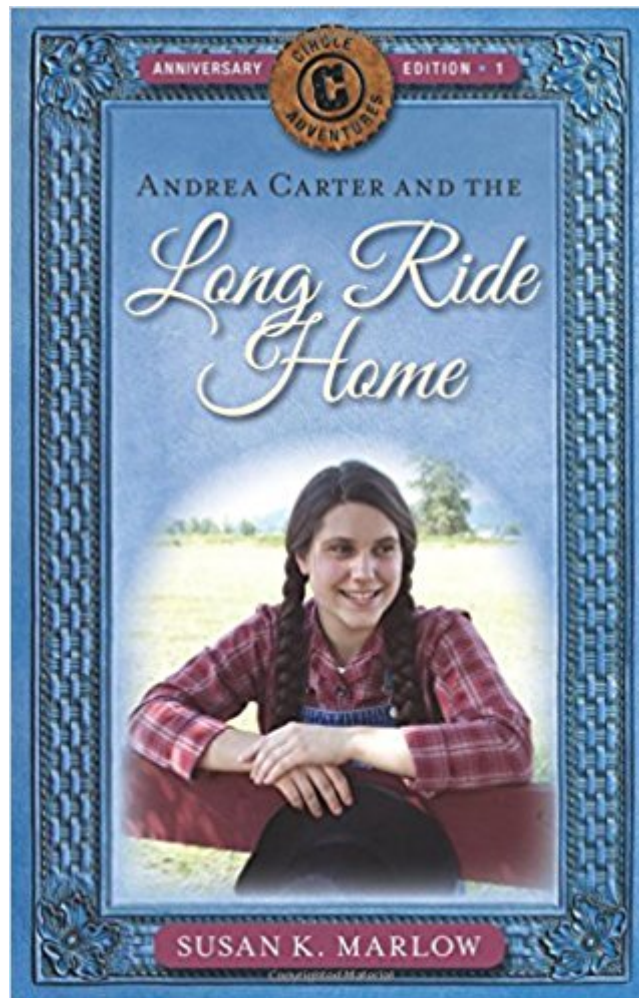




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# Andrea Carter And The Long Ride Home (Circle C Adventures)



## Synopsis

Includes never-before-seen chapters! Twelve-year-old "Andi" Carter attracts trouble the way her palomino horse, Taffy, attracts flies on a hot summer day. Lately, she can't do anything right, from forgetting important chores to putting herself in danger with her brother Chad's wild stallion. After a particularly scary incident where Andi gets in trouble once again, she wonders if her family would be better off without her. So she saddles up Taffy and leaves the Circle C ranch. But her escape quickly leads to frightening encounters with a horse thief and a vicious young lady. Turns out life on her own is downright terrifying! Home is where Andi belongs, but how can she go back without her beloved mare? Susan Marlow's captivating characters have even more to say in this newly expanded anniversary edition of one of her classic Andi tales.

## Book Information

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Age Range: 9 - 14 years

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## Customer Reviews

This delightful story from debut author, Susan Marlow, demands sequels, because of her memorable characters and dynamic story line, reminiscent of Tom Sawyer tales. Although intended for youth, I couldn't put the book down until I finished it. Definitely add this one to your shopping list for young and old alike. --Gail Welborn Montgomery's Journey "I really enjoyed this book. It was a quick paced read and kept my interest from beginning to end. It has some great teaching elements

in it and a wonderful storyline. I recommend it highly, a very enjoyable read." --Shirley Johnson The Midwest Book Review

Without warning, the enormous animal reared up and screamed a challenge. The blood drained from Andi's face at the sound. Her mind shouted, Jump down! But she couldn't move. She choked back a cry and watched in horror as the stallion's huge black hooves bore down on her. Twelve-year-old Andrea "Andi" Carter attracts trouble the way her palomino horse, Taffy, draws flies on a hot summer day. Andi's entire family and the ranch hands at the Circle C treat her like a pesky kid, and Andi sometimes wonders if her family would be better off without her. So after one really frightening event where she gets into major trouble, she saddles up Taffy and runs away from home. But her escape doesn't earn her the freedom she expected. In fact, encounters with a horse thief and a vicious girl convince Andi that life on her own can be downright terrifying. Susan K. Marlow, like Andi, sometimes finds herself in bizarre messes, but it's usually because she's trying to help someone. Currently, Susan uses her elementary education degree as she teaches her youngest two children at home in Washington State. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

Fantastic retelling of the Prodigal Son. I read this book out loud to my daughters. They loved the story and then began to really understand the message that was being taught. Well written and well organized story of fall, failure and redemption.

Andrea Carter is a precocious young girl who often fails to "look before she leaps", and ends up having to dig herself out of the hole she's found herself in. A dyed-in-the-wool tomboy, Andi finds little benefit in the day-to-day trappings of a "proper" young lady's life in the year 1880, has no problem storing a smelly horse blanket in her bedroom, and no use for nor interest in the dresses that hang in her closet. Andi's impetuous behavior has consequences, though, whether having to clean the entire barn for failing to complete her chores, or more serious consequences when she attempts to run away from home when her pride is injured. "The Long Ride Home" is a great read, for 'tweens and adults alike; we can all use a reminder that our choices have far-reaching consequences and effects on the lives of others. Highly recommended!

First it shipped pretty quickly. Second, My 10 year old daughter tore through this in a couple days. She loved it. I've had to get others from the series now. Recommend it for any girl with a reading

habit. She was very enthusiastic about when she was finished and begged for more. When kids beg for books it's hard to say no.

I do like series, but often find them tedious and repetitive. This book (and the others in the series) is neither! I am always glad when my girls pick up these books and start reading. The main character is not perfect... and we can all relate! I love the way she learns lessons, but not from a preachy perspective. Recommend for anyone looking for a "clean" read for their kids with plenty of adventure throughout!

I love how Andi is not really girly and everything doesn't work out perfectly. The book showed me how important it is to think things through.

Andrea (Andi) Carter is a headstrong, active young girl (a bit of a tomboy in truth) living in the 1880s in California on her family's ranch - the Circle C. Filling her days with chores, fun in the outdoors, and time spent with her beloved palomino Taffy isn't enough to keep her out of trouble, however. When this twelve-year-old's disobedience heralds a possible removal from the farm and her horse, she takes matters into her own hands and runs away from home. After a horrifying encounter with a horse thief she resolves to find Taffy before heading home. Finding refuge with a Mexican family who serves as traveling agricultural laborers, Andi works as one of them while she spends any spare time tracking her horse. Soon there is much more at risk than recovering her steed when she falls into the hands of a malicious young girl who is bent on having what Andi holds dear. Our family began reading the Circle C Adventures series (or the Andi books as we soon began to call them) aloud at bedtime when my oldest daughter was five. Though intended for the 9 - 12 year-old age range as an independent reading chapter book, we found Susan K. Marlow's prose a wonderful choice for our family. Featuring excellent, high-quality prose, and an invigorating storyline, Andrea Carter and the Long Ride Home quickly became a story we couldn't get enough of. Filled with suspense, and truly dangerous situations, there were moments when I was uncertain if my little girl could weather the exciting and intense situations Andi found herself in. She sailed through, though clearly concerned for our heroine, and Andi became a new favorite character in our home. Written from a Christian worldview, Andi's troubles are underscored by her growing reliance on the Lord to see her through the difficulties that are a result of her poor choices. Andi's decisions have clear negative repercussions that she learns to be responsible for, despite her initial tendency to shirk disciplinary consequences. Clean language, a romance-free storyline, a likeable character who

learns and grows, and truly wonderful writing set *The Long Ride Home* heads and shoulders above typical chapter book series aimed at this age range. As a homeschooling mother herself, Marlow has found that the Andi books have proven popular with homeschoolers. Her rich use of language adds depth and intelligence to her work while gently expanding vocabulary skills. A downloadable 22-page study guide written by the author further explores the historical setting of the book, geography, cowboy life, and more. Lapbooks have also been developed to correspond with the series for added educational benefit. With the timeless combination of a girl and her horse, and the exciting adventure elements, this title - and the series in general - are an excellent choice for families with both boys and girls.

Book 1 of this series is a good read. I've always hated how most stories when kids run away from home portray it as the answer to the problem; like it was the right thing to do. The parents welcome them home with open arms and that's the end of it. Not in this series. It portrays the consequences in a way that does not leave the reader wishing they could run away from home, yet is an adventure that is a hard-to-put-down read. My siblings (ages 10 & 13) love these books. I'm their book previewer, and these books are great. I'm a harsh critic when it comes to books - especially adventure books. But these are awesome in every aspect. From the story line, to the characters, to the morals, these books are extremely well written. Many authors try to "tell" you about the character; Susan Marlow "shows" you their character. In fact, you feel like you know them.

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