

Rodeo Rocky

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Rodeo Rocky by Jenny Oldfield, is a great read. At first the book starts out very slowly and introduces all of the different characters in very subtle ways. In the beginning the book describes a rodeo that the mom, daughter, farmhands and the guests staying at their ranch have decided to visit for the day. While watching the cowboys in the various competitions, such as, roping in the cattle and breaking horses, the daughter, Kirstie, becomes upset due to the cowboys being very abusive to the recently taken from the wild horses. She becomes very distraught over a specific horse, Rocky, and how he is treated. She then convinces her mom to purchase the horse and tells her mother that she will break the horse. Her mother gives in and purchases the horse, which then puts the ranch back on money. Eventually, Kirstie starts to ride Rocky and while on one of the short trails, the horse becomes spooked and throws Kirstie off and causes her to have to go to the hospital for a concussion. However, still determined to break in the horse, she goes behind her mothers back and gets the horse back and eventually convinces her mother to keep him.

I would definitely recommend this book to any horse lover, or any one of my friends who likes reading adventure stories. This book is written very well and with many very detailed images. As well, *Rodeo Rocky*, is one of the books that I would read over and over again, plus as well I would read all of the other books in the series providing that they are as good as this book or even better. This is definitely a page turner, and one of the books that you are unable to put down. A few suggestions I have to the author of this book would definitely be to make this book so it is a little bit more teen friendly. This book is written towards kids or early middle schooled kids but I'm sure with a couple changes *Rodeo Rocky* could become a very popular book with teenagers. Overall this book was very interesting and fascinating and I am looking forward to new books in the series to read.