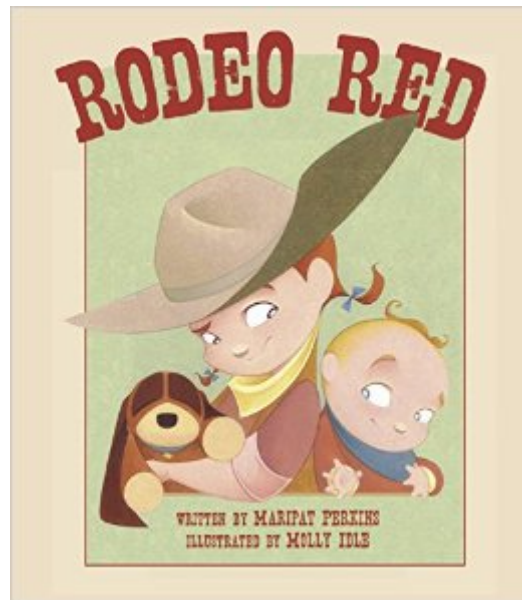


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# Rodeo Red



## Synopsis

Rodeo Red and her hound dog Rusty are happier than two buttons on a new shirtâ | until Side Swiping Slim shows up. Red is sure that anyone who hollers that much will be hauled to the edge of town and told to skedaddle, but her parents seem smitten. When that scallywag sets his eye on Rusty, Rodeo Red had better figure out a way to save her best friend in all the world. Can she make a bargain with a varmint?

## Book Information

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## Customer Reviews

As the Deputy of my territory here in Texas, I do declare that Rodeo Red is the real deal, a bona fide top dog story book for the cowgirl in all of us! Maripat Perkins's cowgirl prose and Molly Idle's soft-hued illustrations lassoed me in from the get-go. It seems that Rodeo Red's territory is getting encroached upon by Slim, a small interloper, all with the approval of the Sheriff and Deputy. When this newcomer swipes Red's best hound dog Rusty, it's going to get ugly. Thankfully, Red didn't fall of the turnip truck yesterday. With some quick thinking and a bit of good luck, she reunites with Rusty and keeps Slim happy at the same time. I loved this book. It captures the dynamic of big sister and the new arrival, playing together and sharing versus delineating one's own space, the acknowledgment that mom is "Sheriff" and dad is her "Deputy," all in Red's cowgirl language and

from her little cowgirl perspective. Cowgirls and cowboys of all ages will enjoy Rodeo Red. Thanks to NetGalley and the publisher for the complimentary electronic review copy!

Book number three is called Rodeo Red. It's written by Maripat Perkins and illustrated by Molly Idle. This is Maripat's first book and it's outstanding. The text stands completely apart from the illustrations in that there are times when the text feels like it's going one direction and the illustrations are revealing something else. And that makes this book really magical. In this case there's a girl who loves cowboy stuff, western gear, western-themed things, and she is joined now by a new baby in the house. So she's struggling with where she fits in. Where's her place when this new partner comes to town. And it includes some sort of funny things like you would expect cowboys to take care of on the ranch like rattling up the cattle and moseying things from here to there. and defending your territory. But it's just done so well in the way that the text and the illustrations have to work hand-in-hand to work this story. And Molly's illustrations! You know her from Flora and the Penguin and Tea Rex and books like that, and these illustrations are no different. She's got beautiful, round lines. Very emotive characters. And the perspective she shows all the time just makes you feel like you're in an old western flick. It's really great! This book is called Rodeo Red, and I know you're gonna have a lot of fun reading it aloud. This review appears on an episode of the "Best Book Ever [this week]" segment of the Let's Get Busy podcast. Check out the original post here:

<http://lgbpodcast.blogspot.com/2015/04/the-best-book-ever-this-week-april-5.html>

'Rodeo Red' is the kind of kids picture book that I instantly wanted to read out loud in my best cowboy accent. It's an adorably illustrated book that instantly took my back to my favorite picture books growing up. Rodeo Red and her favorite dog Rusty are completely content until her little brother "Side Swiping Slim" shows up to ruin things for her. She appeals to her parents, I mean the sheriff and her deputy, but they don't see things Red's way. When Slim decides to take an interest in Rusty, then Red decides to take matters into her own hands. Can this cowgirl find justice in a town where her best dog's been dognapped? This was such a cute story, and I loved the illustrations by Molly Idle. They reminded me of classic Golden Books, and that's the best praise I could give any children's books. The story is great for any child who suddenly has to share space and belongings with a younger sibling. The prose is lilted and made me want to practice my Sam Elliott impersonation and rattle up some young critters to read to. I received a review copy of this ebook from Peachtree Publishers and NetGalley in exchange for an honest review. Thank you for allowing

me to read this wonderful children's ebook.

The minute Rodeo Red is introduced to her baby brother, she knows there will be trouble. Sure enough, he adores going into her territory and messing with her stuff. Worst of all, he steals her favorite stuffed animal. Rodeo Red won't stand for it; unfortunately, her parents find her ways of coping less than kind, and she ends up in a timeout -- minus her stuffed dog. Can she win this battle in a way that makes everyone happy? Rodeo Red is a smart, spunky protagonist. Readers who have ever had to share toys with little siblings will be especially sympathetic to her plight. The book just begs to be read aloud in the reader's very best cowgirl accent, making it tons of fun to share either one-on-one or with a class. While it would be an entertaining anytime read, the abundance of colorful similes and metaphors make it the perfect accompaniment to a lesson on figures of speech and/or creating vivid writing.

I'll be honest: I picked up Rodeo Red because it's illustrated by Molly Idle and I adore everything she's done, but it truly is the collaboration between Idle and debut author Maripat Perkins that makes this book a winner. The story follows red-headed cowgirl named Rodeo Red, a cheeky girl bound and determined to gain her trusty sidekick Rusty back from her sly little brother. Perkins' writing is incredibly sweet and has great rhythm; it's near impossible not to slip into a western cadence while reading Rodeo Red aloud. This story and writing is further enhanced by Idle's illustrations; I was especially taken with the facial expressions and body language she depicts so skillfully depicts. This pairing is utterly delightful and I sincerely hope we'll see more from this duo.

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