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Gold is an extremely popular boyband consisting of three gorgeous young men; Rian, Luke, and Noah. When they choose to attend the private academy Oakwood, most of the students are besides themselves with excitement. Then there's Iris. She likes the band, sure. But she's not as starstruck as some of the others. Having a famous brother will do that to you. Which is why Gold takes notice of her and why she's suddenly entangled in their shenanigans... and in some cases, their love lives.

Gold Rush Details

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From Reader Review Gold Rush for online ebook

Yifat says

Read on wattpad.. Wasn't very good

Mikaela Moore says

To those who don't know Jordan Lynde, she is a self-described teen fiction writer. Her target audience is the age group 12-18. So before anyone over the age of eighteen starts bashing this book, keep that in mind.

I read Gold Rush before it was on Wattpad, back in 2008 when it was posted to Quizilla. Yes, that means the author was only IN EIGHTH GRADE when she wrote this. I've been a fan of hers for a long time and have watched her writing technique grow.

I found GOLD RUSH to be a very short and enjoyable read. It wasn't plot heavy, but she had said from the beginning that it was going to be a short read. Although I think all the characters should be younger (especially since Jordan herself was young when she wrote it). It would fit better. Otherwise, I enjoyed my book. Not my favorite by her, but not my least favorite. (I have no least favorites).

So give it a chance. And remember, if you're over 18....this book probably isn't for you.

Becki says

Actual Stars: 0.5

3 words to describe it: *Tedious, repetitive & fan-fiction.*

Favorite part: *The bit where I stopped reading.*

The description of this book had potential but from the start I could see where this novel could go very, very wrong. I was intrigued that the author was from wattpad and figured I'd give it a try.

I don't have a very large Did Not Finish pile, but at 85% I couldn't carry on. It was like reading a teenagers fantasy about Harry Styles, the worst kind of fan fic with very little plot, repetitive language and boring dialog. How many times can you say "cute" in one book?! There was no chemistry for me between Rian and Iris, I found it all very childish and meandering without any storyline to support it. The characters were flat and shallow and certain parts of the novel referencing their fame and how fans would react were wildly unrealistic.

Also, why does every main character appear to have super bright eye colours? Sigh.

I can't think of a positive I found in this at all apart from the cover on the version I had was quite nice to look at, this book was a big NO for me sadly.

Shannon (Once Upon a Twilight) says

I was actually quite excited to start Gold Rush. As I read a partial of the unpublished version, I was really curious to see the changes. I wanted to see the transformation of a first-draft to a fully polished novel, and though the transformation was great, the novel itself failed my expectations a little bit.

We have the typical good-girl who dedicates her school life to studying. When the super popular boy band Gold become the newest students at Oakwood Academy, Iris finds her life tipping in a different direction. She didn't fall at their feet like all the other girls, and that's how she finds herself surrounded by the boys in an insta-friendship. But Rian, the lead singer of the band, finds himself wanting Iris as more than a friend, but she isn't too sure with his playboy tendencies...

If you're looking for a fun and light read then this is your book. It was something I found easy to read, it was entertaining and I liked the diversity within each character- all enjoyable to read. Also, without spoilers, I really liked how there was a 'never be ashamed of who you are' message imbedded in there because that's a message everyone should live by.

The one thing I would have liked is more character development. Throughout the story we don't see any changes in the characters. They were a little too immature and cheesy for my taste; they weren't really mature for their age and some of the "Do not!" and "Do too!" dialogue didn't seem fitting for their age group. That being said, their immaturity reminded me a lot of school years and I liked that I was able to relate to the characters somewhat.

Overall it was a good read. It was fun, light, cute and just the right length.

Once Upon a Twilight says

3.5 star review to be exact

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Also, I wanted to mention that Jordan is only 19 years old. For her age, she's rockin' the publishing process!

Asiya says

It was alright, a very average plot. The only thing is though, I can't take such books seriously which is why I won't give it a rating.

Michelle (Fluttering Butterflies) says

This review was originally published at Fluttering Butterflies

Gold Rush by Jordan Lynde is an ebook that is being published this month by Random House. I find it really interesting that books such as this, which was originally published on Wattpad by the teenage author, are attracting the attention of mainstream publishers. I can't say that I loved Gold Rush, but I did enjoy parts of it, especially the diversity of sexualities within the book.

Gold Rush is the story of a girl, Iris, who is charged with showing around new classmates, Noah, Luke and Rian at the private school they all attend. Iris is class president and really focused on her studies and doesn't need any distraction. And she also seems to be the only person in her school who doesn't lose her head and sensibilities around the new boys ... as they are the members of hot new boy band, Gold.

While I did feel like there needed to be more character development and something else to the story besides Iris and her friends' interactions with the members of Gold, it was still a fun book to read and I read it in a very short period of time. A lot of the story revolves around Iris and her two best friends and how they become friends and love interests to the three Gold band members. We do see a little bit of the fan-frenzy that Gold face on a daily basis and we do see a little bit of them trying to be normal teenagers doing normal things. I thought it was great that the tables are turned slightly in the second half of the book where it's Gold who become a little starstruck by another band. Overall though, it was a little bit too cheesy and slightly immature for me. It's a bit too much 'OMG, you want to buy me a donut?' in parts and there's very little conflict.

What I did enjoy about the book the most though is the fact that there is a character who identifies as bisexual. He's open about it and accepted by his peers and because of the reactions this character has had about his sexuality, it pushes another character to come forward and tell people that he is gay. I don't come across enough bisexual characters in YA, so this story line really kept me reading despite my problems with the rest of the story.

EJ says

Fun. Fun. Love.

Sanara♥ says

3.5/5 stars.

Good story. It's predictable but it's fun to read. :)

Emma Schouten says

I am so glad that I read this book and that she finished writing it because it was really worth the wait. The story was amazing, and funny as always. This is something that I certainly will read again!

Aj says

Good book..... Shorter than the rest of ur books but it was good.

Donna {Book Passion for Life} says

Full of fun and flirty moments with an enjoyable plot, *Gold Rush* is entertaining read perfect for any contemporary romance fans.

Everyone and anyone has heard of the band Gold and even more so when the band enrolls at Oakwood Academy. Iris is possibly the only girl in her school who isn't swooning over the boys, even when they befriend her because she acts so cool around them. Iris suddenly finds herself surrounded by the boys and, soon she finds that there's more to the members of Gold than she once thought – especially the lead singer Rian. Iris finds herself getting closer to him, but could she ever have a serious relationship with a famous rock star, or will she be the one getting hurt?

I liked *Gold Rush*, in fact there's nothing not to like about this story. It's fun and a very quick read. It's one that keeps you entertained throughout, even though it's slightly predictable at the end, but still thoroughly enjoyable. The members of Gold are likable and just that little bit swoon-worthy. All the boys had different personalities so it was great getting to know them. Iris and her two best friends, Chloe and Kevin were just as likable as everyone. The whole gang fit together and it was enjoyable listening to the banter they have back and forth.

Iris's and Rian's relationship wasn't as insta-love, which I really enjoyed. It was a slow one, one where they

started off as friends and things moved along from there. It was pretty easy to spot Rian's feelings for Iris before Iris did, so that was fun too.

In all, *Gold Rush* is an enjoyable read – one that will keep you smiling throughout.

Luna says

I hadn't heard of Jordan Lynde before reading *Gold Rush* but the cover caught my attention and once I read the blurb I was convinced. I can understand why Jordan Lynde has a large fan-base, *Gold Rush* is fun to read.

The characters, while plenty as all well thought-out and easy to keep up with. Iris is a good narrator and the relationships, both romantic as well as existing and new friendships, are believable. The banter between Iris and Rian is fun and I liked how their romance played out.

Towards the end of the book I thought *Gold Rush* slowed a bit but overall this was an entertaining read.

I'll be keeping track of Jordan Lynde because I don't think this will be the last of her works I'll be reading.

Laura says

Thanks Netgalley for this free Ebook!

Iris' life is changed forever when the ultra popular band Gold enrol at her school. Sounds like something any teenage girl would love, right? Not true! Iris in fact, isn't too interested, to her, school is all about maintaining her scholarship. But when Iris meets the band in the library she is given the task of showing them around. This begins a complex set of relationships between Iris, Gold and her two friends Chloe and Kevin. Oh, and the band Chasing Silhouettes (Iris' brother is in an even more popular band than Gold - coincidence, eh?).

One thing I can say about this book is that I really admire the author Jordan Lynde. Purely for the fact that she gained her popularity on Wattpad and because of this she got a publishing contract from Random House. I think it's brilliant that writers are getting recognition from posting their work online.

What did bother me about the book though was the band itself. I didn't really know WHO they were. At first I thought they were your typical One Direction act, due to the hysteria which overtakes Oakwood Academy when the boys enrol. But then wait, then they're actually just "skinny guys with piercings" which is cool, I guess they could still be a boyband, right? Until (wait for it), they're actually a pop punk band: "I like to say we're pop-punk. Or alternative". Not that I have anything against pop punk (I have a lot of "pop-punk" records myself), but I honestly can't see even the most popular real bands of that genre (Fall Out Boy? All Time Low?) creating such chaos from an entire school. But what do I know? Maybe I'm just being picky. Or I might have just been too old for this book. It was like something I would daydream about age 13.

However, *Gold Rush* does redeem itself, it is fun and it is quite cute. if you don't want to take a book too seriously, then I would recommend it to anyone those who want a lighthearted YA novel!

Michelle says

I had not heard of this author before, but the thing that drew me to **Gold Rush** was the cover, I love how a simple picture of a girl and a guitar can really catch your eye, added with the interesting synopsis I had to request this one to find out more.

The protagonist, is possibly the only person in her school who is not fangirling over the arrival of Gold, a hot boy band that has everyone drooling, literally. She does everything she can to avoid them, but ends up being asked to show them around school. Within the first few chapters we know she is hiding something about herself, but we don't know what it is. Being the tour guide and not all fan girly enables Gold to develop a friendship with Iris, and her friends Chloe and Kevin, and I really enjoyed seeing the sparks fly, and the parties get bigger and wilder.

Gold were a great group of boys and I loved how different and distinct their personalities were, it made it easier to differentiate who was who by how they acted. This also made for a lot of hilarious moments when they get up to stuff, or say things that they are not really meant to do or say.

Gold Rush was a quick read that I enjoyed more than I thought I would. The friendship between Iris, Kevin and Chloe felt real and solid, I loved the comradery and bromanship between the boys in Gold, but also between them and Chasing Silhouettes. When Iris's secret is revealed it explained how she is so calm around Gold, but I also felt sorry for her having to hide part of her identity from others to basically protect herself. The ending of **Gold Rush** was bitter sweet, and I would like to see another story come from this, maybe following the characters to see what happened after school and their college, or if they follow their dream.
