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In this exciting sequel to "If Horses Were Wishes", Katy's adventures continue in her guise as Lady, the horse who makes up the sixth part of a detecting gang of friends. The suspense runs high as the Fallon Five are determined to get to the bottom of some very strange goings on in the large stable yard of their mortal rival in the show jumping arena. Katy has to use every ounce of her strength and the skills she has only recently learned, to smuggle herself into the yard as an undercover horse-spy. But she discovers the stakes are much higher than any of them had expected - and that their foes are armed, dangerous, and very angry. With the help of the horses in the yard, and then from a surprisingly unexpected quarter, the Fallon Five cause mayhem in their quest, and finally succeed in finding out what they've come for. But will the friends be able to make it home safely and persuade the adults that they are telling the truth about what they have found? Will they be able to save the remaining horses at the stable yard? And will Katy remain happy in her new life as a horse, or will she finally decide to try and turn back into a girl?

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From Reader Review Trouble Rides a Fast Horse for online ebook

Kai says

Trouble Rides a Fast Horse is the sequel to If Horses Were Wishes. Unfortunately, I haven't read the first book when Katy wished to be turned into a horse to escape the bullies who were picking on her.

Trouble Rides a Fast Horse starts off with Katy who is in guise (literally) as a horse named Lady and her friend Sandra getting train for a horse show. Aunt Jenny Tomlinson mentioned her suspicion about the horse turn-around rate at the Chase's place. This bring the Fallon Five which includes Sandra, Babs, Rona, Mark, Toni. Katy makes six but sense she is a horse, she is limited in her communication with her five friends. They discovered a smuggling ring and now need to figure out how to save the stolen horses and to show prove that there are more things going on at the Chance's place.

Trouble Rides a Fast Horse is a great story for grade 4 to middle school level. Readers in the United States would need to get familiar with the British terminologies such as a flashlight being refer to a torch. The book is also a great way to introduce grade 4 to middle school of the horse competition in a British culture. Not many of these young readers travel to England or own horses to understand the difference between the American and British horse competition.

Another thing the story did was that horses and people think differently. The story did reminds me of Gulliver's Travel when Gulliver met the Equine (intellectual horses). I might have given the story away at this point.

The only thing I didn't like and it is such a small minor thing is THE End at the end of the story. The adventures still continue for Katy. At some point she would have to be a human girl again so the story really didn't end. I would give the book a 4.5 stars but the .5 is not part of the rating system.

Emily-Jane Orford says

Trouble. Katy knows all about trouble. She always seems to be in trouble. When she was a girl, Katy was shuffled around from one foster home to another. There was never the opportunity to make friends. Other children tormented her, teased her, and bullied her. Then she connected with Sandra and her friends. Sandra was into the show-jumping circuit. So was her closest friend, Babs. Sandra and Babs accepted Katy as their friend and soon the rest of their group accepted Katy as well.

Things were not quite so rosy, though, even with Sandra's friendship. The other children still bullied Katy. She was always running away. Even now, she frequently has nightmares of running from trouble. She would shudder out of her nightmares, stomp her feet, shuffle restlessly and wake up her stable mate, Tommy. You see, Katy is now a horse. Some twist of fate as she ran from her last bit of trouble mysteriously turned her into a horse.

It seems almost fanciful. Indeed, it's unbelievable, but there is a message in this story and it's a well thought out plot that captures the reader right from the start. It is a story worth the telling.

You see, trouble seems to continually follow Katy, who is now Lady, the horse. She can communicate with other horses, and, using a marker grasped between her teeth, she can communicate in short word phrases with her friends, Sandra and the rest of the group. Lady senses things that her human friends can't sense. She understands that there are some horses in trouble – a lot of horses in trouble. These horses are being shuffled

around from stable to stable, just like Katy as a girl was shuffled around from foster home to foster home. The horses are abused, maltreated and bullied, just like Katy had been as a girl. Katy, or Lady, wants to help these horses. So do her human friends. This is where the adventure begins.

Elizabeth Sellers is a dedicated horse lover. This is evident in her writing. Her first book, *If Horses Were Wishes*, tells Katy's story when she was a foster child, running from trouble until she was mysteriously turned into a horse. *Trouble Rides a Fast Horse* is its sequel and there's another book in the series in the works. When she's not writing about horses, the author rides and teaches riding.

Trouble Rides a Fast Horse is a fast-paced, action-filled story that would appeal to young readers. It has a simple, but exciting story, with a strong message that needs to be shared over and over again. Katy the girl was bullied. She escaped the bullying when she was turned into a horse. Only, as a horse, she witnesses another form of abuse: animal abuse. Young people need to respect not only each other, but animals, too. The author provides a compelling plot, even if the fantastical idea of a girl turning into a horse seems unbelievable. That's what makes stories interesting to young people – the fantasy element. The characters are certainly believable and the issue of human and animal abuse and bullying is something that needs to be brought out into the open so that young people can learn to respect others and grow up to be adults who respect others. It's not just young people who bully, as the reader discovers in the mean characters of Mr. Chance and his employees. The message in this novel is clear and very well presented.

Trouble Rides a Fast Horse is highly recommended by Emily-Jane Hills Orford, award-winning author of *The Whistling Bishop* and *F-Stop: A Life in Pictures*.

Sharon says

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"*Trouble Rides a Fast Horse*" is the sequel to "*If Horses Were Wishes*". I love both books and can't wait for the third book in this series. This book is fast paced, exciting, and "a real can't put the book down" mystery. I only did when I had to. The group of friends learn about a large herd of stolen horses and tries to help the horses. Soon they learn that "blood diamonds" are also involved and horses are starting to disappear. What do the missing horses and stolen diamonds have in common? It seems the missing horses are being shipped overseas with false papers. The conclusion is magnificent! For readers of all ages and horse lovers alike. Will Katy find her parents? What becomes of Lady? Is Lady lost forever...
