

The Wild Wild West Awaits: Experience the Thrilling Action in Independence - A Must-Read Adventure for Horse Enthusiasts Aged 11 and Up

Hats Off To The Ladies!
A History Of Hats At The Races

A day at the races can be one of the most magical days out. It's well known that formal attire is a big part of an experience at the track and none more so than at Royal Ascot, where a hat is mandatory! At The Insurance Emporium, we love checking out the trendy hats on show, that's why we've taken a look at their evolution through the years!

It's all quite old hat...

Royal Ascot dates back to the year 1711, however, it wasn't until the 18th century when the event as we know it was really born. Around this time, wearing a hat for any formal event was obligatory and this was no different for the races.

Hats the rules!

The Royal Enclosure was seen as the most prestigious place to be and strict rules were put into place surrounding attire at the event, wearing a hat being one of them. To this very day, the Royal Ascot style guide states that 'a hat, headpiece or fascinator should be worn at all times'.

Hetherington's headpiece

The early days of Ascot generally saw conventional shapes and sizes of hat. In fact, in 1797 John Hetherington was put in jail for wearing one of the first top hats in public. The reason? It scared women and children!

Weird and wonderful!

One of the most famous designers of the 20th century was David Shilling, who created outlandish pieces for his mother, Gertrude. One of his most famous creations was a giraffe themed hat that she wore to the event in 1971 - it was two metres high!

Modern-day marvels

These days, there are plenty more stylish and reserved options available. From classy and understated headpieces through to wide brimmed fedoras, fashion is constantly evolving and creating some tremendously trendy looks at the racecourse!

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About Independence

Are you ready to embark on a captivating journey through the wild wild west? Independence is an action-packed adventure novel that will take you on a thrilling ride, perfect for horse enthusiasts aged 11 and up. Join the protagonist, a young horse lover named Emily, as she discovers the true meaning of independence, friendship, and self-discovery.

The Engrossing Plot

In Independence, readers are introduced to Emily, a spirited young girl who lives on a ranch in the small town of Clearwater. Her deep love for horses fuels her desire to explore the vast landscapes and interact with majestic creatures. With her loyal horse, Thunder, by her side, Emily embarks on a remarkable journey to save her family's ranch from a ruthless land developer.



Independence - an action adventure for horse lovers 11 and up (coming of age, western, adventure) (The Holiday Series Book 4)

by Laura Hesse (Kindle Edition)

★★★★☆ 4.6 out of 5

Language : English
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Screen Reader : Supported
Enhanced typesetting : Enabled
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Print length : 132 pages
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As Emily delves deeper into the adventure, she encounters unexpected challenges, daring escapades, and newfound friendships. Along the way, readers

witness Emily's growth as she overcomes obstacles and discovers her inner strength and determination.

The Wild Wild West: A Majestic Setting

The setting of Independence truly comes to life, transporting readers to the enchanting wild wild west. Through vivid descriptions and rich imagery, the author paints a picturesque landscape, evoking a sense of wonder and awe. From rugged canyons to vast prairies, readers will find themselves immersed in the beauty and grandeur of the western frontier.



The Importance of Coming of Age Themes

Independence is not just an action-packed adventure; it also explores significant coming of age themes. Through Emily's journey, readers witness the challenges and triumphs of adolescence. The novel tackles topics such as self-discovery, friendship, courage, and the pursuit of dreams. It teaches young readers the importance of believing in themselves and the power of determination.

A Celebration of Horse Lovers

For horse enthusiasts, Independence is a celebration of the deep bond between humans and these majestic animals. The novel beautifully captures the essence of the equestrian world, highlighting the connection, trust, and mutual respect between horses and their riders. Through stunning imagery and thrilling riding scenes, readers are taken on an unforgettable journey that will leave them yearning for their own equestrian adventures.



Inspiration for Young Readers

Independence is not only a captivating adventure for horse lovers; it also serves as an inspiration for young readers. The story encourages them to follow their passions, embrace challenges, and remain resilient in the face of adversity. It instills values such as determination, empathy, and the importance of preserving nature and the world around us.

A Must-Read Book for Horse Enthusiasts

Whether you're a horse lover, an adventure seeker, or simply in search of a thrilling read, Independence is a must-have addition to your bookshelf. Immerse yourself in the captivating world of Emily and Thunder as you embark on an action-packed journey that will keep you on the edge of your seat. Get ready to experience the wild wild west like never before!

Grab Your Copy Now!

Don't miss out on the opportunity to join Emily on her captivating adventure in Independence. Order your copy today and get ready to experience the thrill, adventure, and heartwarming moments that await!



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Two fjords, an Irish wolfhound, and the hottest summer on record... what could possibly go wrong?

For fifteen year-old Susie Stetler...everything!

When the dread-locked surfer chic arrives in British Columbia from California, she realizes she has stepped into the Twilight Zone. Her eight year-old step-brother is cowboy mad. Her grandmother thinks rustic living is fun. And the handsome rancher's son who lives next door thinks she's girlfriend material!

When the mountain erupts into a blazing inferno, it is up to Susie to get her family down the mountain...Alive!

One part adventure, two parts drama, with a little bit of romance thrown in, that is Independence. If you are a fan of Heartland, horses, and adventure, then you'll enjoy this story of two strong women in a world on fire.

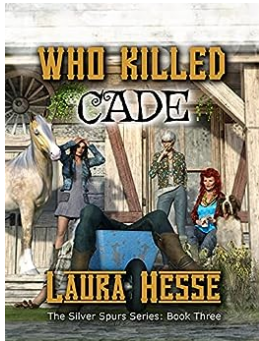
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Here is what people are saying about Independence:

"Independence is a great choice for the horse lover looking to add a little excitement to their reading list." Canadian Horse Journals

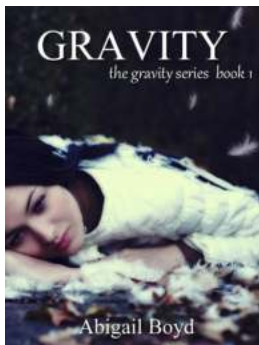
“If you love horses, even a little, you'll absolutely love it!”

“Independence is about family, responsibility and finding yourself.”



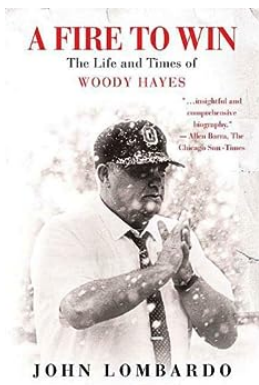
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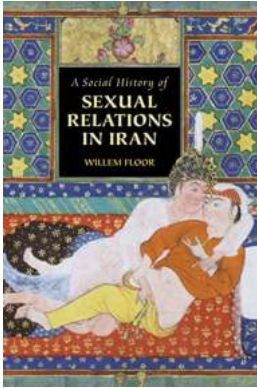
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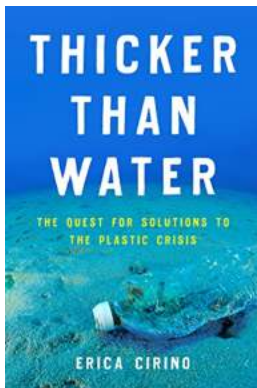
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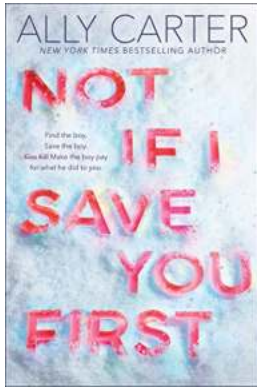
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