

THE BODECIA BOOK CLUB REVIEW

Finger Lickin' Fifteen by Janet Evanovich

This is book 15 in the Stephanie Plum series. Stephanie is working overtime tracking felons for the bonds office at night and snooping for security expert Carlos Manoso, aka Ranger, during the day. Can she hunt down two killers, a traitor, and five skips, keep her best friend Lula alive and sort out her troubled love life.

We found this book an extremely easy read once you got past the first couple of pages and if you imagined it was a US TV cop show, then it flowed very well as it unfolded. It would have been good if we had read the previous 14 books! We would then have a better insight into the world of Stephanie Plum!

The book had plenty of comedy moments, which caused one of our book club members to post her Facebook status that "*book club book nearly killed me*". We all thought the book had fell off a shelf and hit her but it was that she was laughing so much that she started to cough, and then splutter then to start to choke!! Luckily she recovered to finish the book! Comedy moments ranged from a cross – dressing hunky fireman, hilarious scenes when Lula got stuck leaning out of a car window and trouble with an exploding pressure cooker containing BBQ sauce! There's little ones scattered in the book which kept the chuckles going! Of course there was also sexual chemistry between Stephanie and Ranger and the Police detective Joe Morelli which kept you reading to find out what happens to their relationship and which one Stephanie would choose. This kept the book club ladies reading! The love triangle would not be a problem to one book club member who said she would not choose between them, she would have both!!

We also discussed who would play the main characters in the book; Jennifer Aniston would play Stephanie with Queen Latifah as her friend Lula. Then add The Rock as Ranger and Ray Liotta as Joe Morelli and you would have a great TV show – in our eyes anyway!!

There were some Americanisms in the book which made it a little hard to understand but this did not greatly affect the read.

The ending was a bit of a let down, it seems it was rushed like an ending of "Diagnosis Murder", which comes back to the US TV cop show thinking! The book wrapped everything up in the last few pages. We were left at the end wanting to know more about what happens to Stephanie and especially her men! This probably leads to the next book in the series which is Sizzling Sixteen, which is also the last in the series. A definite read for this book club!

We gave Finger Lickin' Fifteen **7 ½ / 10**

The book we are now reading is **We Need To Talk About Kevin by Lionel Shriver**

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