changed the game –she was his game changer.

I might have wished that story spanned a longer period of time. For me Ryan's growth and development wasn't fast and deep enough. I did not connect with him the way I connected with Fred.

The book is well written and the story flows easily. This is a YA story and overall it was an enjoyable read.

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Hero rating: 3.5 stars

Heroine rating: 4.5 stars

Story line concept rating: 4 stars

Story ending rating: 3 stars

Sex scenes rating: N/A

Sex scenes frequency: N/A

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**Overall rating: 3.75 stars**

**Would I re-read this book: No.**

**Would I read future books by this author: Yes.**

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## **Tee loves Kyle Jacobson says**

Hooked is one of those books that will Hook you in. I have to say I started it on Thanksgiving morning at 5am while I was prepping the food and I read it till 5pm. I could not not that is not true I would not put this book down. I needed to finish it like I needed air to breathe. Okay so I am going to tell you why I loved this book so much first. First off I love the fact that the characters came from different backgrounds. Fredricka Oday is an Indian girl from the Reservation and Ryan Berenger is a rich spoiled brat from the rich side of town. Then their is the whole Golf thing. Lord I love Golf. I really can't play that good but I do love the sport. But what happens when you put together two different people with two different backgrounds you get this EPIC story like HOOKED!

This is Liz Fichera's debut book coming out in January and dam it is going to be a top best seller for the YA genre. This book took me on so many roller coaster rides that I was rooting for the two all the way to the end. There are just some people who belong together and there are people who don't belong together. This is a story about two people who will have to cross cultural biases and prejudices to be together but in the end what they find and get is a beautiful story.

Fred is from the Reservation. She lives a simple life keeping her head down and nose clear off all trouble. One day while she is at the Golf Range practicing her golf while her father is working she is approached by

the golf coach off the high school she attends. The coach wants her to play on the high school team but she is not sure because she has never done any team sports or anything like that. But she has come to love golf and needs it to escape the issues she is having at home. So she asks her father and he reluctantly agrees.

Ryan Berenger is a spoiled brat who follows his best friend Seth around. He really doesn't think about anything and is angry at his parents and hates his life but he has no backbone to say anything to anyone. Golf for him is an escape as well and he is more than excited to be starting his Junior year playing golf with his best friend Seth. But that is not what happens because Seth is kicked off the team and Fred replaces him. This action has caused the whole golf team to act up and Seth has decided to take matters into his own hands.

What happens next is a story you will have to read because you will be surprised what happens. Take a ride from two points of view, Ryan and Fred tell their story like only they can and you will not be disappointed. Learn about the Rez (Reservation) and learn what it is like to grow up in privileged but have no love. Totally EPIC story that I loved so much when the book comes out I am buying a copy and reading it over again!

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### **Jana says**

Eeeep! I love this book so much! When I got approved by Netgalley I couldn't help jumping up and down! And now that I've read it, I can say it's one of my favourites I've read this year and that you all should buy this when it comes out 2013 next month! It's like Perfect Chemistry (one of my fave books ever!) and Catching Jordan and golf!

Fred is one of the best protagonist ever. She (yes, SHE) is just one of those people who you'd love to be friends with - she's loyal, real (as in, not one of those fake popular barbies), and smart. I love how much she cares for her family, even though they've got problems.

And Ryan is one of the swooniest heroes I've read about. Yes, he's a spoiled rich boy at the beginning, he really grows and develops as a really interesting and charming character. I loved Fred and Ryan's interactions - they're so realistic. Not to mention, their romance are one of the sweetest :)

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### **Marie says**

Ok. This book. Eugh I feel a little bad for what I am about to write. Maybe I am unfair in judgement? You see my major critic with this book stems from the fact that I have never, seen, took part or am aware of anything golf related. Therefore all these terms like 'par' I had to google, which as you can imagine got really annoying and prevented me from getting the most out of and fully relating to this story.

Ill apologise in advance to all you golfers, LETS BE FAIR THOUGH, GOLF IS NOT THE MOST EXCITING PAST TIME IN EXISTENCE IS IT?



Did any other non-golfers face this issue?

You see I didn't realise there was a page dedicated to describing golfing terms located within my E-copy I received. I mean why put it at the END? REALLY? You don't think the beginning seems like a better idea. Not everyone peeks at the end you know. Anyways I found this book bored me quite a lot, it ALL revolved around the game of golf. I mean how can your attraction stem from someone swinging a golf bat?

Admiration yes, love? No. It all seems unrealistic to me.

Besides all of this when I look past the golf barrier I really did enjoy certain aspects of this book like, Ryan was a really good guy. He looked past his parents prejudice of people on the wrong side of the track and didn't let his friends judgement of 'Indians' stop him from noticing the very intriguing and quiet Fredrika. Also even though he hardly ever agreed with Seth- his best friends behaviour he always tried to support him and be there for hi, when his dads anger spiralled way past the point of control. But he did let Seth manipulate him to a degree.

It highlighted some major teen issues such as peer pressure and stereotyping, Ryan was a very neat guy. He made his own judgement on people and saw them for who they were rather than what they had.

The writing- I wouldn't say it was perfect, but it was good. This book didn't compel or enamour me and I didn't read it all in one sitting since sometimes it did get boring. But it was an ok read, and I did love the chemistry between the two leading characters. I even felt sorry for Seth. He was just a spoiled rich kid, who thought he owned and could control whatever he had around him. Plus he didn't have the best parents and therefore role models.

This book was a good read, the ending could have been elaborated on and concluded better however.

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## Alexis \*Reality Bites\* says

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3 STARS out of 5

Genre: YA Romance

'But then in first period English, for the very first time, **he** looked at me: Ryan Berenger. The pretentious, moody guy, who couldn't be bothered to have dinner with his family, the one who always had his arm around the bleached-blond girl from the pom squad...' ~Inner monologue of Fred

Fredrika better known as Fred is a Native American attending a public school that is off the reservation settlement where she lives. She is one of the few Native Americans at her school. Which is something that does not go unnoticed in the halls... Yes, racial judgments abound, cliques form, and Fred is pretty much a loner. But today there is cause to be happy. Today Fred starts a new journey. One that may not be pleasing to many.

Fred O'day is the new guy on the team. Let me rephrase that.. Fred is the new girl on an **ALL** male team of golfers. Hand picked by the coach himself. To Fred this is one of those opportunities she must take because it can lead to bigger opportunities. And her main goal is to get a scholarship at a university.

What Fred does not expect is the blatant disrespect and instant enemies she has made by taking the spot of another guy on the team.

I pulled closer, full on curious.

"He. Kicked me. Off. The fucking. Team."

"Say what"....

...."Some girl named Fred O'day got my spot."

"A girl?" I was speechless. My eyes narrowed. There was that odd girl name again. Fred" ~Seth and Ryan

'I didn't even know this girl, but I already hated her.' ~Inner monologue of Ryan

Ryan is the jock you can find at every high school he's cute, popular, likes to party and is dating an equally cute, popular, likes to party girl. Though everything is not what it appears to be with the popular jock. At school things appear fine yet at home his life is everything **but** fine.

### **UnWanted**

Fred can't live down the fact that she is a girl. Nor can she live down the fact that she is Native American. Both seem to be the basis of the hate she receives from EVERYONE. Except Ryan. Ryan is purely pissed because she took his best friends spot on the team. When the pranks and racial slurs begin to bother Ryan he decides to be nice to Fred. His friends however have other plans. And when Seth notices that his best friend is getting a little to close to Fred. He amps up the torture dish.

Seth is one of those characters the writer makes you despise in every way... He is mean, ignorant and down right crude.

After a whole lot of bull crap of back and forth between Ryan and Fred, tragedy strikes. Fred is left to depend on the last person she wants to... Ryan. What Ryan does for Fred and her loved one is something she could never repay.

### My Thoughts

Hmmmm. I'm not really sure what to say... I hated the whole racial discrimination story line of this book. Seth calling her '**Pocahontas**' was really pissing me off. I know it's a real issue, and I applaud the author for tackling it. I just felt it was a little over done. Orrrr maybe not. Seth's jealousy seemed to be what fueled his rage more then race. Well, that is strictly my opinion, others may disagree.

I thought the writing was fair. The plot however was not what I expected. At all. The cover and the synopsis given lead you to believe the book is about a HOT romance with

- a girl who gets on an all boys golf team
- and a guy that falls for the girl who took his best-friend's spot on the team

In actuality the romance plays a small role to the racial tension. Again, this is my opinion.

Overall I thought the book was just ok. If the plot sounds like something that may interest you, then by all means check it out!

#### My Ratings

Characters- Some Likeable, some not

Writing Style- Fair

Plot/Storyline- Romance buds amongst racial tension

Steam Factor- Low/PG-13 Romance

Overall- Not what I expected.

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## **MarciaB - Book Muster Down Under says**

### The Blurb

*“When Native American Fredericka ‘Fred’ Oday is invited to become the only girl on the school’s golf team, she can’t say no. This is an opportunity to shine, win a scholarship and go to university, something no one in her family has done.*

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*But there’s no denying that things are happening between the girl with the killer swing and the boy with the killer smile...*

***GET HOOKED ON A GIRL NAMED FRED.”***

### Overview

Fred is an ordinary, every day kind of girl but there’s just one thing wrong (according to her “white” peers) – she’s a Native American.

So, when the coach at her high school approaches her to join the all boys' Golf team, because of her fantastic golfing abilities, she is somewhat sceptical about where exactly she will fit in - after all, these are all rich, white boys! And, to make matters worse, one of the team members is kicked off to make place for her.

With her decades old plaid golf bag, second-hand clubs and tennis shoes, she still manages to hold her head up high and be the best player she can, as well as catch the eye of the most popular boy at school.

Ryan Berenger is not your typical rich boy – on the outside perhaps – but on the inside, he’s quite a nice guy who’s actually in a bit of emotional turmoil with the state of affairs at home - a father who never has the time

to watch him play any golf tournaments and a mother who's frequently away due to work commitments.

So, rich boy aside, it's no wonder that Fred has managed to capture his attention – only problem is, he has an equally rich girlfriend who's in the way and an almost demented best friend who shows extreme hatred for Native Americans and tries to intimidate Fred every chance he gets. Whilst Ryan wrestles with his growing feelings for his golf partner he can't help but feel allegiance to a boy who's been his best friend forever.

With not a lot of communication happening between Fred and Ryan and therefore their feelings for one another not being voiced, it comes as no surprise that a multitude of misunderstandings will be created.

### My Thoughts

It's been a while since I read a Young Adult novel and I'm so glad that this one found its way to my doorstep.

I love a story which touches on social issues that plague our society today, and this one sure has it fair share - from racial prejudice and gender equality (or inequality) to bullying and alcohol abuse.

With chapters told alternately from the point of view of both Fred and Ryan, we are privy to the inner turmoil felt by these characters and I could quite easily relate to both.

As I'm sure you'll recall from previous reviews I have written where alcohol abuse has been touched on, it also played a role in my teenage years so I could therefore sympathise with the fact that Fred did not want anyone knowing where she lived as I, like her, was embarrassed to have friends around. Thankfully though, it was not my mother afflicted by the disease and I never had occasion to be embarrassed about the state of our living quarters with her always keeping a beautiful home.

I could also empathise with Ryan's inability to embrace individuality –it's hard being a teenager and, from this book we learn that peer pressure is all too real. Even though we have our own opinions about things, individuality is often times not yet mastered, and it can become extremely difficult to get beyond that pressure and strike out by saying "this is what I want", for fear of being rejected.

Although Golf has never been one of my favourite sports I found that whilst I now know what a "tee box" and "under par" means, Liz Fichera has skilfully found a balance between the sport and the underlying issues at hand.

I've given this book a 5 star rating and I wish to thank both the publisher, Harlequin Teen, an imprint of Harlequin Books, as well as The Reading Room for providing a hard copy and affording me the opportunity to write a review.

### A Little About the Author (*adapted from the Author's website*)

Liz Fichera is an American author living in the American Southwest by way of Chicago.

Born and raised in Park Ridge, Illinois, she moved to Phoenix, Arizona, after college, never expecting to live more than one year among cactus and people who'd never seen snow. She was wrong and it certainly didn't hurt that she met her future husband in Phoenix too.

Most of *Liz's* stories are set in the American Southwest because she thinks the desert is a cool place. Living in Phoenix, she's surrounded by Native American culture and influences, not to mention intriguing Hohokam petroglyphs and centuries-old canals. With 20 tribes in Arizona, she's lucky to be neighbours to the Gila River and Salt River Indian Communities.

When *Liz* is not busy writing her next novel, *Played*, which is the sequel to *Hooked*, and due for release in 2014, she likes to travel, visit museums and support local theatre productions, hike and pretend that she's training for a triathlon.

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## **Stacy says**

After reading this book I sat back scratching my head and thought about the many conflicting views running around my brain about this book. On one hand, I loved the idea of this book – a Native American main character given a natural talent with the game of golf and her being thrown into the white world of her town playing on an all-male team. HOWEVER on the flip side we are given two very weak main characters – they lie, they're immature, and they make lots of mistakes.

How am I supposed to like a book when I can't even begin to like the main characters? Then it hit me. This book is not a book about how a grown-up would handle situations; it's a book on how a sixteen year old girl and boy from opposite's sides of the track (in this case Pecos Road) would react.

Naysayers, hear me out.

I too was once like Fred, naïve, feeling all alone in the world, playing on an all-male team – and honestly, I would have made some of the EXACT same decisions she did when I was her age. The same can be said of Ryan, and being blinded by someone's nastiness. Not all teens are the savvy and old soul's type we read in YA literature. There are plenty of kids out there making mistakes, stupid mistakes and that's okay because that is how we learn in life, figure out who we are, what we want to stand for – by making mistakes and coming away more enlightened. And that is exactly what happened with Fred and Ryan.

\*\*received this book from publisher for review

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## **Nana says**

I love the story so much!

Fred was living a tough life but she owned it. I love her.

And wow, who knows that golf can be so interesting?

FULL REVIEW IS UP!!

This book really hooked me from the first time I read it. The story is so intriguing and deliciously written. Although there are so many golf stuffs here and there, it didn't confuse me at all (thanks to the glossary at the end of the book). In fact, I really enjoyed it. It really enriched my knowledge about golf. And I love Fred's character. She's so determined and focus and I love how she really loved her family despite the chaos. I can see why she can be a great golfer and I believe that she can be succeed in the future. Fred didn't sweat the small stuffs and despite all the drama she had after her joining the team, it didn't affect her performance in the golf course. However, I am a bit disappointed with Ryan. He's kind and yes, he had all that needed to be a heartthrob but I hate his inconsistency in choosing Fred or his clique. I mean, oh please.. Seth was insane and Gwyneth is nothing better. Why don't you just leave them?

For me, this book is not only talking about teenage love story but also about how to fight for your dream and how to change people's perspective towards you. Fred is definitely a perfect example for teenager on how to survive in school and life in general without losing their true identities. This book also will open its readers' mind that sometimes maybe we still discriminate people based on their appearance and this is not a good thing to do. We can start changing our perspective after we read this book.

One thing I kinda dislike about this book is the cover. The cover for Australian version is gorgeous indeed.. But I don't think it represents the book well. The cover gives summer-ish and beachy feeling while both were not in the story at all. I think a picture of golfcourse and clubs will be better.

My final verdict for this book is that I recommend this book to be read by all teenagers. The story is quite nice and you can learn a lot from this book.

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## **Kathy says**

I think the US cover for his book is awful. I used the UK cover for my blog but I'm not sure either cover is a good fit for this book. The US cover screams sex and there wasn't even a sex scene in the book. There wasn't even much sizzle between Fred & Ryan.

I didn't have very high expectations for this book I think because I judged it by its US cover. I only started reading it after I saw the UK cover. Golf isn't my thing and having a girl on a boys team is not a new story-line. There wasn't anything that hadn't been done before... rich guy, poor girl, prejudice, etc. but it was well written and I kept reading.

I liked Fred, I was rooting for her to succeed with everything that was stacked against her. I can't say the same for Ryan but by the end of the book he'd grown on me and the ending was satisfying.

Rating: 3.5 Stars - Good Book

Content: Some language including at least a half dozen F bombs. No sex scenes but there is some talk of sex and some innuendo and a few crude comments.

Source: Netgalley

Genre/Age Level: Young Adult Contemporary, 16+

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## **Zemira (Kylo Ren fangirl) Warner says**

**This review is also featured on my blog [ILoveTeenBooks](#).**

### **2.5 stars**

This is a story about Fred, a Native American girl golfer who joins her all boy's Varsity high school golf team. She gets Seth's place on the team and he is not happy about that. His best friend, Ryan accepts the fact Seth won't be joining him again really fast. But Seth can't let it go even though he is not very good at golf. So he starts to bully Fred at every chance he gets.

What I liked about this story that it's about sports-golf, to be exact. I don't know anything about golf so it was refreshing to actually learn something reading YA novels. I thought golf was only for white, bored rich people but I couldn't be more wrong. Apparently, even girls can play it. Crazy, I know. :P

When I first saw this book on GoodReads I thought Wow, I gotta have this. But when I started reading it it wasn't what I thought it would be. That is probably my problem, for thinking Fred would stand up for herself when people called her Pocahontas and dirty Indian. I just hate watching people get bullied because I used to be bullied too. But the difference between Fred and me is that I fought back and eventually the scum who tormented me backed away after they saw I wouldn't put up with their shit.

Also, at times it got a lot of dramatic. All sorts of bad things kept happening to the MC and it went too far. IMO.

When it comes to the romance I was also disappointed and that disappointment is connect with the way I thought Fred would be as a character. Ryan isn't perfect either but he did man up a couple of times and I respect that. It would be better if we got more of Fred and Ryan scenes where they would talk and get to know each other better but those scenes kind of faded into black.

In conclusion, I liked this book enough to read the second book, Played when it comes out. The main characters in this book will be Fred's friend Sam and Ryan's sister Riley.

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## **Teresa Mary Rose says**

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Fun fact about Teresa: I have been playing golf since I was about 9 years old. For years I dealt with all the "girls don't play golf" crap and having to prove myself to the boys. Heck it still happens today. So it is not a surprise that this book caught my attention immediately. I just knew I had to read it. At the same time though, I was worried. As someone who knows golf, I was worried that it wouldn't feel authentic and that I would be able to find discrepancies simply because I know the game. However, it is clear that Liz Fichera knew what she was talking about. She portrayed the game of golf perfectly and I was addicted to the story.

Fred was a girl I immediately took a liking to because she was strong. She took her spot on the boys team

even though she knew it would be difficult and that everyone would be waiting for her to fail. At the same time though, things did bother her and she did break down. At times the bullying got to be too much and yes I do consider what she had to deal with bullying. She is only human and at times she doubted herself. She was real and relatable and I loved it.

Ryan on the other hand is what we could consider the typical pretty boy jock. He is not nice to her in the beginning; in fact he goes out of his way to be mean. However, he can't seem to stop thinking about her and he finally realizes that "duh" he likes her. While Ryan was not the most likable in the beginning, I still came to love his character. This is because he owns up to his mistakes and tries to correct them. Like Fred, Ryan is not perfect, he is real and relatable and he really does try.

I think my favorite part about *Hooked* was that I could really feel the characters emotions. I got nervous and excited and upset right alongside the characters. When Fred stepped up to take that first swing in front of the boys I could literally feel her anxiety and I flashed back to many similar moments I have had in my golfing career. Then when she miffed it, I cringed alongside her. Maybe I felt this way because I have been in the exact situation before, but I also think it had a lot to do with the way the author portrayed the situation. She did a wonderful job of portraying the emotions and not just describing them.

While I loved the story as a whole, I do have one complaint. There was a lot, and I mean a lot, of drama in this book. We all know I eat up the drama, but only to a point. Towards the end I just got to a point where I was like "seriously, again." Just when you thought things might finally get better, something else seems to get in the way. I was quite aggravated at certain side characters at one point. But I digress; this is a small point in a much bigger picture.

All in all, *Hooked* is a great contemporary read and I would recommend it to anyone looking for a contemporary with a bit of a different twist. The story is cute and fun, but it also touches on the difficulties of being different. Simply put, I cannot wait for the next book: *Played*.

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