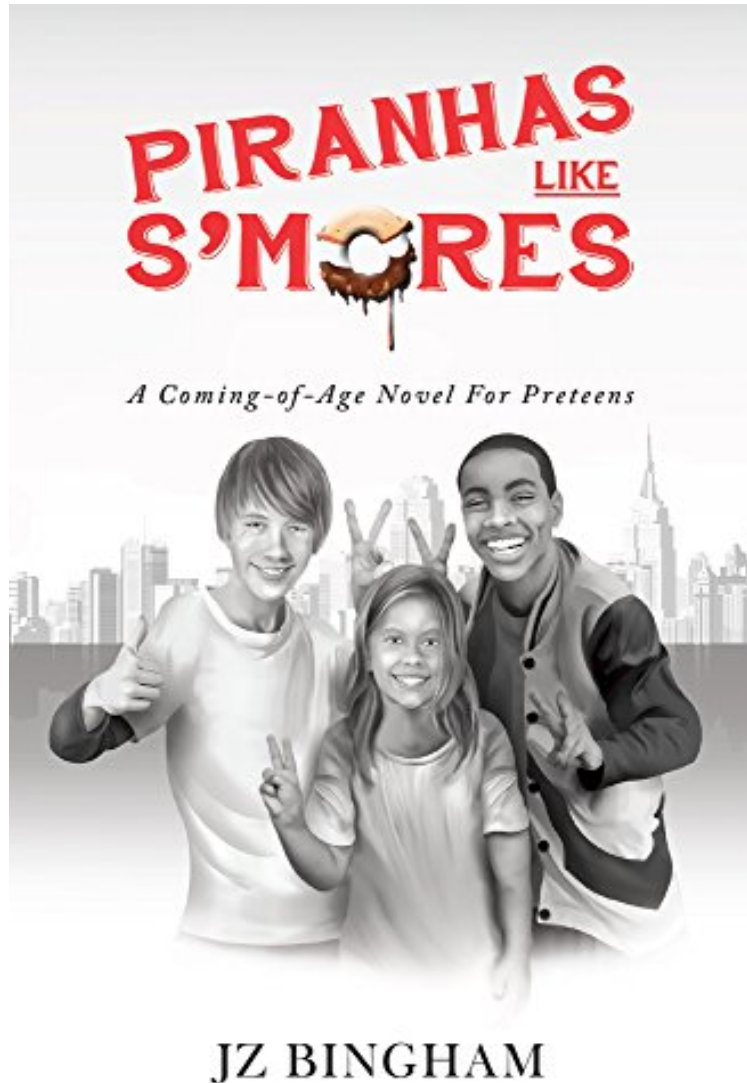


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**JZ Bingham : Piranhas Like S'mores** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Piranhas Like S'mores:

1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. the eleven year old narrator of this wonderful novel, is introduced to the reader as a ...By Joseph SciutoKlyde, the eleven year old narrator of this wonderful novel, is introduced to the reader as a "remarkable human being." At least, that is what his mom has been telling him for a long time. He was named "Klyde" because at the moment his mother told his father that she was pregnant with their son he was looking

at a New York Giant football game and a commercial for his favorite beer, Budweiser, was airing on the TV. It was around Christmas time and the Clydesdale horses were doing their inspirational appearances for the "Anheuser" Busch company. Like any expecting father, he started putting together names that would incorporate the name of his favorite beer. "Bud, Dale, and Bee (short for beer) and BAM the name Klyde. Bonney, Klyde's ten year old cousin and best friend, is a precocious little girl who is an equally remarkable human being. She skipped a grade and so at the tender age of ten is in the same classes as her older cousin. In short, they are a young version of Bonnie and Clyde. They have managed to save a small fortune...mostly by Klyde doing the homework for some of his lazy classmates. At first, they see their small fortune...six hundred dollars...as a way to continue eating at McDonald's after school. Klyde's mom is a health food fanatic and so McDonald's for these two children is like paradise and beyond. Back at school, the children are asked to come up with their own science projects. Klyde and Bonney...not ones to disappoint...decide to study the eco-system of a very deadly species of piranhas. Naturally, they are going to need a large fish tank...not to mention the out-lawed species of piranhas. At first, they are rebuked by Bonney's mother who refuses to have any other pets besides her beloved, over-weight, cat. But as luck would have it, the solution to their problem is settled when a customer and rich classmate of Bonney and Klyde invites them up to his apartment/mansion where he lives with his father and his nanny/housekeeper... who acts like a second mom... named Gricelle. Seldon, the classmate and customer, is a shy young man who still shows signs of being traumatized over his mother's sudden and unexpected death a number of years ago. In the apartment/mansion two workmen are putting in a 2,500 gallon aquarium which Seldon has been put in charge of by his father who is away on business. Bonney and Klyde, quick to catch-on to the possibilities before them, convince Seldon to take part in their science project and to help them get the out-lawed species of piranhas. It is against this background, that this clever, witty, and emotionally rewarding story and adventure takes place. Ms. Bingham, the author of a number of well-received children books, has courageously ventured into an area and demographic which has largely been annoyed...or totally misunderstood...by authors. She triumphantly tells the story of these three pre-teen children in a way that is awe-inspiring and truthful without the use of magic wands or witchcraft. The writing is clear and crisp and never do you feel that the narrator is any older than he is...a trick that other authors would be wise to emulate. Like any wonderful work of literature, the only problem I had with this book is that it did not go on forever. I highly, highly recommend. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Good, quick read By staceyGood, quick read. One thing keeps bugging me, though: if the housekeeper character is Puerto Rican, why does she cook Mexican foods like mole? 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Five Stars By A. Folz Ingenious story with quick-witted characters. A book filled with compassion.

Hailed by Foreword Reviews for its authentic preteen voice and relatable social and family issues, *Piranhas Like S'mores* will resonate with boys and girls going through adolescence. A unique story, set against the backdrop of a particularly posh Manhattan apartment, three New York kids make an ambitious science fair project happen, and acquire deadly piranhas in the process. Throughout this comic tale, serious turns introduce a myriad of conflicts and resolutions, leading to a memorable ending with a classic life lesson.

In *Piranhas Like S'mores*, Bingham weaves a fast-paced tale that maneuvers through almost every emotion faced by today's kids as they cross the threshold of youth into the realm of adulthood. Klyde Perry and his cohorts, cousin Bonney and rich friend, Seldon, team up for the Science Fair with an over-the-top project involving piranhas. Just as their project begins in earnest, a serious turn interrupts their carefree lives, propelling a tender coming-of-age and a deeply satisfying ending that brings us full circle, laced with humor all the while. A memorable and unique story that captures the reality of life through the charmingly witty voice of preteens, proving such interruptions can be positive growth periods if accompanied by an ample supply of love and compassion. **SIXTH PLACE OUT OF 1,300 ENTRIES FOR 2015 BENJAMIN FRANKLIN AWARDS**"This book is really good, with a lot to offer to pre-teens as they try to navigate the murky waters of those 'tween' years. This book includes so much of what coming of age is really about: kids trying to find their way through simple things like homework and meals they don't like, to complicated things like making their own money, dealing with loss, changing friendships, and facing their fears. The characters really do seem like normal kids and will be easy for pre-teens to identify with as they read. Due to some profanity in the writing and the fact that this book is exactly what it says--a coming of age tale--it is definitely more appropriate for the older kids in the 8-12 age range if not even maybe for kids as old as 13 or 14, not the younger ones." Judge's Comment **5-STARs** from Foreword s: *Piranhas Like S'mores* will strike a chord with all readers as it portrays life events that are as funny as they are sad. Inside *Piranhas Like S'mores* by JZ Bingham, young readers find a fun caper that navigates the tricky landscape of adolescence as characters explore lessons in honesty, compassion, and grief. Eleven-year-old Klyde is involved in a little shady entrepreneurship, doing classmates homework in exchange for cash. His partner in crime is his cousin Bonney, who soon schemes with him on the ultimate science fair project. Using the resources of a rich friend, Seldon, the preteens acquire an elaborate fish tank and create a documentary on the feeding habits of piranhas. Bingham illustrates productive problem-solving as the three characters execute their ambitious science project idea. They even get permission to import the ban fish that are banned in their home state. I

know we were just a bunch of kids and all, Bingham writes as Klyde, but with the help of all the adults around us, encouraging us and stuff, we were doing something pretty cool. We were on a mission, and we were getting it done. On a deeper level, the author sprinkles in more serious obstacles to show young readers how to handle tough emotions...Bingham should be commended for managing to address life's harsh realities within a comic tale sometimes so ridiculous that piranhas dine on smores. But what really stands out is the author's knack for conveying an authentic preteen voice. Klyde's mix of awareness and innocence is a dead-on portrait of the confusing jumble of emotions in those formative years. His voice and the cultural references he uses make him a believable protagonist. Whether Bingham's characters are trying to get piranhas into a fish tank or visiting their comatose friend in the hospital, they call on personal strength, kindness, and the support of others to find their way. As Bingham writes, Some things go bad without you ever seeing them coming. And some things go bad because you made them happen. Either way, you can try to make things right again. Piranhas Like Smores will strike a chord with all readers as it portrays life events that are as funny as they are sad. In the book's final line, Klyde concludes: Bittersweet: It's what life tastes like. [And if you can handle the bitter, the sweet will come later].

From the Back Cover Author JZ Bingham strikes literary gold with fresh new characters that embody the sass and street-smarts of city kids. In Piranhas Like Smores, Bingham weaves a fast-paced tale that maneuvers through almost every emotion faced by today's kids as they cross the threshold of youth into the realm of adulthood. Join Klyde Perry and his cohorts, cousin Bonney and rich friend, Seldon, as they team up for the Science Fair with an over-the-top project that involves stocking Seldon's "ginormous" aquarium with piranhas. Just as their project begins in earnest, a serious turn interrupts their carefree lives, propelling a tender coming-of-age and a deeply satisfying ending that brings us full circle, laced with humor all the while. "About the Author JZ Bingham is a former financial writer and author of numerous juvenile fiction works. She's also an editor and acquisitions manager for adult fiction and non-fiction titles, a graduate of Fordham University, and resides in Pasadena, CA.