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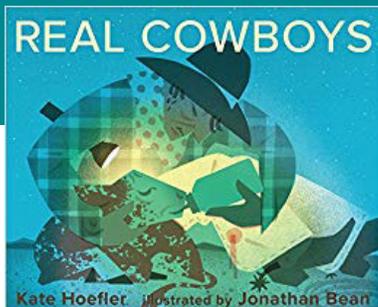
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Book Review

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Rating

Outstanding

Level

Preschool, Primary

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30

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2016

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Houghton Mifflin Harcourt

ISBN

9780544148925

Real cowboys are tough and strong, but they are also gentle and quiet. This picture book goes beyond the cowboy stereotypes to highlight the real life of a cattle drive. Many qualities are needed for a good cowboy. They are thoughtful, helpful, peaceful listeners and patient caretakers of animals and the earth. They come from many backgrounds and miss their families left behind. Cowboys work together and dream of bigger things beyond the horizon.

This thoughtful picture book looks beyond stereotypes to see cowboys in their real lives. Cowboys are known for being rough and tough, but there are a variety of tasks they perform which require other qualities. Readers can relate to many of the real cowboy qualities in their own life. This book shows that even though daily tasks may be different, there are great qualities that can unite us. The colorful geometric illustrations support the storytelling with texture and pattern. They match the words as they portray the feelings and qualities that the author writes. Real cowboys have real feelings.