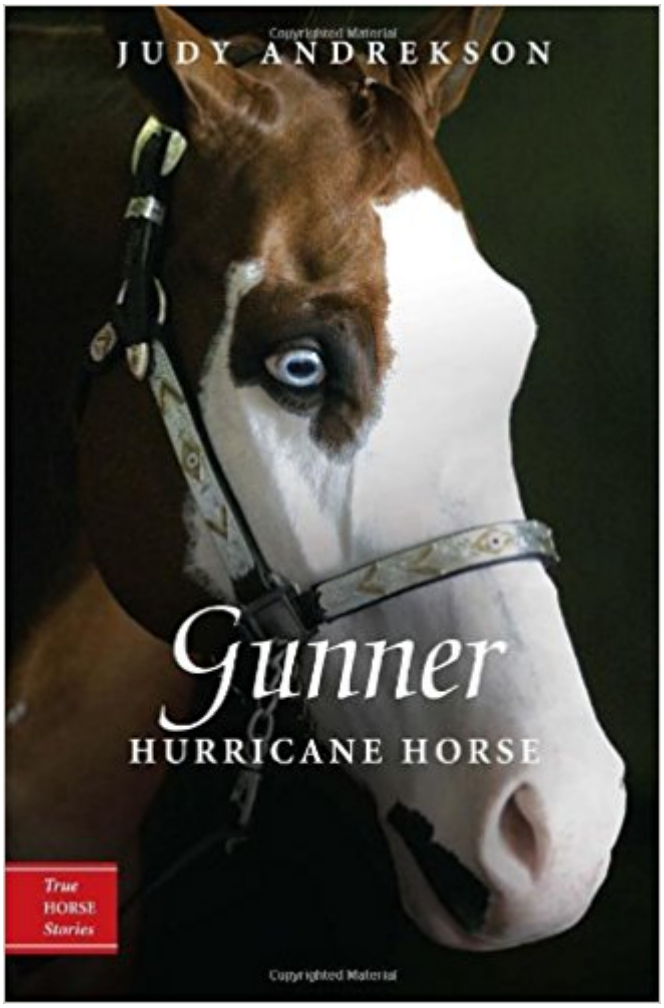
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Synopsis

Each book in the True Horse Stories focuses on a contemporary horse from a different part of the world, and each animal is, in his or her own way, a hero.PBJ Decks Smokin Gun (Gunner) is an American Paint Horse, one of the many of Heather Lott Goodwin's herd, and a valuable show animal that won the World Championship Paint Horse title. When Hurricane Katrina passed over the Goodwin property, it took with it the fences, the cattle, and several horses. Heather and her family lived in their horse trailer for six weeks and considered themselves lucky to have safe, comfortable shelter. After the storm, they searched for the animals and recovered many of them. But three months passed before they located Gunner, a hundred miles away. They were told he was in terrible shape and should be put down. Nevertheless, Heather drove on washed-out roads to bring him home, starving, dehydrated, and blind in one eye. With the help of a vet and her mother, she nursed him back to health. Amazingly, nine months later, he was well enough to compete again in the World Championship Paint Horse Show. Gunner's story is a testament to love and to determination.

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JUDY ANDREKSON grew up in Nova Scotia withÃ Â a pen in one hand and a lead rope in the other. At twenty, she moved to Alberta and found her dream job managing a thoroughbred racing/breeding farm. By her thirties, she had also begun to write. She combines her passions in her True Horse Stories. Judy Andrekson lives in Sherwood Park, Alberta, with a constantly changing assortment of animals.DAVID PARKINS is the award-winning illustrator of over fifty children's books. He began his career at Dyfed College of Art in Wales, studying wildlife illustrations. He has been an illustrator since 1979 and drew the British cartoon, Beano. David Parkins lives in Kingston, Ontario.

This is a fast easy read, not to mention a true story. We all knew of the destruction from Hurricane Katrina but never heard many of the stories about how it affected the animals. In this story the reader follows Gunner from the time he is brought to their home until he competes in a world championship. I grew up around horses and believe me, each has their own personality. I liked how she related the personality of Gunner.

I wondered during Katrina, all the way out here in California, how in the heck people with livestock were managing such a catastrophic disaster, and this book answered my questions. It wasn't manageable on any level, and horrible things happened to people and horses. I couldn't put this book down, it grabbed me from the very beginning since our Hero Gunner had the same coltish bad boy personality as our three year old Morgan has now, including the one blue eye. (They aren't just for paint horses anymore!) I have also showed paints and pintos back in the day, so I related so much to the story of Gunner and his family. Gut wrenching story, and tears flowed--- An unforgetable story....

The story of Gunner and his owner was very touching. The author added funny, tragic, and heartwarming incidents. I loved it. I just wished that more details were not written about. It was very short.

The story is good but could have been better if it was 'fleshed' out more. The love & respect from both Gunner & Heather come through.

a heart warming book about a horse that lived through the horror's of that terrible hurricane my son-in-law was there for the restoreration

Inspiring story of a not so pretty foal who turned into a champ. He was an excellent show horse who ended up being one story which was also about Hurricane Katrina.

I had the thrill of seeing Gunner in action and he really amazed me. The physical ability and awesome beauty of this horse was captivating. I never really even noticed his ears he was so good. This is a really good book and you get to know this wonderful horse better.

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