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They found exactly what they weren't looking for.

Logan:

I had almost everything I'd ever wanted—career, friends, my own easy life in Sawyer's Ferry, Alaska. I'd given up on filling in the missing pieces long ago. Now, I was more than satisfied with the perfectly practiced, perfectly predictable routine I'd created for myself. At least until Jackson Daley walked into my clinic.

Jackson:

Working the rigs is temporary. Everything in my life is. Jobs, cities, and the guys I take home—nothing sticks, and that's exactly the way I like it. After four years in Alaska, I'm itching to pick up and leave. I'm ready to move on and start over someplace new, until a one-night stand I can't seem to shake has me breaking all my own rules.

Now as I get closer to walking away, my reasons for leaving seem blurrier than ever, and for the first time in my life, there could be something worth staying for.

## **Bishop Ridge Details**

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## From Reader Review Bishop Ridge for online ebook

### Joyfully Jay says

*A Joyfully Jay review.*

#### 4 stars

Bishop Ridge is the second novel in Cate Ashwood's Sawyer's Ferry series. Set in the hospital of a small Alaskan town, this novel picks up almost directly from the first book, Alaska. While it could be read as a standalone, I would not recommend it. I feel you would lose the backstory for the entire premise of this novel, namely, Logan finally moving on from the longtime crush he's had on his best friend, fellow surgeon, Gage. Now that Gage and Holden are a couple, Logan is forced to come to terms with his own lack of long term relationships—in other words, the fact that he tends to have one night stands and not much more. So, when the opportunity arises to take the surgical supplies and much needed medical support run to the remote town of Belcourt, Logan jumps at the chance. Logan is looking forward to getting away and having a break and then Jackson walks into the clinic and everything changes.

**Read Sammy's review in its entirety here.**

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### \*J\* Too Many Books Too Little Time says

I liked this one better than the first but I still didn't feel a big connection between the MCs.

Even at the end it felt like Logan was begging Jackson to be with him.

But an easy read, with some good steam. I wouldn't mind for Witt to get a book of his own.

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### Ele says

#### \*2.5 stars\*

I'm so sad I didn't like this book. This author's books are usually comfort reads for me. It might be a personal preference but I don't like it at all when the "wrongs" party is the one to grovel in the end. Logan spilled his guts out and Jackson basically upped and left with "thanks, no thanks". And after Jackson had a health scare, Logan is still the one who came on too strong and almost forced a recovering -just opened my eyes after my heart literally stopped during a CT scan- Jackson to admit he had feelings for him. There was not much relationship development to begin with but the ending left my head spinning.

Sorry, not my cup of tea.

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### **haletostilinski says**

[how was Jackson all the sudden so sure and ready to stay?

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### **Cadiva says**

So good, this is a perfect follow up to book one in the series and it focuses on Gabe's best friend and fellow Doctor, Logan.

The pace in this one is quite different, no frenemies having to admit their feelings or families interfering. Here there's just two men kidding themselves that their relationship is casual and based only on sex.

Clever use of text messages shows the steady build up of feelings between Logan and Jackson and I was rooting hard for them from the start.

I love this setting, the close knit community and a real sense of place and I'm hoping we might get Frankie's romance next, maybe with Witt?

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### **Zuzu says**

3.5 stars

Good story about 2 guys who were just looking to hook up but end up getting emotionally involved.

The ending seemed a bit rushed and the timeline in the epilogue just didn't make sense so that was bothersome.

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### **Natalie says**

4.5 stars

What a wonderful sequel to Alaska, with great feels and an edgier romance. Logan is Gage's best friend, another doctor who takes his turn at the clinic in a nearby village where he meets Jackson. Much like book one, they hop into bed right away since it's only supposed to be a one-off. The impression they make on each other lingers and it becomes a regular thing, complete with sexting and midnight phone calls. Both still insist to themselves it's temporary and Jackson has plans to leave soon. What I liked here is that there's a little more angst and conflict with the characters. They are also more fully developed with added details and backstories.

I enjoy a story where the couple has to fight or struggle for their HEA, which this one has done quite well. The reasons for it aren't ridiculous, no pointless miscommunication device or undisclosed secrets. Just two

commitment-phobes, for different reasons but Jackson's are particularly valid. We learn a little secret about Gage and Logan, plus there's additional side characters that I believe will continue the series. It's an excellent mix of just enough angst, tension, warm fuzzies and balanced with the right amount of sex scenes. All in all, I really enjoyed this one.

\*An ARC was provided by the author, publisher or a promotional service and I have chosen to publish a fair and honest review\*

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## Ami says

### 2.5 stars

Maybe because I'm an asexual, but I have never been interested in sex as a concept or action in real life. In romance stories, I often struggle with accepting the idea of instant attraction or the allure of one night stand simply for pleasure of the flesh. AND I tend to enjoy reading sex scenes more if I care enough with the characters.

Unfortunately, **Bishop Ridge**, the second book of Ashwood's *Sawyer's Ferry* series fall into the "too much sex not enough story" spectrum for me. I disliked how these two men seemed to be ruled by their dick ... insomuch that Logan even lost concentration during his working time as a DOCTOR or getting hurt at a hockey match. It wasn't professional behavior, IMHO.

I also didn't feel like I knew these characters well. Logan at least was more well-described, his feelings, his thoughts. But maybe because he was already in this series from the first book. Jackson, on the other hand, was a mysterious character for me even until the end, because it seemed his interest was only about sex and nothing else.

I was more curious with Witt, Jackson's working buddy. And I only got interested with Logan when he was treating patients -- well, when he wasn't thinking about Jackson when doing it, that is.

Simply put this book is big fat MEH for me -- I skimmed a lot, and I couldn't wait for it to be over!

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## Jewel says

*Bishop Ridge* is another delicious installment in Cate Ashwood's *Sawyer's Ferry* series. Two men, neither of whom want a relationship, amazing chemistry, and the inability to stay away makes for some steamy tension.

**Logan Baker** was born and raised in Sawyer's Ferry, and while he went to med school in New York, he opted to go back home to practice medicine. It's his home and he's happy with his life. Sure relationship prospects are dismal in Sawyer's Ferry, but he's too busy for one, anyway - or at least that's what he tells himself. After his best friend Gage got all coupled up, Logan has been feeling like a bit of a third wheel. Still, he likes his peaceful life and lives it on his own terms. His trips to Belcourt will just have to do when he wants a change of scenery or a hookup.

**Jackson Daley** is an oil rig worker in Belcourt and very much a no-strings kind of guy. He's a bit of a nomad and gets restless when he's in one place too long, and he's been in Belcourt for four years, which is too long. He's planning on leaving Alaska in a few months and doing something new. Jackson is mostly a loner, but he does have a few work friends who have broken through at least some of his people reluctance. Mostly, though, people come and people go and Jackson doesn't get too attached.

Jackson and Logan have vastly different backgrounds. Where Logan's upbringing was the picture of stability, Jackson has seen a very different slice of life. He's had to be self reliant and make his own way. He learned early on that love isn't something you're ever guaranteed and that has served him well up to now, so why change things up?

But then Jackson and Logan meet and to say both their carefully constructed lives get upended is a bit of an understatement.

I loved the tension, the chemistry, the sex, and both the MC's. As much as I don't like cold and snow, Cate Ashwood does know how to sell love with an Alaskan backdrop and when things get steamy, they start fires. Jackson is a stubborn one, though, and he very nearly walks away from something wonderful because of fear and an unhealthy dose of stubborn.

The ending leans a bit more toward HFN than HEA, but it does work for the story because Jackson is skittish. By the end, I didn't feel like he still had one foot out the door, but it is going to take him some time to relax into coupledom. I think they'll do ok.

All in all, I enjoyed *Bishop Ridge* every bit as much as I did book 1 and I'm looking forward to getting more Alaskan boys falling in love.

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### **Christelle says**

Second book from the “Sawyer’s Ferry” series and a standalone, even though there are appearances of Gage and Holden (yeah !!!), they being friends of Logan, one of the MCs.

In Alaska, Logan has a great job at the hospital, good friends and enjoys his life in his home town. Jackson has no root whatsoever and spends most of his time working. When they meet, the chemistry is instantaneous and it takes them both by surprise, as none of them want a relationship, that they keep looking for any opportunity to see each other again.

Argh, it’s nice to follow them going from lust to “coziness” to strong feelings. A tiny bit fast, granted, but did I care ? Not at all, as I was too engrossed rooting for Logan and Jackson.

Cate Ashwood knows how to write a very steamy romance with no angst, sexy and nice characters, and great chemistry. That’s an easy read (this is a plus for me) that I warmly enjoyed.

And I’m looking forward for more sexy times brought with this Alaskan way to warm up the sheets ?

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### **Kazza says**

This is a really good addition to the series.

Bishop Ridge is very easy to read and be engaged in. It took me just over a day of reading from start to end, and I had a lot of distractions. Each time I was pulled away I was happy to go back to the man who has roots that run a mile deep, who has a great sense of home, to the man who doesn't seem to know what the words stability and home mean.

No real drama but, still, there are one of two emotional moments along the way. Cate Ashwood knows how to pull the reader in.

The MCs smoke up the pages. It's a seriously hot book.

Book #1 Alaska is a better book for me because I felt and believed that Holden and Gage were the truest of soul mates. Logan and Jackson didn't quite hit the same notes for me. It was a different type of chemistry I felt. Lust? Hell yes. But, and my biggest but, there wasn't the same depth to this relationship as there was to Gage and Holden's. There wasn't a lot about Jackson's backstory, it was skirted around, hinted at. Logan was developed well over books #1 and #2. Jackson had the one book and I finished feeling like he was still somewhat of an enigma. If you asked me to characterise him I'd say he's a tough, independent guy, who has moments of being protective, with a degree of kindness, but he also has some unexplored issues. I felt like (approximately) three or four more chapters around Jackson were required. While there is a HEA, I feel like there may be hiccups with them, where as I felt that Gage and Holden were always going to be on completely solid ground.

*Bishop Ridge* is nice, easy reading with great heat and a happy ending, and I'm really keen on the next book. I have no idea who it will be in book #3 but I don't care because I'm loving the theme of this series and I just know I'll enjoy the story.

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### **~◊~Doxni(ela) ♥ ?? love & semi-colons~◊~ says**

This book is:

- **STEAMY:** Logan and Jackson connect sexually first and can't keep their hands off each other. The inconvenient feelings come later.

- **Relatively low angst:** Neither man plans on falling in love, and Jackson doesn't think he's built for commitment. Logan is willing to take the leap even when Jackson pushes him away. It takes a near-tragedy to get Jackson to see reason.

- **A standalone:** While Gage and Holden, the MCs from *Alaska*, are present in the story (and I loved seeing them all dove-eyed), Jackson and Logan's story doesn't require any background information.

- **Filled with great secondary characters:** Besides Gage and Holden, we meet Jackson's friends and more residents of Sawyer's Ferry. We also revisit with sassy Frankie, Holden's friend from New York, who appears for but a moment but kind of steals the show.

I am particularly interested in Witt, who cannot hold his liquor but is a total sweetheart. I am crossing my fingers that Witt gets his own story!

- **Happy:** That seems obvious, since we are talking about a romance, but *Bishop Ridge* feels languid and cozy. There's a Thanksgiving celebration with friends, a holiday festival, and passionate kisses.

The ending is more of a HFN than HEA, which was a tad disappointing, but I'm hoping we'll see more of Jackson and Logan in subsequent books. I also felt like the story line about Jackson's brother was dropped abruptly, but maybe we'll find out more later (please?).

**I love this series and hope Cate Ashwood continues to write about gorgeous guys warming up their cold world with hot, HOT lovin'.**

P.S. Guess what I found out? (view spoiler)

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**Mirjana \*\*DTR - Down to Read\*\* says**

**\*\*\*4.25 Stars\*\*\***

I liked the first book in this series, but I REALLY LIKED this one!

Do you know how long it's been since I read a book in one day? Hmm??

Give or take a month, that's about right.

I just love when a book hooks you. When characters get their grips in you. When the evolution of a relationship is so natural, but the characters don't seem to realize it.

He grinned up at me with a smile that hit me right in the chest and I felt something inside me shift so hard that it took me a second to reorient myself.

I just couldn't put this down.

Yet again, Cate Ashwood brought the sweet and the steam! Cuz let me tell ya....Logan and Jackson set my

kindle on fire and made my heart flutter.

I didn't know what the next year, or the next ten years were going to hold for us, but I knew that what I'd found with Jackson was special. The way I loved him wasn't something everyone found, and I was so grateful I'd been lucky enough to be in the right place at exactly the right time.

Full review to come closer to release.

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### **BWT (Belen) says**

***Bishop Ridge is a fun read that is sexy as hell.***

*I couldn't remember ever being so perfectly on the same page with someone in bed. There was no awkwardness, no fumbling around. It was like we'd had years to practice, and after the first time—and the second and third—I couldn't wait for the next.*

Told in a dual POV, while both Logan and Jackson try to convince themselves they aren't falling hopelessly for the other, it's Jackson's vulnerability (I just wish we'd gotten more information about Logan's background), that had me hooked to find if he would take his chance at happily ever after or not.

*Things getting complicated made everything, well, complicated. And any normal couple would ease into things. Date a while. See where it went. But I couldn't do that with Jackson. We were at a crossroads where we either needed to go all-in or call it quits. He was either leaving or he wasn't. And I hoped to Christ it was the latter.*

All in all I had a good time reading this and look forward to seeing what else Cate Ashwood has planned for the residents of Sawyer's Ferry...like maybe a story for Mitt?

*Advanced Review Galley copy of Bishop Ridge (Sawyer's Ferry #2) provided by the author in exchange of an honest review.*

*This review has been cross-posted at Gay Book Reviews.*

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### **Gigi says**

Just like book 1 in the series, I felt like too much of the relationship \*coughsexcough\* was left off page. There is definitely a HFN ending, but I believe there will be more books in the series and we'll see these

boys again. And I'll read every one. While the relationship aspects of the series aren't my favorite, I'm invested in the town Sawyer's Ferry and the people who live there and want to hear more of their stories.

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