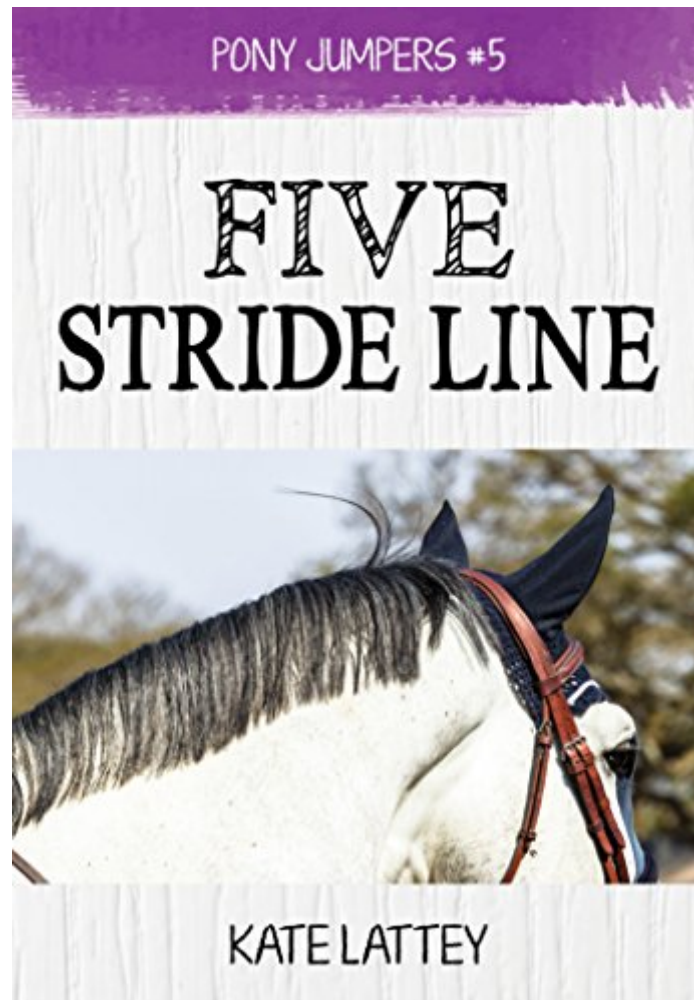




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Synopsis

AJ is still dreaming of taking her talented pony Squib to the top level of pony show jumping, but she's about to hit some serious roadblocks. Squib has started slipping on the turns, and now her best friend Katy is insisting that AJ needs to put shoes on Squib, instead of letting him jump barefoot as he's always done before. But AJ isn't so sure. Can AJ achieve her goals without compromising what she feels is best for her pony?

PONY JUMPERS: Follow 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 is told from the perspective 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 give help and guidance to readers, as well as each telling a great story! This is the second book told from AJ's point of view.

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Customer Reviews

To shoe or not to shoe? That's AJ's dilemma. Her pony Squib has been successfully competing barefoot in jumping competitions. AJ knows he is good and they could have a big future in serious competition, but can he do it without shoes and studs? It's not just about winning, it's about making sure her pony is comfortable and happy, and he's been perfectly fine without shoes. AJ's friend Katy is all for having Squib shod, and Katy is an experienced and successful rider. But Katy is an only child in a horsey family; the costs of shoes, studs and tack doesn't have to be divided between five children. AJ decides to keep Squib barefoot - until she sets her brave, bold, big-jumping pony at a big fence on slippery ground...As always in this series there is a wealth of sensible horse training and care information, cleverly woven into the fabric of the story. And Kate Lattey's characters and their family dynamics are wonderful. They are real people, believable characters you can't help but warm to and empathise with. The Pony Jumpers series just gets better and better!

Yet again Kate produces a book which is both interesting, factual and realistic at the same time. Books like this aren't the easiest or most common to find in the horsey fictional world, but as always Kate sets a new bar. AJ is met with the problem of deciding whether to get shoes for her pony, and is wondering if she does, if it will affect his quality of life. Being a young equestrian, I can relate to the feeling of conflicting information. However it gets across an important message, go with your gut feeling but also take into account what other people say, because not everyone is out there to get you. Just when you think Kate's books can't get any better, they do! Looking forward to number 6!

If you are a horse-crazy kid, you will love this book. Even if you are a bit older, but still horse-crazy, this book will appeal to you (I'm older than dirt, and I loved it). FIVE STRIDE LINE has everything you want from a ponybook, and more ... friendships and rivalries, kids dealing with tough issues, and horses (lots of horses), plus a landscape you can wrap your arms around. Am looking forward to the next book in this series from Kate Lattey.

A dangerously addictive series! One could read the all day and night (guilty) and forget about everything but what's between the pages. Such is the world Kate has built up. This series needs to be gobbled up NOW!

Loved it!

Love that the author has actual horse knowledge and experience.

Great series worth reading ;-)

As an adult 'horse-person' I enjoy and find reading true horse stories without 'adult themes' very relaxing. Kate Lattey does an excellent job accurately portraying horses, riding, competition and personal dilemmas (realism is often lacking in other youth horse fiction). Her characters are both engaging and interesting. She makes me look forward to her next book! I wish the Saddleclub Series had been this good when I was growing up!

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