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MAHALIA: I didn't want to be born. Something went wrong along the way, and I've been unsure about my purpose on this earth ever since. If I was hit by a car, if I fell off a cliff, would anyone care? Living in Cornucopia with my sister wives under the watchful eye of our husband, Allred Lee Chiles, has turned me into a robot, unable to feel or think for myself. I've been looking through a cloudy glass, not trusting myself or others.

But a man came down from the mountains. I'm captivated by Gideon Fortunati, his name expressing all that he is—keeper of my fate, master of reality, teacher of my future. Gideon's purifying power has enlightened me about my capabilities. I don't have to let The Prophet take my daughter and marry her off to that old man. I was guilty of dirt and sin, but I can take my life back now.

GIDEON: I was exiled to this godforsaken wasteland in Utah by our MC Prez. My entire existence has been a struggle, a futile tirade against my maker. I ranted against my fate, and in answer I was sent Mahalia. A naive victim of that twisted false Mormon sect leader. He's tried to mangle her like a spineless puppet, like he has all the other women—the other girls.

Before I met her, I was a child. Now I've given up childish ways, and I can see everything in a mirror, face to face. Faith, hope, and love were all handed to me, and the greatest of these is love. I've come too far. There's no surrender now.

It didn't look that far on the map.

Through A Glass, Darkly Details

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Sue says

"I've been looking through a cloudy glass, not trusting myself or others."

This pretty much sums up the internal dialogue and intense emotions felt by both Gideon and Mahalia in this first book of Layla Wolfe's new biker series. Sent to Utah as a punishment by his club's Prez for messing with the wrong woman has left Gideon feeling out of sorts, angry and looking to just "serve his time" in the desert and get the job done he was sent to do ...trade arms to a psycho rebel Mormon polygamist Allred Lee Chiles.

I have read a couple of biker/polygamist books before and although there were some similar issues (young girls being forced into marriage to older men, exiling boys from the cult) this one had some unique twists and a compelling story of a woman who was not born into the lifestyle but rather forced to be there with her daughter.

As with Wolfe's other books, the dialogue is brash, down-to-earth and the sex is steamy erotic and raunchy (although this one was more story driven and less about gratuitous sex) but with a passionate romance underneath the ugly.

The descriptions of the landscape and beauty of the surrounding nature is a complete opposite to the brutality that lives inside of Chiles' compound and the black heart of this monster is a contrast to the light, sweetness of Mahalia as she tries to be strong for her daughter in hopes she can one day escape. Gideon is a hard on the exterior, soft on the inside hero who tries to save more than himself when he is faced with adversity coming from all directions.

A wonderfully exciting start to a new biker series and many of the characters we are introduced to will hopefully play larger roles in the next book.

I received a free copy of this book in exchange for an honest review.

***** 5 ***** "enlightened by a powerful purity" stars

KEESA says

This was a different kind of biker/MC book. I love the twists and turns. I always jump on the chance when there is a new MC book this one didn't disappoint. Once you start reading you cannot put it down. I love the characters and the story. Such a great read!! I cannot wait to see what this author will come out with next. Highly recommend this book!! The characters Mahila and Gideon through the pain they will find peace.

Tanya Rae ~ TaSTy WordGasms says

Through the Glass: Darkly is 220 pages per Goodreads and I read this book in less than a day. I love that Layla Wolfe does know how to tell a good story and she writes her series as full-length, standalone novels that have a HEA and no cliffhangers!

Layla you had me laughing at "meat whistle". I also tried looking up words in this story like Morbot (I think it is a cross between Mormon & Robot, like a Stepford Wife) & zbini - a Navajo word for black. (Mahalia is part black) I am still not certain whether these are made up words or not.

This is Gideon Fortunati and Mahalia story. Mahalia is Allred Lee Chiles “spiritual wife in the new and everlasting covenant of marriage.” Allred Lee Chiles is an evil man. He is the leader of a Mormon Sect and he has many wives.

Now I am going to let you read the synopsis for yourself no need for me to reiterate what Layla has given you about this story. But, this is another book that I love by Layla Wolfe. I had to finish the book with only a few breaks in between reading.

I do have to give you one quote from Through a Glass, Darkly that really caught me. Gideon is talking to Mahalia. “I want you to know that heaven is my mouth, eternal paradise is my c*ck, and everything to do with me is sheer rapture. OMG, I loved this part of the book. I can’t tell you more because you need to read this book.

If you have read any of Layla’s other books you will know about the Bent Zealots so this is roughly a spinoff from that MC series.

“Publisher’s Note: This is a full-length, standalone novel with a HEA and no cliffhanger. Possible triggers include underage arranged marriage, forced oral copulation, and male prostitution.”

I was gifted a copy of Through A Glass, Darkly for an honest review and I give it 5 Stars. I love Layla Wolfe’s Books!

Kimkbries says

I thought this was a MC book like no other. We see inside the life of one brutal man with many sister wives. Taken against her will, Mahalia and her daughter are living the life of sadness and pain. As the 40th wife to the groups leader life is filled with nothing but heartache. When Gideon, a Sexy biker on the outs with his club's president comes to town, hope shines for both. Is it possible to have the life they want? With evil all around, I thought this was a great story of courage and strength. Unlike any other MC story I have ever read, I enjoyed the uniqueness of the story line. The connection between Mahalia and Gideon was sweet. Question is, can it stand the test they both must face to get to a HEA? I enjoyed finding out.

Tracy Antonelli Manderson says

Through A Glass, Darkly (The Assassins of Youth MC #1) by Layla Wolfe

5 out of 5 stars

I was given this book for an honest review.....

This was a different kind of biker/MC book then Layla’s others. I loved it!!! The twists and turns. I always jump on the chance when Layla comes out a new book and this one didn’t disappoint. Once you start reading you cannot put it down. I love the characters and the story.

Follow Gideon and Mahalia on their journey Through a Glass and discover the twists and turns in their story. Gideon is an exiled outlaw, he’s a rebel, and he makes no bones about it. Mahalia is the dutiful, yet miserable, 40th wife of the Prophet Allred Lee Chiles who is the head of the Church of Good Fortune, a fundamentalist Mormon sect, he leads with an iron fist and twisted sense of morality.

Mahalia:

Allred Lee Chiles, my husband has turned me into a robot, unable to feel or think for myself. I've been looking through a cloudy glass, not trusting myself or others. Until Gideon Fortunati came down from the mountain, his name expressing all that he is—keeper of my fate, master of reality, teacher of my future. Gideon's purifying power has enlightened me about my capabilities. I don't have to let The Prophet take my daughter and marry her off to that old man. I was guilty of dirt and sin, but I can take my life back now.

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Before I met Mahalia, I was a child. Now I've given up my old ways, she has intrigued me and I will be a better man and free her and her daughter. I can see everything clearly now Faith, hope, and love were all handed to me, and the greatest of these is love. I've come too far. There's no turning back now.

I cant wait to see what my favorite author Layla Wolf has in-store for us in her next book!!!! Such a great read!!

Mandie Foxylutely says

**ARC provided by the author in exchange for an honest review*

The first in a new MC series, **The Assassins of Youth MC** and opens the world to a unique setting for an MC read, in a Mormon sect. This was a new one on me!

Gideon Fortunati, is sent to Utah, by the MC Pres, to set up a business deal with the sect leader, Allred Lee Chiles. It is here he sets eyes on Mahalia Warrior who also happens to be the latest of Chiles' wives (his 40th!). Even in the drab garb she is wearing, Gideon feels an attraction to her.

Mahalia was brought into the Church of Good Fortune after her husband dies and is made one of the wives. She has a fifteen year old daughter and when Chiles orders that she be married to one of the other elders makes Mahalia take drastic action. When she hears the pipes of the bike pulling up she takes a look out the window and see the sexy biker for the first time. One look at Gideon has her secret fantasy running into overdrive.

This was an unusual read for me and I must admit some of the dialogue had me stopping and reading back a few times to try and grasp what was being said, however it was an interesting and intriguing storyline. The romance element was an almost instant love that I would have liked to have felt more passion and angst as part of the build-up.

Overall a different MC read and stands out from the usual prose. Three and a half stars.

Layla Wolfe says

My first teaser!

Leann Frantz says

this is a great book. i got as a ARC and it kept me in it through the whole book. I can't wait to see the next book. keep up the great work layla.

Donna says

This was different, not what I was expecting. Loved Gideon, hot hot hot.

Mahila, hope she can find the peace she needs. Gideon knew deep down he couldn't just walk away from her or what was happening.

Alot of ups and downs, this story keeps you on your toes...

can't wait to see where she takes us next

fantastic!!!!

Alison Chewning says

Through A Glass, Darkly (The Assassins of Youth MC #1) was another great MC read. Layla has done it again with a great series this one was so good. I enjoyed the characters and how the story was played out for the characters. This book is filled with twists and turns that will keep you flipping the pages until the very end of the book. Loved Gideon and Mahila and how they ended up together. Gideon is sent to Utah for punishment and start a new chapter of Assassins of Youth MC. There he meets Mahila one of the wives by the current president of the MC. Things were hot and steamy in this book I loved every minute of it. I highly recommend this book! Can't wait to see what happens next.

Terry says

I never understood the world of polygamy. I don't get how a women like Mahalia and the other women can believe this "religion" . How it allows men to abuse them , and marry them off like cattle. Thank god Mahalia didn't and stood up for her and her daughter Vonda . Thank god for a man like Gideon who rescue ,loved , and saved her and her daughter and many others. I hate men like Allred leader of prophecy a-hole.

Momma Hellmouth says

My Review of Through a glass Darkly by Layla Wolfe

My Rating 5 Fortunati Stars!

Once again, I'm drawn into the reading world only Layla can write.

This story is different from what she has written before, yet not disappointing at all this book captivates you as the reader and tells you a story unlike you were prepared to read....It's so much better.

Gideon and Mahalia are intense, we are given a glimpse into a world with sister wives and punishments, a leader who is truly sadist, there is pain and sadness and not your typical polygamist story but there is absolutely nothing typical about this book.

The writing and dialogue is phenomenal it's brash, and raunchy but you can't put it down, such an intriguing story, where we see courage and strength. Can't wait for more!!

Received an ARC in exchange for an honest review

Reviewed for Hellmouth's Bookblog & Reviews

Lenna Wright-Berry says

Will blow your mind. Starting this whole new series with a bang. This has a very touchy subject with some people, polygamy. In my opinion, to me its a stupid made up bull pucky that men desided to have a lot of woman at their disposable. This story will get into the dark parts of this and bring out the abuse towards the woman and the children, that the men think they are all mighty in their holy power.

Mahalia is been in the Mormon religion all her life (I can relate since I am/was in the religion) but she was married to one man. Field, her first husband but he was 'accidentally killed', then she was kidnapped and made the 40th wife, yes the big 40, to a looney balooney 'Prophet' and his crap words of his holy power to tun him into a god at the time of his death or some crap. But all that changes when Mahalia sets her sights of a very sexy stub of a biker, Gideon.

Gideon is in exile for hooking up with his Prez's old lady, but to make matters work he is traveling to a polgy's compound to deal weapons with them but his traveling buddy is non other then Brickiron. He to is in exile for his rape on Ormond Tangier. Gideon had a hard life and we get to read up on his troubling childhood and how he met up with the Assassins and turned his life around. Well until he sees the African Latin beauty and his dreaded exile will turn into a time that he wont forget.

~~~~ ARC was given for a honest review ~~~~

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### **Tish Cocktails & Fairytales says**

I'm always a little scared when starting a new series but Layla Wolfe didn't disappoint. She started her new series off with a BANG!! This was different from all of the other MC books that I have read with incorporating the "religious" aspect. Great story with amazing characters.

(I received an ARC in exchange for my honest review)

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## **Nikki says**

Through A Glass, Darkly is the first in the new Assassins of Youth MC series , and boy does Layla Wolfe come out will guns blazing in this book. She's taken her signature smart and sexy, womanizing biker and paired him with a naïve yet willful beauty.

Gideon is an outlaw, a rebel, and he makes no bones about it. Mahalia is the dutiful, yet miserable, 40th wife of the prophet Allred Lee Chiles. As the head of the Church of Good Fortune, a fundamentalist Mormon sect, Chiles leads with a iron fist and twisted sense of morality. While Gideon has been accused of ruining women, never has he taken away their freedom, their free will. Seeing the abuses being heaped upon the women and children of Cornucopia he can not turn a blind eye to their plight. As his desire for Mahalia grows, so does his desire to the prophet fall from grace.

I have read several books in The Bare Bones and Bent Zealots series and I have become a real fan of Ms. Wolfe's writing style. This book is no exception. The way she incorporates the often difficult subject of religion into an erotic MC story is perfection. Each page I read kept me wanting more. I had to know what happened next? Where would this wild ride on Gideon's pussy pad take me?

Follow Gideon and Mahalia on their journey Through a Glass and discover the twists and turns that have made this my new favorite book by Layla Wolfe. I look forward to the next in the series and would definitely recommend this book to anyone who enjoys reading well written stories with an adventurous and sexy theme. I happily rate this book 5 Stars!!

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\*\*I was gifted a copy of this book in exchange for an honest review and I will also be preordering a copy to keep in my collection.