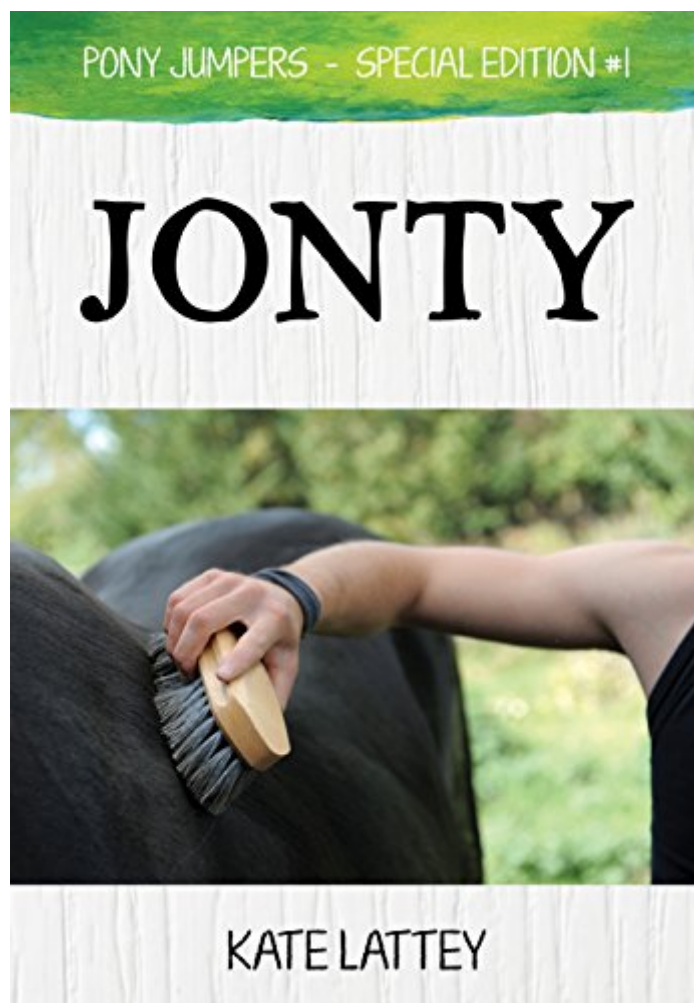


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Jonty: (Pony Jumpers: Special Edition #1)



Synopsis

Jonty Fisher hasn't grown up with horses. Hasn't grown up with much of anything, tell you the truth, except a love for being outdoors and a restless energy he can't quite contain. The unexpected arrival of a bedraggled black pony on his eleventh birthday marks the beginning of a new direction in his life, setting him on a path that will determine what he can make of his future. But as Jonty's desire to prove himself builds, the school of hard knocks never fails to keep pushing him back down, and it will take a lot of courage, resilience and heart for him to find a way to follow his dreams. Still, if life was meant to be easy, everyone would do it.

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Customer Reviews

I bought this book the night it was released but saved it to read on an airplane the next day. Big mistake. I was completely unprepared for how sad this book was going to be, especially since I am not usually a crier! It may not have been so embarrassing if I wasn't travelling alone and I wasn't reading on my phone kindle, but the result was a young adult woman on a plane stifling sobs over an old iphone. My seat neighbours probably thought I was some lunatic crying over candy crush. Great book though as usual and I am so looking forward to the next one, been dying for an update on Tori since she was introduced!

Reading Kate Lattey's Pony Jumpers series has been a wonderful window into the world of New

Zealand's horse culture. All of Lattey's books have helped me appreciate why such a tiny nation has produced some of the best--and the toughest--riders in the world. Jonty is a wonderful, scrappy hero and I especially loved reading about his efforts to tame his wild little pony. Jonty gets kicked around literally and metaphorically quite a bit but the reader never stops wanting to cheer him on.

Unusual for a boy to be the hero of a pony book, but it really works for this one!

Once again a easy brilliant book to read was gutted it was over. Could of read for hours more. Cannot wait for the next books.

Jonty is the stuff great books are made of. Each beautifully titled and crafted chapter brings us closer to a character whose life is painful, admirable, hard won and truly lived. Kate Lattey has done the seemingly impossible: keeping the equestrian elements alive while fostering the reader's fascination with every aspect of Jonty's life. Oh and he is a boy, who rides! Alongside the excitement of horses is a darker tale of poverty, abuse and desperation. Never does this overwhelm the determination Kate has given Jonty. He is quite simply a powerful and inspirational force. Speaking of inspiration, we are blessed with an author who listens to her readers and rewards us in spades. Jonty began life on the fringes but leapt so energetically about the pages that his story begged for release. This is a very necessary book. Above all, if you want to read the best horse books, do set your sights on these. I've not encountered their like since the finest classics and I'm a fair and devoted expert of the genre. All too often horse books fall short as riding takes a back seat to romance, gossip over ice cream and two dimensional attempts at personal lives. Kate's books are the opposite, packed full of equines with tremendous personalities expertly partnered by their human counterparts. So kick your feet out of the stirrups, delve into the three perfect series Kate has created and rest easy in the knowledge there will be many more to come! I cannot thank Kate Lattey enough for Jonty and all who ride through this utterly magnificent world.*Credit to Joss Whedon for these words.

Author Kate Lattey obviously loves her characters, and this clearly shows in her latest addition to the "Pony Jumpers" series. Jonty comes to life bigger and bolder than ever in this book, which answers many questions readers may have had about him from his previous appearances. The book has a powerful storyline with topics to keep the interest of a far wider audience than young pony mad children. My favorite aspect of the book is the "time traveling" readers get to do. One

example of this is that in "Eight Away: Pony Jumpers #8", we learn in a passing reference that when Hayley was twelve, she received Misty as a Christmas present. In "Jonty" we actually get to experience that Christmas, and it adds a whole new dimension that is very satisfying. I highly recommend this book, and give the author full marks not only for the great storyline, but also for her accuracy with riding and training details, which helps to keep knowledgeable readers happy!

As usual, Kate Lattey left me wanting MORE!!! She's just going to have to sit down and write a whole passel of Pony Jumper stories because if the other readers are like me, they want these stories to keep on coming. It was nice to see Jonty with his own story since he does appear quite often in the other books. He is a warm, very compassionate character who has been knocked about much of his life. I cried for him when he couldn't; I laughed with him; I felt his anger. Ms. Lattey's stories, no matter who the "star" is, bring out many different feelings in the reader. I ALWAYS eagerly await each new book from her.

What a beautifully written book! I wish I had a gift of words so I could do this review justice. Unfortunately, I don't so I will just say read this book. You won't regret it. Thank you Ms. Lattey for sharing your talent with us!

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