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Most people think riot squad officer Taylor Jameson is an asshole. Little do they know his apparent indifference stems from having a meddlesome family always butting into his business. And little does Taylor know he's about to stumble into a situation that'll make indifference impossible.

When everything goes horribly wrong at a political rally on a harbour ferry, Taylor encounters Sietta Salisbury. The son of a wealthy politician, Sietta is a revered—but presumed dead—musician, and an enigma who is so strange, Taylor is compelled to look into his background. What he discovers draws him into a bizarre mess of prisoners, politics, and attempted murder that makes him realise what he's been missing.

Falling in love isn't hard. Trying to convince someone else you're worth loving despite your crazy family and the people trying to kill you? That's a whole other can of worms.

## **Fishy Riot Details**

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## **From Reader Review Fishy Riot for online ebook**

### **Sylvia says**

4.25?

This was such a fun read.

I ? the Jameson family.

I would love to read more about them .

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### **Candice says**

I'm so glad I stumbled upon this little gem.

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### **Susan says**

While I definitely get the appeal of this book, it was trying way too hard to be funny for me to really like it.

What bothered me the most was that I often felt as if there was no gradual transition from one scene/place to another. I often found myself confused and wondering who was where and doing what while the people on page were bantering and trying to be funny without any introduction. We just 'fell' right into a scene.

And that's why I never felt as if I was really there, just standing on the sidelines, trying to catch up.

The romance was sweet and I actually really liked Taylor and Sietta and how they were together. Yes, this is insta-love to the max, but I can handle insta-love. But don't expect any relationship development, since there was none. There is so much other stuff going on that these guys don't really spend a lot of time together simply talking and getting to know one another.

And for the life of me, I can't think of one reason why everyone would have considered Taylor an asshole. It is mentioned at least twice per page how he really is an asshole, but the weird thing was, he just wasn't. He never once treated anyone wrongly or any other things you would expect from someone who everyone thinks is an asshole. He cared about his family, about other people, he talked to everyone, made jokes with people. I just don't get it.

But despite all these things, I did enjoy parts of it, especially when the family wasn't too OTT (but do not get me talking about that 5 year old who acted like a 16 year old).

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### **\*J\* Too Many Books Too Little Time says**

**DNF @ 53%**

I just couldn't get in to this one. There was nothing really wrong with it. But I don't know...nothing really happened.

It kind of reminded me of this series Borrowing Blue. But maybe not quite as OTT. But the family dynamics were similar.

It was definitely insta-lust too.

I don't know...there just wasn't enough happening to hold my interest.

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### **Jennifer?Pher? says**

I loved this book!! LOVED IT! This was such a winner for me.

There was so much going on in the book and it all flowed together perfectly. I am in awe of the amount of people and stuff that was involved but how I never felt confused or overwhelmed. If anything, I could have continued reading about them for days! I really hope there will be another book. I want more of all of them, even the kids! Taylor's family was insane crazy but not in your face or too over the top. They were perfect and I loved all of them.

How the author was able to take something so horrifying and write about it in a manor where I felt horrified but at peace at the same time is magic. What should have been almost impossible for me to read became readable and was made to feel hopeful and safe. I am not sure how to describe it but job well done. I got it but wasn't running for the hills. Sietta is an amazingly strong man. He is such a fascinating character. I love him.

Added to that, this book was seriously funny. Like laugh out loud funny.

I don't know what else to say. I am mostly in the minority with my favorites so I could tell you to read it but who knows if you'd love it. I for sure did. I am so excited to add another book to my Favorites of 2017 shelf!

Please tell me we will get another book. Please!

***"I fucking love Saturday barbeques!"***

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### **Krissy says**

I enjoyed it but it got extremely repetitive at times. Plus Taylor was supposed to be this huge asshole but I never saw it. Never once did he come across as an asshole. Quite the opposite actually. But I did really enjoy the closeness of the family.

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## BWT (Belen) says

Riot squad officer Taylor Jameson is an asshole and pretty much everyone from his family to his squad mates know it. His twin brother, riot squad officer Clayton Jameson, is the nice one, but when Sietta Salisbury reaches out for help he's drawn immediately to Taylor. And Taylor, for the first time in his life, is drawn right back.

*Fishy Riot* is from Taylor's single POV, but the reader still gets a good sense of the other characters, including Sietta.

Even though Sietta has experienced some horrific abuse, he hasn't been broken by it. I was a little surprised, but pleasantly so, that this actually has much less angst than I expected considering some of the subject matter. Black navigates the heavier subject matter well by interspersing it with humor and action.

**This is actually a pretty fun and funny read that went by fairly quickly**, and Tay and Clay's family is hysterically over the top and crazy.

Note: This takes place in Sydney, Australia and is pretty quintessentially Australian (i.e.: "arvo" for afternoon), which was also really entertaining.

It's a little silly with the OTT family shenanigans, humor, action, (a little bit of) passion, (a whole lot of) insta-love, and a HFN with enough outstanding to give the reader a bit of hope in the possibility of this getting a sequel.

I, for one, am hoping for a sequel!

3.75 Stars rounded up.

*Advanced Review Galley copy of Fishy Riot provided by Dreamspinner Press in exchange of an honest review.*

*This review has been cross-posted at Gay Book Reviews.*

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## Sarah says

I was given a copy of this book to read and review for Wicked Reads.

This story of a slightly insane Australian police riot squad will appeal to fans of AE Via, Abigail Roux and Charlie Cochet. Full of testosterone, explosions and dark humour, this may not be a terribly realistic police procedural - but it is a highly entertaining read.

This is Taylor's story. An enormous blonde viking lookalike, he works with his twin brother on the riot squad. At the start of the story, he finds himself policing a party on a cruise boat where he meets Sietta, a rich boy in more trouble than Taylor can initially understand.

Taylor's team helps keep Sietta and his little brother safe while they take down his corrupt and evil family and their political allies. From a gun fight at a family barbeque to car chases, kidnapping, shootouts and explosions, this is a fast paced and exciting action story.

As well as the usual camaraderie between riot squad team mates, this book explores the relationships between the members of Taylor's large and slightly eccentric family. I loved the banter between siblings and colleagues in this story almost as much as I loved the OTT action sequences. The chemistry between Sietta and Taylor is hot and I loved the relationship between Taylor and his twin, Clayton.

This is a fun, exciting and easy read. The Australian setting is novel and the characters are well developed and immensely likeable. This book could easily be the start of a fantastic series - I'd love to read about the other Jameson siblings and the other members of the riot squad. This author is new to me but I'm excited to read more of her work.

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### **Alisa says**

Taylor and his twin brother are riot squad officers and work a lot of dangerous cases. They come from a big, meddlesome family and they have a lot of siblings who work in related jobs (ie firemen, doctors etc). Taylor has the reputation of being the "mean" one and his family drives him a bit nuts. One day while working a case, he meets Sietta Salisbury, the son of a rich and powerful politician. Sietta's younger brother slips Taylor a USB that will forever change all of their lives.

This story was action packed and the plot was interesting enough but I couldn't really focus on those things because the story was overshadowed by Taylor's obnoxious family. It felt almost manic in places and the family members annoyed the crap out of me. (ie...the 5 year old who calls adults "idiots".) It reminded me a lot of the Thirds series (without the paranormal twist). Imagine an entire family of Dex's. If you think that would be awesome then you should try this book. You may really enjoy it. It's a hard call on books like this since humor is so subjective.

The romance was insta-love and really wasn't realistic but while that usually bothers me, it didn't here. I liked these two together. There wasn't much relationship development. More was focused on the overall mystery and the family.

This wasn't a badly written book by any means, it just wasn't for me.

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### **Valerie ❀M/M Romance Junkie❀ says**

I enjoyed this one quite a bit. One day, I'll write an awesome review. Today is not that day. ?

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### **Lisa The Novel Approach says**

~ 4.5 Stars~

Taylor Jameson is cranky, and sometimes you have to wonder if it's his crazy, funny, loving family that

makes him so. Taylor and his brother Clayton are very enthusiastic about their jobs, they've gotten into some crazy chaos more than once, and when things go south, the whole family gets involved any way they can.

When Taylor's squad gets the call to protect the rich and elite youth at a political fundraiser on a harbour ferry, they aren't really excited about it. Taylor knows it's only for the benefit of Minister Jonathan Salisbury, who needs positive media. While checking out the ferry for any suspicious activity or persons, Taylor wanders below and spies Micha Salisbury, youngest son to the minister. As he's checking out the other rooms in the captain's quarters, he comes across the most gorgeous young man he's ever seen, Sietta Salisbury—who hasn't been seen in months, and some thought was dead. Taylor's only been interested in one-night stands so far, but in reality, he would like to find someone who understands him. He and Sietta spend some time talking until Taylor escorts the young man to the upper deck where there's so much commotion, and the discovery of drugs on the ferry, that Taylor forgets Micah slipped him a thumb drive. When Taylor realizes, finally, what the drive holds, all hell breaks loose and the riot squad goes into action once again.

I have to say I enjoyed *Fishy Riot*, Lindsey Black's debut novel. It has just the right amount of action, danger, mystery and humor. Sietta and Taylor are definitely opposites, but they make a perfect connection. The squad has a nice mix of characters, and the storyline also addresses some serious issues in the form of abuse, corruption, and drugs which shouldn't be taken lightly. I liked the Aussie humor that the author brought to this story, and I absolutely got a kick out of the crazy and funny Jameson family, especially five-year-old Emma, who was a hoot and had the big alpha males wrapped around her finger.

I almost passed this book over because of the title, but I get it now, and I'm so glad I reconsidered. I'm begging for a sequel!

Reviewed by Maryann for The Novel Approach

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## Levi says

Full review at :

OptimuMM - Home of MM Book Reviews

My first read from this author and damn if she isn't good!

This book it's not what I was expecting. It surprised me in a good way.

Taylor and Clay are twins, attached at the hip. They both work in law enforcement in Sydney being members of the Riot Squad. They are big, like *huge-big*. They think alike, walk alike and breath alike. When you look at them, you think you are drunk, and you're seeing double. Clay is in a relationship with Joel, a university professor, but the twins find time to be with each other. But this book is not about their relationship though...

Taylor is an asshole, everybody said so (*shhhh...he isn't*). But his mind works differently than others. Where others see sympathy, he sees logic. He's a rational man, with rational thoughts, although for some people it may appear as asshole-ish behavior. When a mission brings them to a fundraiser party on a ferry, his life

changes definitely. He meets Sietta Salisbury, with his Gucci glasses. Taylor's lost...

Sietta Salisbury's family is powerful, his father's in politics and they are the epitome of high class. But people thought he's dead. He isn't. Well not technically. Sietta is strange, a perfect match to Taylor, and it seems that he can get Taylor where everybody else fails. And Taylor sees him where everybody does not.

I can't go into detail, for not spoiling it for you, but the story is more than worth reading it. Your heart will break for Sietta, and you will laugh out loud when you'll meet the Jamsons. They are hilarious, funny and borderline crazy.

This book is a fun read, full of emotions but not overwhelmingly so. I really enjoyed it and I would very much like that this would become a series! I would have loved to read Clay and Joel's story too, there is so much potential for other couples...

\*\*\*The ARC was provided by Dreamspinner Press. My review is an honest opinion of the book\*\*\*

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## **Sara says**

### **5 Hearts**

This book! This book was so much more than I could have hoped for. I mean, I wanted to read it based on the opening line of the blurb, "*Most people think riot squad officer Taylor Jameson is an asshole*" because I have a thing for redeemable assholes but Taylor isn't one at all. Nope. Not. At. All.

There are books that go beyond the blurb and this goes way freaking beyond it. While you do get Taylor's meddlesome family and Sietta being a mystery, there are many more layers to the story I wasn't expecting and while they blurb isn't exactly misleading, it doesn't do the book justice to me. AT. ALL.

Set in Australia, we meet Taylor Jameson and his identical twin Clay as they are on assignment as Riot Squad officers that give you a hint of the shenanigans and slightly over the top things that are going to appear in the story. We first get the almighty rocket launcher that no one can quite get over being real but we also immediately get the Jamseon family who are all up in their brothers business like you wouldn't believe. Trust me when I say the rocket launcher is important because of how many times it's brought up and while the Jameson family loves to check in on one another, it's all done with love.

So, considering Taylor and Clay have a ton of paperwork to complete after the rocket launcher deal, they are tasked with babysitting a bunch of young adults on a large ferry for a local politician's, Minister Salisbury, fundraiser for his environmental foundation. What could possibly happen with a bunch of rich entitled kids on an almost cruise liner? Don't ask because you wouldn't believe it but while what happens on the ferry is truly important to the story, what's more important is who Taylor meets when he takes a walk to make sure everything is safe and sound.

The meeting of Taylor with the unknown but obvious son of Minister Salisbury with the telltale gorgeous looks was so good. Meet cutes are always my favorite but Taylor's reaction to Sietta was adorable and sexy. Yeah, there is some serious insta everything in this book but I didn't mind it at all because it worked. It



worked and I wanted it to happen so it's a win/win right? Right.

But nothing can be taken at surface value in this book because while we learn right along with Taylor about Sietta being the unseen child of Minister Salisbury, his younger brother Micah takes to task the delivery of a USB to Taylor for an education.

Taylor is attracted to Sietta and wants to get to know him better but a phone call leads to a brush off of "never" that leads Taylor to question the truth about Sietta, because the never felt fishy. When Micah shows up at his doorstep with Taylor's younger sister asking him to buy a phone for Sietta and then asks about Taylor watching the USB... Taylor indeed gets an education as well as the members of the riot squad and a rescue is put into action.

What was on that USB was difficult to read and I felt for everyone involved in it but it explains so much about both Sietta and Micah. You see, Minister Salisbury doesn't like the fact that he has a gay son so he goes to disgusting depths to keep him hidden. Sietta does all that he can, and endures more than anyone ever should to keep Micah safe from their father but what's on the USB is their key to freedom. It's a freedom that isn't easy to attain nor to keep when the wrong people are tangled with the corrupt Salisbury family and decide Sietta is a tool to be used. A tool or a means to end all that are involved including Taylor.

Goodness. Despite the darkness that Sietta has to deal with, he is an amazing character. I've read plenty of books that either over victimize the victim or make them so strong it's unbelievable but with Sietta, you feel his strength and his stubbornness to make sure those who have hurt him or could hurt his brother are dealt with properly. Sure, there could have been other outcomes with how he dealt with his father but Sietta is uber smart and knows what he is doing. But while he is strong, he's not without scars and ghosts that threaten his want of normalcy and it's such a good thing that he has a big strong riot squad officer who thinks he hangs the moon and wants nothing but to protect Sietta. Sietta's trust in Taylor was beautiful and just...

Le sigh.

Taylor Jameson is not an asshole, far from it. He's a guy who takes his job seriously and takes his family seriously and no one is more important than family. Super close to his twin brother Clay, Taylor is satisfied with cohabitating with his twin when Clay isn't with his super smart scientist/professor/foster parent to at risk LGBTQ youths Joel, doing his job – while hating the paperwork – and surviving Saturday barbeques with his family. But Sietta, he gets under Taylor's skin in the best way and watching Taylor fall hard and fast for Sietta was a pure joy.

This book though, it's funny to the point of highlighting the hell out of all the moments that made me belly laugh. It's swoon worthy romantic with the hurt/comfort between Sietta and Taylor. It's a bit over the top but it balances out the darkness that keeps creeping into the story and it's written so wonderfully that you truly get sucked in and don't want to stop reading.

Now, I have to mention the Jameson family because they are a HUGE part of this book. The family is amazing to me and I love how they show support and affection to one another. All the Jameson's are in some sort of public service and they take their jobs seriously. Service and family should be the Jameson's motto because those are top of the list important for them but so is love, so is acceptance and so is calling one another out on their shit unless it's mom or dad then tread carefully. BUT them being all up in one another's business is what makes them incredible. They love, they care and they want the best for one another so it makes sense they would be meddlesome as they are. Only the strong can survive being brought into the fold of the infamous Saturday barbeques with the family and I love that all partners are included but cracked up at

the mention of Hayley's husband.

Okay. I have to make a note here about Clay and Joel because I love the hell out of them. I really would love their story even if we have to go backward four years because their romance needs to be told. Clay is such a good person – he is a Jameson after all – a dedicated twin brother and so head over heels in love with Joel as Joel is with Clay. I adored every moment both men were on the page together and separate but when we get a bit of Joel's backstory... I want more. More is never a bad thing to want, is it?

*Fishy Riot* was once again, more than I expected. I am one who loves crazy family dynamics, insta everything when that everything is a forever kind of thing and a beautifully respectful hurt/comfort romance. Taylor and Sietta met for a reason and that reason was to fall in love and to be with that one person who truly sees beyond the surface.

Lord, but this was good and I just have one last thing to say...

***"I fucking love Saturday barbeques!"***

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**?? Michaelle ♡?? says**

4.4 Stars

Again, I'm surprised by how much I like this book. I've often mentioned that certain books have such great stories & interesting characters that they would lend well were it to ever be filmed for television or the big screen. This book? Started off sounding and feeling like it was a movie or miniseries. (To some that might not be a compliment, but coming from me it totally is.)

Like others I had a hard time seeing Taylor's inner asshole -but the severe lack of Sietta exhibiting any real PTSD or trauma symptoms bothered me the most. I *adored* that he and the others brushed some of the discomfort off with gallows/dark humor (because that is a perfectly understandable & acceptable coping mechanism)...but it still felt too quickly/easily "gotten over." Not that I *wanted* to read about nightmares or a fear of being cooped up - but a mention of that sort of reaction wouldn't have gone unnoticed and unappreciated. (Although the attachment to showers definitely worked to some extent to convey the level deprivation he'd suffered.)

Still, amazing first novel and I will be looking forward to more from this author!

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**~☆~Dæni(ela) ♥ ?? love & semi-colons~☆~ says**

~2.5~

My favorite thing about this book was the warm, loving relationship between the twin brothers: Taylor and Clay. They bantered and argued, but they were incredibly supportive and protective of one another.

Clay has a long-term boyfriend whom he adores, but Tay is single. Supposedly, this is partly because Tay is an asshole. But he really isn't. He's gruff, sure, but an asshole? I didn't get that at all.

When Tay meets Sietta, in the middle of his parents' political rally on board a ferry, he's immediately smitten. But falling in love with Sietta draws Taylor (and his entire family) into a "bizarre mess of prisoners, politics, and attempted murder."

My biggest issue with this story is summed up by the singular quote above.

**There was a LOT going on here besides the romance:** drive-by shootings (which was really unbelievable, since the story takes place in AUSTRALIA, not Detroit), crazy accidents, several trips to the hospital, abuse (mostly off page), political conspiracy, and that's on top of Tay's meddling OTT family (the 5-year-old niece who acted 18 and called adults "idiots" was particularly ridiculous; there's nothing cute or funny about an obnoxious spoiled brat).

***Fishy Riot* is a BUSY story and jumps from one idea to the next with nary a breath to spare.** The writing gallops along with few scene transitions, which I found confusing and frustrating.

I liked the story best when Sietta and Tay were simply together. Tay was just so sweet to Sietta, and Sietta had the potential to be a fascinating character.

Unfortunately, I think Sietta's suffering was completely downplayed. Not enough attention was given to the abuse and his mental state. No one recovers from something that horrendous so quickly and seemingly easily. Why was there no mention of therapy?

**If you like fast-paced stories, low on the steam and relationship development but a big on family dynamics and action, this book might work for you.** Unfortunately, I didn't enjoy it as much as I'd hoped.

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