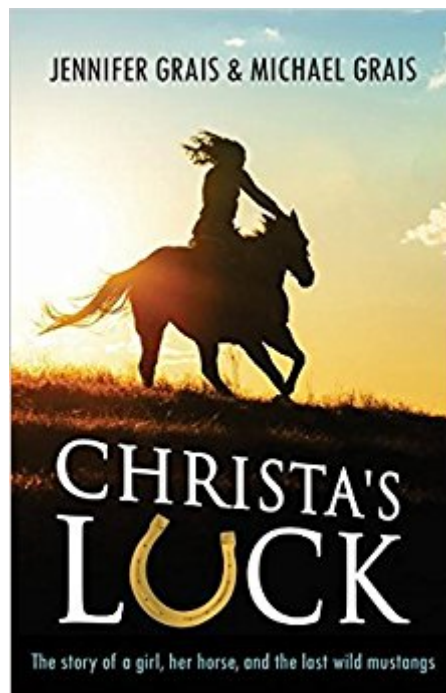




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Christa's Luck: The Story Of A Girl, Her Horse, And The Last Wild Mustangs



Synopsis

Inspired by a real horse rescue, Christa's Luck is a teen fiction novel about Christa's love for an endangered herd of wild horses and how her special connection with them inspires her to look beyond her own unforgivable mistakes and try again. She rises up to become a horse advocate at fourteen, whose passion and heart move an entire town to take action. In the vein of *The Horse Whisperer* and *the Black Stallion*, Christa's Luck is an epic adventure story of courage, friendship and freedom.

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"Highly recommended for fans of horse-related fiction." Kirkus Reviews "Get comfortable, grab your kleenex, and clear your schedule: if you happen to love horses, you won't be able to put down Christa's Luck, the debut young adult novel by Jennifer Grais and Michael Grais. Inspired by a real-life horse rescue, this coming-of-age story follows Christa, a 13-year-old cowgirl growing up on a ranch in Nevada, on her quest to save a local band of wild horses." Nina Fredrizzi/Horse Collaborative

Michael and I were inspired to write Christa's Luck while on a vacation in British Columbia in 2006. There, a fellow traveler and horse enthusiast showed us a recent viral Youtube video of horses being rescued from a flood in the Netherlands. The footage brought tears to my eyes, and Michael knew right away the story had potential. We weren't interested in chronicling a non-fiction account of the rescue, so we chose the American West,

as we felt it offered the perfect setting for a spin-off fictional tale for teens. Later, while reading about the issues surrounding the preservation of the country's wild horses, I immediately saw a fit. That's when the stories started interweaving. Ultimately, this novel grew from our love of horses, and our respect for the challenges we face as we grow up. We hope you enjoy this story of Christa's Luck.

*These comments are excerpted from an interview with Nina Fredrizzi for the Horse Collaborative. To read the article: horsecollaborative.com/summer-reads-christas-luck-is-a-story-of-courage-and-survival/

It is said that every girl loves horses, rainbows and unicorns; that's very true even for this former tom-boy! I worked with horses years ago and still love them today~I always hoped to be a cowgirl when I grew up. I loved reading books as a child and read all the horse books I could find Black Beauty, the Chincoteague books any horse book I could find. I also studied them in high school and have always loved them. Christa's Luck is no exception! From the first chapter I was drawn into Christa's world, she loved horses and had a passion for the wild mustangs roaming in her small area in Nevada. The Lost Herd was legendary, some said a myth but Christa and her family found them and kept track of them as a government agency was trying to capture the mustangs and remove them from Nevada for a profit from a company trying to gain access to the land the mustangs roamed. This book captures about 6 months of Christa's life she is a thirteen year old girl who grows up a lot in this time. She is an accomplished rider at this sweet age and goes through so many heartaches during the book. She grows so much through her troubles and eventually she becomes a heroine to her family and to the town she calls home. I cried tears for her heartaches and accomplishments in this book. I would recommend this book for any young adult who loves to read, loving horses is a plus! The authors brought this story to life after hearing of a similar story and they worked the story beautifully into this book. I would defiantly read more from them.

This book is presented as a YA novel, a story about a teenage girl, her love for horses, and passion for a wild herd. I read it with those things in mind, and while true, this book is far more than that. I had thought I might recommend it to several young women I know, but now, having finished it, I will recommend it to everyone I know. It is WONDERFUL! I was captivated by the story, and once I started reading, found myself unable to put it down. The portrayal of the heroine, a fourteen year old, reminds us all of the beauty and truth in wildness, the love and connection we are capable of with each other and with nature, and the soaring spirit that can compel us to find our courage and fight for what is good and right. Thank you for a super read, super story.

I'll be the first to admit that I'm not a horse person by upbringing or background. But "Christa's Luck" was a compelling, exciting, and heartwarming read. I came to the book via a friend of the authors, and was soon swept-up in Christa's journey. It expertly combines the character-driven challenges of a teen girl (family, friends, and romance), the wonders of horses and the natural world, the moral quandaries of big-business/politics, and a character who finds the inner-strength to challenge the establishment and "do what's right." A delight for readers of any age!

I read Christa's luck in one sitting (lucky I had it on my kindle as I was able to read while walking the dog, eating lunch and throughout other chores!). I fell immediately in to the story, swept away by the descriptions of the open desert landscapes, the reassuring details of a life lived close to horses, and most of all, the vivacity of Christa. Christa's voice is strong, stubborn, laugh out loud funny and she exhibits all the flaws, warmth and promise of a teenager. I cried from sadness at the "tragedy" and from exhilaration and happiness during the climactic finale. This book will become a classic for young adult readers who love horses, but not only for them. I am no longer a young adult and I do not own or ride horses (in fact I generally fall off horses) and I loved it. A universal story of friendship, conviction, and growing up.

I absolutely loved this story of Christa and her horse, Lucky, and, of course, the wild mustangs. Christa's Luck is a beautifully written novel—a page-turner with a mystery that pulls you along, a world filled with warm, real characters (including the horses!) that I came to love, and a thoughtful, sensitive portrayal of a girl finding herself as she comes to terms with her impulsive, dare-devil personality. And for someone like myself who knew nothing about horses or the plight of wild mustangs, this book was a fascinating peek into the world of those magnificent animals.

This was an amazingly good book. I got absolutely caught up in the world and could not put it down. As my one year old napped, I should have been cleaning and doing other things and instead I spent the two hours with Christa on her gripping adventure. All the characters are so well realized and the world is fully developed and draws you in to the exciting climax. Even when I wasn't reading the book, I felt lost in the world and still felt it lingering even when I finished the book. I highly recommend this book to all readers.

I absolutely adore this book! Christa's ups and downs fit right in with any horse-crazy girl (or guy!) It is inspiring in the sense that it makes the reader want to help save the wild mustangs that are still being rounded up in brutal methods. The imagery really puts you right there with Christa on Lucky's back, riding through the mountains. If you love a good story, horses, and coming of age dramas then this is the book for you, no doubt!

Fantastic page turner!!! Don't let the 'Young Adult' category stop anyone from picking up this book!! Get comfy, then be prepared to be swept away! A beautiful story of a young girl. ..her love of horses. ..with detours along the way. ..Christa is a very special young woman. .who stands tall for her beliefs. .And eventually learning to believe in herself in a very extraordinary way. ...READ THIS ..

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