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Book Reviews



Marlow, S. K. (2017). *Andi lassos trouble*. Grand Rapids, MI: Kregel Publications. 111 pp. \$7.99. ISBN 9780825444326

In the third book in the Circle C Stepping Stones (ages 7 to 10), Susan Marlow (a former teacher) continues the adventures of Andi Carter. While this historical fiction children's book can be read as a standalone book, the characters have been introduced in previous stories and their back stories can add a bit of depth to the current story. This is especially true with regards to the Hollister family.

The main storyline revolves around the rodeo that Andi's family is going to host. The trouble, referenced in the title occurs when Andi makes some unwise choices that cause her to not be able to take part in the rodeo competition. But like most children's stories, a positive resolution accompanies the natural consequences. Andi realizes in the end that sometimes the best way to do something is to follow the rules that have been set.

Marlow keeps true to the historical setting and once again includes a vocabulary list, some illustrations, and a short historical facts section about the history of rodeos in historical California. *Andi Lassos Trouble* provides discussion points of about the natural consequences that can result from mistakes, like overworking an animal and not being able to participate in the rodeo. This book can be both a good book for parents to read aloud to children and for independent reading.

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