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Alex is no ordinary girl. Her parents have been murdered. Her town is under siege. She finds herself raising her sister under the watchful eyes of her father's motorcycle club, the Fu Lions. Now a target caught in the crosshairs of a rival club--the Reaper's Sons--Alex struggles to find her place among the lions, to protect her sister, her town, and her pride.

A Lion's Pride Details

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Jane Geddis says

Alyssa Rae writes in a clear narrative that while uncomplicated serves her story well, and while it can be said that the story of A Lion's Pride is a black and white tale of good and evil, every aspect of her writing serves that end. In other words, it works, and it's just a matter of taste if a reader doesn't like it. I happened to be a reader that enjoys a story where good is good and evil is evil. Not that this story is without complications or characters that are multi-dimensional.

The story is about two biker clubs, one the Fu-Lions, the good guys, and the other the Reaper's Sons, the bad guys who deal drugs and take over towns. The story centers around Alex who is the daughter of the deceased leader of the Fu-Lions club, and the Reaper's want to kidnap her. That's the basics. Characters like Jason, who while a good guy isn't above smacking around someone who desperately needs it, lends the story depth and credibility.

So it's a novel where suspension of disbelief comes easily in a black and white world, and that's a trick not so easy to pull off.

Sarah-Jayne Briggs says

(I received this book for free as part of Goodreads First Reads giveaways).

(This review may contain spoilers).

This book is a little different to the books I normally read, since it was focused on a motorcycle gang. Still, I found it a good read that kept my attention throughout.

The first scene did a really good job of hooking me into the book. I quickly grew to like and was able to relate well to the main few characters.

I did think that this book suffered a lot from telling rather than showing. I noticed this especially with Wendy and Sean's relationship. I think it would have benefited the story to have a flashback chapter to show their history, rather than Alex repeating the story at least twice.

I did really liked the whole thing with the motorcycle gang and them protecting the town. I also liked the symbolism with the Lions and the male and female aspects.

As characters, I did like Alex, Jason, Jesse and Sean. However, I did feel that there were a few characters who weren't really well-defined. Ana, for example. She only really seemed to appear to reveal background to the readers in one scene. I couldn't really see how a friendship had formed.

Although I couldn't see how Alex had learned to fight, I was glad to see that she wasn't amazingly strong and could and did get hurt.

The ending was, if I'm honest, a bit of a letdown. Considering what had happened earlier, I was expecting/hoping for a major turning point. If there had been one, this would have easily been four stars.

The writing was mostly good and descriptive, with some errors and sudden changes in POV. I'd probably be interested in at least checking out other books by this author.

Kris says

'A Lion's Pride' is a solid debut novel by Alyssa Rae. The book focuses around Alex who has been responsible for her younger sister Jesse since her mother, father, and Uncle were killed. The catch to the book is that the entire family is heavily invested in a motorcycle club called the Fu Lions. Rae's focuses on Alex's attempts to be taken seriously by the Fu Lions and her attempts to avoid being kidnapped by a rival gang.

The characters for the most part are interesting and compelling. The writing style is good but is more aimed towards young adult readers. The whole motorcycle 'club' aspect was out of my knowledge base and for the most part interest level. Although I can applaud the Fu Lions desire to make their town safer, I didn't enjoy the push towards vigilante justice that was prominent in the book. Additionally, the conclusion is a bit of a let down; it seems a bit contrived and way too Hollywood. I would have liked if Rae had focused on the change of Alex's role within the Fu Lions instead. Although I would be interested to see how Rae develops as an author I hope her future books focus on other topics.

Emily says

I LOVED the book. I knew who it was all along. My guess was right about who it was who tried to kidnap Alex! It is probably one of the best books I've ever read.

Amy says

Clever and talented young author. Looking forward to her next book!
