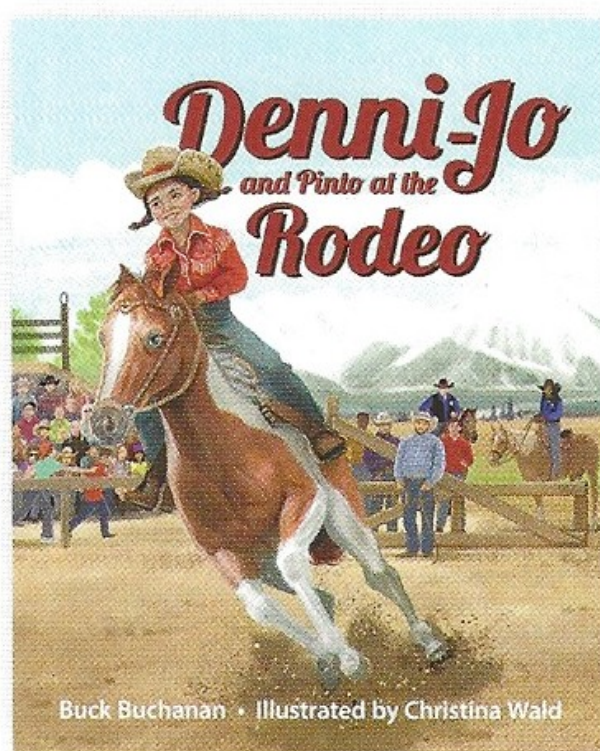

DENNI-JO AND PINTO AT THE RODEO

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WHEN ASKED WHY adults should read children's literature, author J. K. Rowling noted that the best children's books can "help us find things we may not ever know we have lost, taking us back to a time when new discoveries came daily and when the world was colossal, before the imagination was trimmed and neatenened." Despite their apparent simplicity to an adult, children's books are actually an invitation for readers to imagine themselves as the character living an adventure. That's certainly what the writer and illustrator of *Denni-Jo and the Pinto at the Rodeo* have done in their latest creation.

Denni-Jo is a seven-year-old little girl with



great hopes of winning big at the local rodeo on her horse Pinto. While waiting for the competition to begin, she finds something valuable on the ground she knows belongs to someone else. Denni-Jo decides to keep the item and not tell the true owner she has it. Her preoccupation with the found object and not doing the right thing causes her to be too distracted to

do well in two of the main events. It's only after she tells truth and returns what doesn't belong to her that things change for the better in and out of the rodeo arena. *Denni-Jo and Pinto at the Rodeo* is a delightful story and beautifully illustrated.

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