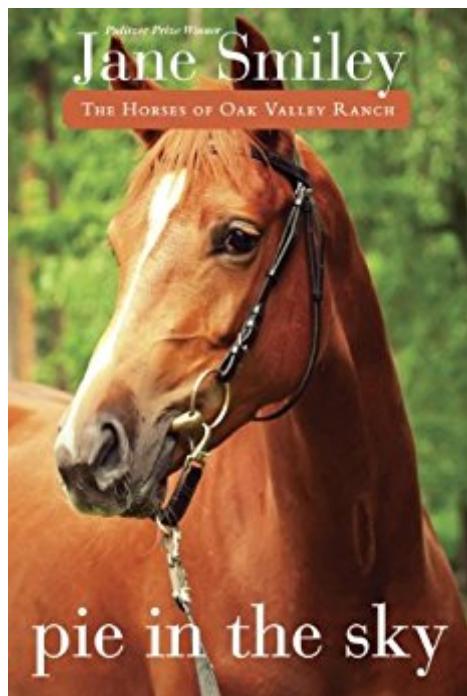


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Synopsis

Abby Lovitt doesn't realize how unprepared she is when she takes her beloved horse, True Blue, to a clinic led by the most famous equestrian anyone knows. The biggest surprise, though, is that Sophia, the girl who never makes a mistake, suddenly makes so many that she stops riding. Who will ride her horse? Abby's dad seems to think it will be Abby. Pie in the Sky is the most expensive horse Abby has ever ridden. But he is proud and irritable, and he takes Abby's attention away from the continuing mystery that is True Blue. And then there's high school... Abby finds new friends, but also new challenges, and a larger world that sometimes seems strange and intimidating. She begins to wonder if there is another way to look at horses, people, and life itself. Accompanied by the beautiful imagery of 1960s Northern California, Abby's charming mix of innocence and wisdom guide us through Pulitzer Prize winner Jane Smiley's latest middle-grade horse novel.

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It's a wonderful story, well written, heartwarming, great characters. What else can I say? used to let

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I don't give a book 5 stars very often, however, I love this series. A great description of a very different life in the 60s. I can honestly say that I learn a lot about horses. Within the story it gives ideas about how to understand horses, describes training methods, teaches about their nature, and more. And all that within an easy read. In addition I really like, that the main character is not a heroin, but a very hard trying and loveable girl.

Jane Smiley, Pulitzer Prize winner for her retelling of Shakespeare's *King Lear*, has successfully created a series of fun reads, mostly targeting middle school girls who are interested in horses. I teach English in a college preparatory school and am always looking for fun reads for students. Realistic problems, strong problem-solving protagonist, quality writing.

I enjoyed reading this five book series. I'd recommend reading them in sequence. This is book number 4.

I purchased the whole series of these horse books for my 9 year old great granddaughter and also for 12 year old friend. They were overwhelmed with joy. Both avid readers. I do not give children toys, just books from the time they are born.

For my 12 year old twin nieces' birthday - they ride every week, and they LOVED these books!!

I'm not one for reading, but this book is so good!! I love horses and I love to ride them so this book is great for me and any other horse lover. Now I am going to read "Gee Whiz" the last book of this series.

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