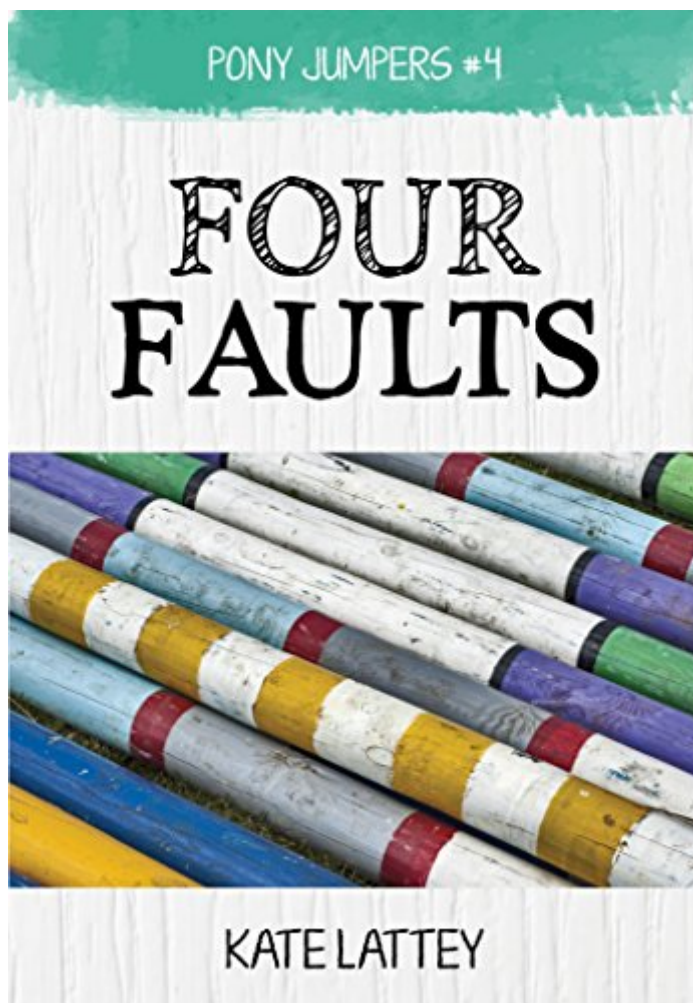


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Four Faults: (Pony Jumpers #4)



Synopsis

Tess Maxwell never really wanted to be a competition rider, and she certainly never wanted to inherit her sister Hayley's difficult Grand Prix pony. But nobody listens to what Tess wants, and despite her resolution never to ride Misty again, she finds herself back in the saddle as he continues to tear her confidence to shreds. When her parents decide that Misty will be sold after Christmas unless Tess changes her mind, she has more to contend with than just surviving the next seven weeks. Because Hayley is determined not to let her beloved pony leave the farm, and she doesn't care what it will take to change her sister's mind.

| About the series: The Pony Jumper series follows the adventures of AJ, Katy, Susannah and Tess as they train and compete their ponies on the National Show Jumping circuit. Whether they have an unschooled pony and tack held together with duct tape, or a string of top-quality show jumpers, these girls all have one thing in common - a love for the sport, and a lot of love for their ponies. Each book in the Pony Jumper series focuses on one of the four main characters and ties into the books that have gone before. Set in New Zealand, the series incorporates information about training and riding show jumpers that will hopefully give help and guidance to readers, as well as each telling a great story!

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Customer Reviews

I love the way the characters intertwine in this series, each of which is told from a different character's viewpoint. This time it's Tessa telling the tale. In previous books Tessa has been the one with the pony out of control in the show jumping ring, berated by her hard-riding, winning older sister Hayley and her mother for not riding well enough on a Grand Prix pony. She's been a minor character but her story is major. Hayley has a new horse and insists - because she's a bossy boots and nobody says no to her - that Tessa ride Misty, Hayley's old pony who is overexcitable and not Tessa's type of pony at all. (And here I relate to her; I have been scared witless on ponies like Misty in my dim, distant past.) Misty is a Grand Prix champion, but Hayley's riding style is completely different to Tessa's. Tessa agrees to persevere with Misty until Christmas - only seven weeks away...Like all the books in this series this one is as much about family dynamics and friendships as ponies. Something is wrong with Hayley, and while that's being investigated she isn't supposed to ride her new horse Copper. Neighbour Jonty steps in to exercise Copper, and Tess forges a friendship with him that could go much further than mere friends - to the disgust of her friend Mia who fancies Jonty for herself. Tessa has a lot to deal with, and some unexpected people become her allies and friends. I love this series - can't wait for the next one!

As I began to read this book, I wasn't the biggest fan. It didn't really seem to me like a book that was really what I was interested in. However as Kate developed the plot in a funny yet realistic manner, I fell in love. Kate developed so many realistic ideas which made you feel happy, sad, angered and confused right alongside areas. With plenty of plot twists in there as well, it was another truly magnificent book and I couldn't put it down. An easy 5* from me again!

I can only say what I've said about each of these books, clever, unforgettable, addictive and beautifully structured. They are real, they are full of life and you won't guess what's in store for our pony jumpers and their world. That is perhaps the greatest part and what keeps us readers gasping at every tight turn.

Excellent read, enjoyed it as much as the previous three. Can't wait for the next one. :-) Written from a knowledgeable perspective, making me think I was right there ringside.

This entry in the Pony Jumpers series takes the unique view of Tess, a relatively peripheral character in the earlier three novels. Unlike some of Lattey's other heroines, Tess is very quiet and not competitive by nature. She loves riding but isn't much of a daredevil and much prefers hacking out rather than winning in the ring. Unfortunately, her older sister Hayley is determined Tess will inherit her incorrigible pony Misty. Throughout much of the book Misty becomes a kind of vehicle for Hayley to bully and dominate Tess. A wonderful character study of sibling rivalry as well as horses. I think this book has some of my favorite equine characters of the entire series, not just Misty but also Copper, Hayley's talented but spooky and silly horse.

This installment features a new character (Tess) who would rather ride her solid ranch pony than her sister's flighty show jumping champion. The beginning was a bit slow as the author fleshed out a whole cast of characters that we've only glimpsed before (really, we've mostly seen Hayley, Tess's sister, bullying Tess at the horse shows), but in the time it took for Tess to meet up with the girls from the other books (AJ, Katy, and Susannah), the reader really gets to know Tess and her family. This book grapples with the real meaning of being courageous and also delves into what makes a true friend. Tess has a lot to learn about both issues, but she grows throughout the story. We also get to see the mischievous Misty up close in all of his orneriness. I might suggest a course of ulcergard for that evil pony! With malicious Misty, reassuring Rory, and cowardly Copper, the equines are just as well developed as the humans in this fourth novella in the Pony Jumper series. If you haven't read the series from the beginning, I highly recommend reading them in order to get the full story.

This is by far my favorite book of the series. It started out slower than the rest, but I had a hard time putting it down. Very much looking forward to book 5!!!

I like the series, the way each book is told from a different person's perspective, but it's still a continuing story. And this one has a budding romance. Very entertaining. The horses have great and differing personalities, too. Fun read.

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