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RayAnne Dahl goes fishing for a different life, catching much more than she'd bargained for...

Having fled the testosterone-soaked world of pro fishing to finally settle in her Minneapolis fixer-upper, thirty-something RayAnne unexpectedly lands at the helm of the first all-women fishing and talk show. Between her dad's falling off the wagon, unwanted advice from Mom—a life coach to the menopausal rich—and her clingy dog, she needs the advice of her beloved grandmother more than ever.

With the show's surprise success, producers press for celebrity appearances, but fans tweet support for RayAnne and her quirky guests, real women with unique stories and something to say. And though handsome Hal tempts RayAnne, he is a sponsor, rocketing him to the top of her *don'ts* list.

Just when she's shedding uncertainty, RayAnne's world nearly capsizes, and she's faced with gut-wrenching choices. Will she live by the rules, or by her heart?

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Pamela Klinger-horn says

What's not to love about feisty Rayanne and her all women's fishing show on PBS? Ava Finch spins a clever and intriguing tale of young woman trying to find her path in life. It is not easy when she has "new age" mother, a womanizing alcoholic father, an aging grandmother, and boyfriend troubles. FISHING WITH RAYANNE is full of good natured midwestern humor, and plenty of amusing nods to the women's fiction genre. Reel in this 5 star winner for the most entertainment you can catch this fall.

Ariel says

SIX out of five stars baby! Oh my gosh, I love RayAnne and if Fishing was a real show, I would watch it all the flipping dang time. This review is courtesy of Netgalley and allowing me the opportunity to read in exchange for an honest review.

Now that I have that out of the way, please please give Fishing with RayAnne a chance and put her on the very top of your TBR list. This book is hilarious. It's thoughtful. It's full of family relationships with dysfunctional at the top of the list. But most of all, it's about a very real woman with very real issues (size six? coldsores? poison ivy fingers? vomit breath?) trying to just figure out her place in life and what she can do for a career and for a home. As a 24 year old, I'm struggling to figure those issues out right now and even with RayAnne being 34, there's no reason that I can't relate at all.

I also swear that Dot is secretly my grandma in disguise. She's everyone's Granny and I hope I can pack a punch like she can. What a lovely, memorable character.

Plus Fishing just seems like a kickass show that really should exist. An all woman fishing talk show on par with Oprah? I would love to see something like that! I would love to see and hear crazy stories like the crazy cast of characters featured on the show.

I thoroughly enjoyed this novel and give it all the stars in the world. It's what I'll be recommending to everyone and most likely purchasing for my own mother to read. She turned 50 this year and I think she can relate to RayAnne and Bernadette. Maybe she'll see Dot as my beloved crazy grandmother in disguise as well.

Let's go fishing!

Nan says

This was light reading...I found it quite enjoyable, made me laugh out loud, as well as cry! The concept of a female fishing show host in Minnesota on PBS was entertaining to start with, I thought....and I'm always a sucker for quirky, authentic Midwestern characters. Hope the author will write a sequel, as I want to know what happens next in RayAnne's life....

MaryAnn says

I write a lot of 4 and 5 star reviews because I'm very careful before I buy a book to make sure I think I'll enjoy it. So while I get a lot of enjoyment out of what I purchase and share my feelings about them so that others can hopefully read about how I enjoyed the book and find the same pleasure themselves, writing so many 4 and 5 star reviews makes it tough when a book like Fishing With RayAnne comes along.

I want to give this book 10 stars, but I can't, so 5 is the best I can do. This book is incredible. There are parts that will make you laugh, make you cry and make you realize you've learned something along the way. I cannot begin to say how much I just flat out LOVED RayAnne and her gran, Dot. This book has dysfunctional family members that love, dislike, give advice and interact just like many families do and I think it's the very humanness of the book and the characters in general that kept me reading ever faster.

The end of this book came, as I knew it would, but oh my gosh, I just want it to go on. It doesn't matter if you don't like to fish, don't like TV or don't like the politics that are inserted liberally into the story, you will DEVOUR this book if you have any interest in warm, funny, heartbreaking, loving reads about a normal person living life the best they can.

I received a complimentary copy of this book via Netgalley in exchange for an honest review and for that I thank the author, the publisher and Netgalley, BUT I would love this book no matter if it was free or not. I have already purchased it for a few people as gifts and am recommending it on my Facebook page where I discuss books.

Brenda Schneider says

Totally loved this book. What a fund read. I received this book through goodreads.

Polly Krize says

I received an ARC of this book in exchange for an honest review.

Lovable and feisty, RayAnne hosts her own fishing show, interviewing edgy (and not so edgy) guests. With a touch of romance involved, and some memorable characters, this was an enjoyable read. Recommended.

Linda says

Love love love.

Rayanne is spunky, lovely and insecure. She's got a seriously dysfunctional family, but her rock is her Gran. I love Gran (Dot). I love Rayanne. I love that amidst all the uncertainty and hullabaloo, she gets a dog. She tries to act like a normal person, but she's not.

My first reaction to this was that it was funny and smart. I mean, there are references here that you might

have to look up. There is a ton of information on actual fishing. But even if you don't know a bobber from a lure, you can still enjoy this rollicking little read. It's not *light*, though - don't let the opening fool you. You may cry. You may rail against the injustice of the world. But then, there's Hal, and you can fancast him in your mind and just get on with your day.

Disclaimer: I know the author - the AUTHORauthor, who has written this under a pseudonym. And she gave me an arc of this. I didn't know what to expect. But knowing her earlier work (VACATIONLAND, people!), I was willing to roll with it. But I never promised her a rose garden. I simply loved this book. And I was very thrilled to discover that it is the first in a trilogy!! The second book, called something like Reeling or maybe Reelin', is currently in the works. Couldn't be happier. (Except when I also found that the book Vacationland is also going to be a trilogy. Whaaat? Oh heart be still.)

Kathleen Gray says

I LOVED this book, which is beautifully written with great heart and real feeling. Rayanne, her grandmother Dot, her mother Bernadette, father Ray, brother Ky (and his wife/sons)= and most of all Rory the dog are all people I'd like to know and spend time with. Finch has thoughtfully drawn great vignettes for the guests on RayAnne's show (I wish there really was such a thing). THanks SO much to LAke Union and Netgalley for the ARC, which I savored. Highly recommend.

Mainon says

Loved this book right up until the very end, when it pulled hard on my heartstrings and I ended up bawling like a baby (which I hate). I couldn't subtract a star for it, though, because it was consistent with the story and was therefore believable instead of manipulative.

RayAnne is a fisherwoman (fisherperson?) who formerly competed on a competitive fishing circuit. She was hired as the fishing consultant on a TV talk show (think Oprah, except they're on a fishing boat), but because the original host quit, she's been appointed the temporary replacement. She and her producer find interesting guests, and talk to them about their accomplishments while fishing.

It's an unusual premise, but one that hooked me easily. (Pun intended). The backdrop of fishing could have been expanded a little more, but I found it pleasant and interesting. And RayAnne's family is full of characters, from a slightly has-been, alcoholic father to twin-terror nephews to a completely hippie-dippy mother, all of which add up to a somewhat frenetic family life that contrasts nicely with the peaceful semi-solitude of RayAnne's fishing boat.

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Toni says

As usual, I have to mull this over a bit before I write my final review. This book is NOT mere "chic lit" my friends; there is too much substance hiding in these pages. It's too well written, clever and witty to be cast in a pile, a heap with others just for a cozy laugh. Yup, I'll be back with bigger and better words to praise this

book to the skies. Cheers!

Morgan says

Absolutely wonderful book!!

I fell in love with the characters! This is a great book to curl up and read by yourself but even better to read with a book club!

I won this book through a Goodreads Giveaway.

Laura.125Pages says

3.5 Stars Original review at www.125pages.com

I received this book for free from Netgalley in exchange for an honest review. This does not affect my opinion of the book or the content of my review.

Fishing with RayAnne was good, not great. Our main character, RayAnne, has a philandering alcoholic father, a mother who leads menopause retreats and a job that, even after a year, is still considered temporary. RayAnne is also a woman that just needs to get her shit together. She is afraid to look at her bills, look at her work correspondence, she hides her phone in a drawer and she generally made me want to shake some sense into her. The first half of the book whipped by with little backstory and lots of questions. The pacing slowed and the character exploration grew in the second half and that's where it got good. It would have been a much better read if some of the plot elements from the second half were introduced in the first half so confusion was abated. But this was not a bad book. Fishing with RayAnne was a step above average due to the incredibly detailed and fantastic supporting cast; the goth showrunner, the crazy nephews, the love interest and the parents were the shining stars of this book. If I had not wanted to smack the main character and tell her to put her big girl panties on and deal with life I would have liked the book more. Now, I know that was the plot line, but making a successful woman seem childish just rubs me the wrong way. There are other ways to move a plot than to do "poor helpless me". That said the world created was very real and the second half of the books pacing was spot on.

Favorite lines – "There was something the Birkett twins had said, something she'd thought enough of to paraphrase in pink chalk on the kitchen hall blackboard. Choose who you are. Kira had said, "We didn't choose how we are..." and Kit finished, "but at least we can choose who we are." This directive confronts RayAnne every time she bangs in the back door, and for as much as it sounds like something her mother might say, she has to admit, it can't hurt to try. She will choose who she is, now that she has the time to figure out how."

Debbie says

I wasn't sure exactly why I picked this one to read, but I'm really glad that I did. It's kind of a different one. It

has a smidgeon of romance, some about being a woman, more about a woman in a career and a LOT about family.

At first I was getting a little aggravated with this girl who was supposed to just supposed to substitute for a while they found a real host. Well this went on for over well than a year and a half and she was on salary, no contract. I like strong female roles, and this one was not living up to my expectation. Then I realized, RayAnne had a little naivety and an inferiority complex and I grew to love her.

While you probably won't believe it, but this was actually a VERY entertaining book and I really enjoyed reading it. There are definitely some quirky characters in here (most of them are the guests on her fishing show) but the looniest of all of them are her parents. I mean, it's really sad when Badger spells out the initials of your father's wives. There were also many humorous moments in here. And yes, there were tears at the end.

It was a book that I could not tell you why I picked it, was glad I did and thoroughly enjoyed it!

Thanks Lake Union and Net Galley for providing me with a free e-galley in exchange for an honest review.

Joan says

Fishing with RayAnne is delightful. You will laugh out loud (perhaps even snort).

Jennie Menke says

Unfortunately, I listened to this book on Audible. And with the exception of one other book, I have never disliked a reading performance more than this one. It was awful. This cynical ironic voice reading in a annoying jilted slowness. Did I already say it was awful? Because it was.

I am CERTAIN, that if I had actually read this book, I would have been more generous with the rating. As it stands, however, I could not separate the two. I did see (hear) writing and voice that I would normally admire; cool comparisons and literary observations... With that said, though, the plot/flow of the book baffled me: starting with a fishing show and ending with minutia detail of her grandma with some time in the middle spent on romance -- or lack thereof. Plus, RayAnne just drove me plain bonkers. I think I was supposed to feel sorry for her, but by then end I was rolling my eyes and yelling at her.

But again, to be fair, I think I was yelling more at the Audible reader than RayAnne. *I THINK*
