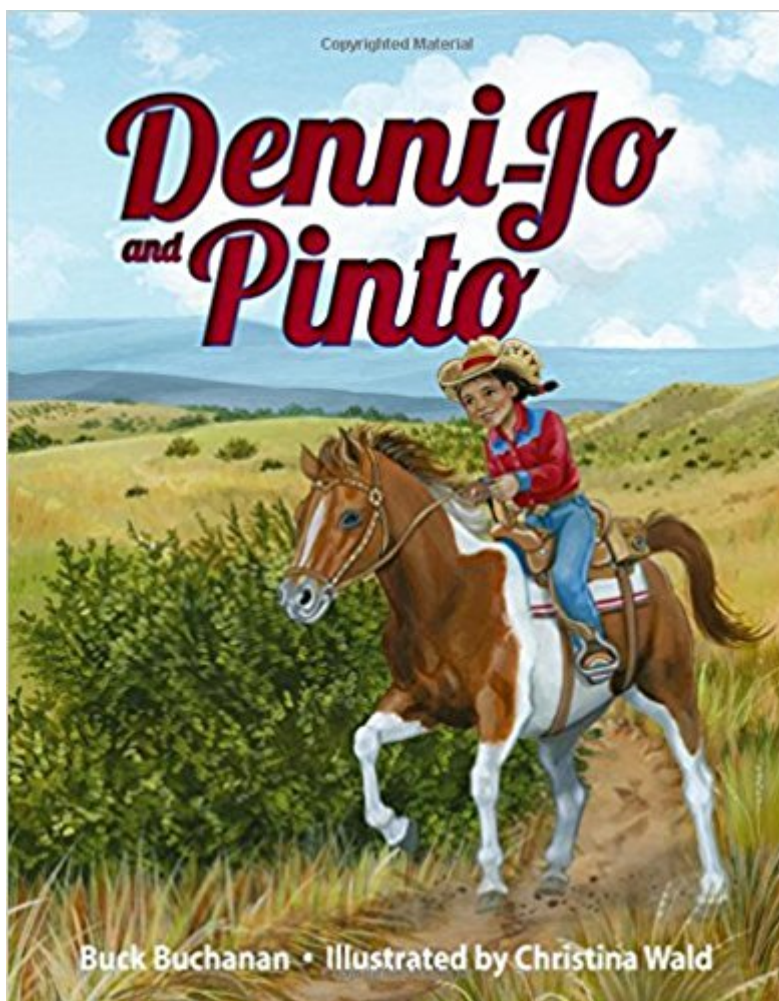


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Denni-Jo And Pinto



Synopsis

From country music singer/writer Buck Buchanan comes this Western adventure! Seven-year-old ranch girl Denni-Jo (she's almost eight!) gets permission from her mom to ride her pony, Pinto, solo across the ranch to visit her grandparents. But it's not as easy as it sounds, and along the way they get scared by a rattlesnake, see a runaway jackrabbit, and even find a calf stuck in a mud hole. Can Denni-Jo's riding and roping skills save the calf before worried Momma Cow closes in?

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Customer Reviews

Where did the story of Denni-Jo come from? I'm glad you asked! One day a couple of friends and I were playing music together. Some were songs I had written. This little cowgirl, named Denni-Jo came over and asked, "Can you write a song about me?" I told her I thought I could, so I found a pen and paper and started writing a few lines. When it was time for my friends and I to go, I gathered up my notes and put them in my guitar case thinking I would finish it when I got home. Later, I learned she had asked her grandmother, "When is he going to finish that song about me?" Her grandmother said, "Honey, sometimes it takes a long time to write a song." Denni-Jo looked up at her and asked, "Do I have to be as old as you before he is finished?" Well, I actually finished the song in a few weeks and played it for

her the next time I saw her. After writing the song I started thinking about all the things I had seen and done growing up on a cattle ranch. I thought some of those stories might be interesting to people who were not raised on a ranch. After all, like Denni-Jo says on the very first page of the book "it doesn't matter if you are a boy or a girl, big or small; everyone pitches in and does their share." On a working cattle ranch, girls and boys are taught the same skills. They can ride, rope, and help look after sick livestock, all of it. That is why Denni-Jo is the main character in this book. She is a lot like the strong ranch women I have known. They all grew up learning everything required to maintain a successful ranch. I sure hope you enjoy the book and you can hear the song I wrote for Denni-Jo on Facebook @BuckBuchananauthor.

A writer of children's books and country songs, Buck Buchanan lives near Bozeman, Montana, but his personal background is ranching in Idaho, where most of his family still lives. The lead character in this story, Denni-Jo, is based on his cousin's daughter, and he is quite passionate about girls being able to read books about real girls succeeding in real life ranching. A recently retired high school science teacher, Buck is also a Gallatin County Brand Inspector, so he's able to stay in touch with his ranching roots. Christina Wald is a professional children's book illustrator specializing in animal and science work. A prolific artist with more than twenty years' experience in the field, she has worked with numerous major publishers including Scholastic, Bloomsbury, Hachette, Penguin, and National Geographic, as well as on smaller-scale projects directly with authors. www.christinawald.com

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