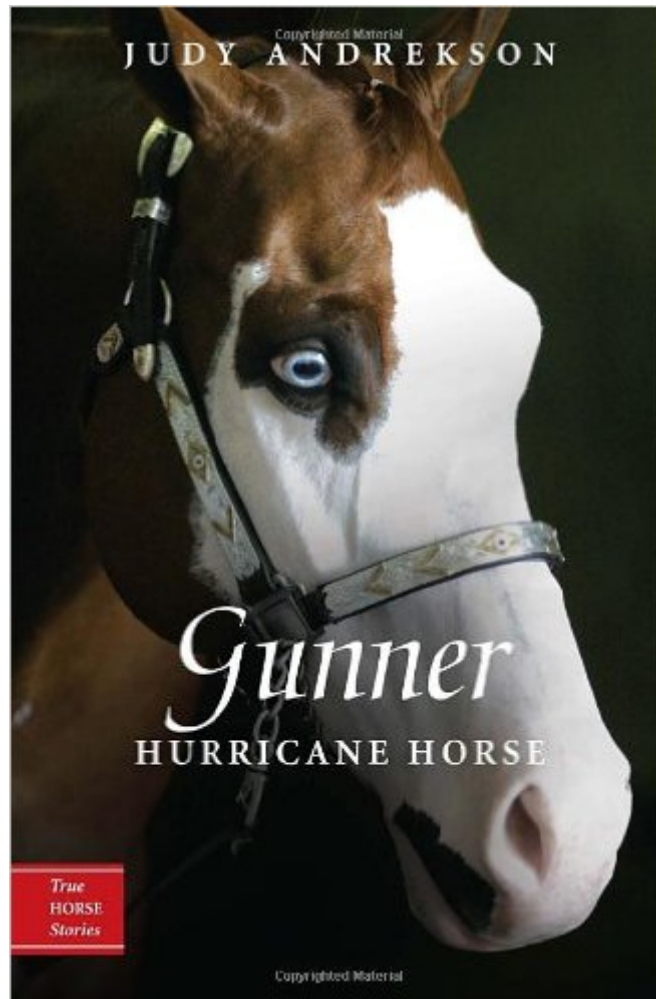


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# Gunner: Hurricane Horse (True Horse Stories)



## 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.

## Book Information

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## Customer Reviews

This is one of those "can't put down" books, especially when you know it's TRUE, and it happened right down the highway in your own state!! I cried my way through it, as I remembered during Katrina and Rita that Horse folks should have contacts all over the state and states next to MS, FL, AL, LA,

and TX that when a hurricane is coming; they'll know they have folks and a barn or pastures inland waiting for them to evacuate to! And the churches could do the same for all folks! ALL of us have a spare sofa, if not a spare bedroom or two!;) )

I love horses, always have. True stories of horses, especially inspiring ones, touch my heart. This one did. Well written, this book makes a very good read.

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 restoration

My family and I are horse owners and I love reading quality books about horses. This was enjoyable, interesting and an all round good read. I cannot believe what this horse must have gone through in the hurricane and immediately afterwards, and then to come back from that to compete at national level. Just goes to show what amazing animals our horses are, and when owned by amazing people who are prepared to shift heaven and earth to help their horses, the results are astounding.

With the exception of reading Ruffian's biography, I've never cried as hard as I did after reading this book. That's all I'll say because it's a heroic, yet tragic, story. And true. As a horse owner and western pleasure exhibitor, I applaud both the author and owner for telling the story as well as it was done.

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 unforgettable story....

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 got into a jag of reading real-life horse stories, and this book really scratched that itch. Gunner had a unique intelligence and personality that no other horse I'd read about exhibited. I especially loved that Gunner saved the owners son from a couple of dangerous situations, almost like Lassie. Fun read.

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