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What If You Met A Cowboy?

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Book Review

Title: What If You Met A Cowboy?

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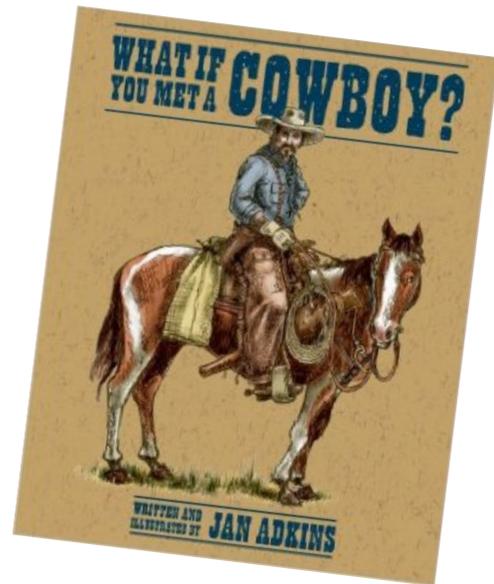
Publication Year: 2013

ISBN: 9781596431492

Number of Pages: 48

Interest Level: Intermediate

Rating: Excellent



Review

Real cowboys aren't sharpshooters with adventurous lives. That romanticized image of cowboys was invented by Buffalo Bill's Wild West show. There are varying styles of being a cowboy from different parts of the country. Real cowboys had to have skills like being able to cut the herd, throw a loop, and understand what different brands meant. The life of a cowboy is a dangerous one too: falling off your horse or being gored by a longhorn can be deadly.

This book is chock full of information. In fact, there are probably too many words per page for most young readers. If you want to know what cowboys ate, where they were buried, the different kinds of barbed wire they used, or who the first cowboys were, then this is the book for you. There is information on nearly every aspect of their lives and their lifestyle. Every page has multiple illustrations with multiple captions per illustration. The pictures have earthy tones and a lot of detail that fit the rustic cowboy setting.

*Gun fights, drinking, and gambling are briefly mentioned in a succinct and informational manner.