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Against All Hope (The Riverdale Pony Stories Book 2)



Synopsis

Poppy McKeever and her two and four-legged friends make a welcome return in the sequel to *The Lost Pony of Riverdale*. Cloud is back at Riverdale, but a visit to the vet brings some unwelcome news for eleven-year-old Poppy McKeever. Her beloved Connemara pony has broken a bone in his foot and may never be sound enough to ride. As she nurses him back to full strength a mysterious girl moves into a ramshackle farm cottage nearby. Hope Taylor's life hangs in the balance, and Poppy and her best friend Scarlett vow to do everything they can to give her a fighting chance. But the more Poppy gets to know Hope and her scheming mum Shelley, the more she wonders if there is more to Hope's story than the pair are letting on. Before she can confront them, Cloud falls gravely ill. And Poppy faces the toughest night of her life as she battles to save the pony of her dreams.

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Customer Reviews

This is a bravely written novel with a compelling story. Amanda Wills doesn't shy away from discussing some of the darker sides of human nature in this book, but also displays a lovely touch of quiet compassion that had me tearing up over my breakfast as I read it. A really enjoyable book,

and I look forward to the next in the series.

I have really enjoyed this series, it is full of plot twists and turns that often you don't see coming. Poppy McKeever returns in the second book with the pony of her dreams; Cloud however is lame and cannot be ridden. Then there is the new girl Hope and the cloud of mystery surrounding her. I found it very hard to tear myself away from this book the first time and have read it several times since. This book is for all ages even though it was targeted at my age group (9-12). I highly recommend this book and the rest of the series.

The 2nd book in the 'Riverdale' series, this is, again, a fantastic read. As a collector of vintage 'pony books' I have usually been disappointed by modern efforts but Will's work compares well with classic and popular books in the genre. She combines up to date knowledge about horses and the pitfalls and patience that horse ownership entails along with the pleasure of caring for these wonderful animals. Through this she entwines a compelling story line, again dealing with human relationships in all their complexity. I would not only recommend this to children- a great read for Christmas- but to people of all ages whether they are interested in horses or not. Well written, knowledgeable and hard to put down: can't wait for the rest of Poppy's adventures to unfold!

Another touching story by Amanda Wills. I have really enjoyed reading this book! It's a light fun read for adults, and an awesome book for juveniles to delve into. My favorite thing about it is the emotions and personalities portrayed by the animals. I would of liked to know more about Freddie and Clouds friendship and how they knew one another! I'm excited to tackle the next book in this series tonight!

When a mum and her daughter move in it does not take long for them to notice the girl Hope has no hair. They set up a fundraiser to help her. But a secret is unravelling. Meanwhile Cloud Poppys pony is healing from a foot engery. will poppy ever be able to ride him again? Then a life or death takes place for the pony. will Poppy be able to save him before it is to late?

My girls love this series! We just started reading the third book a couple days ago. I read them 1-4 chapters each night before bed (usually depends on how tired the youngest is lol). They are loving following Poppy and Clouds journey.

Amanda Wells is a captivating author. Her characters are engaging and well developed. She writes in great detail about horses and the bonds between humans and animals. This series of books remind me of reading Black Beauty as a young girl.

Well written. Good at weaving stories together. Holds your interest and makes you anxious to turn the next page.

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