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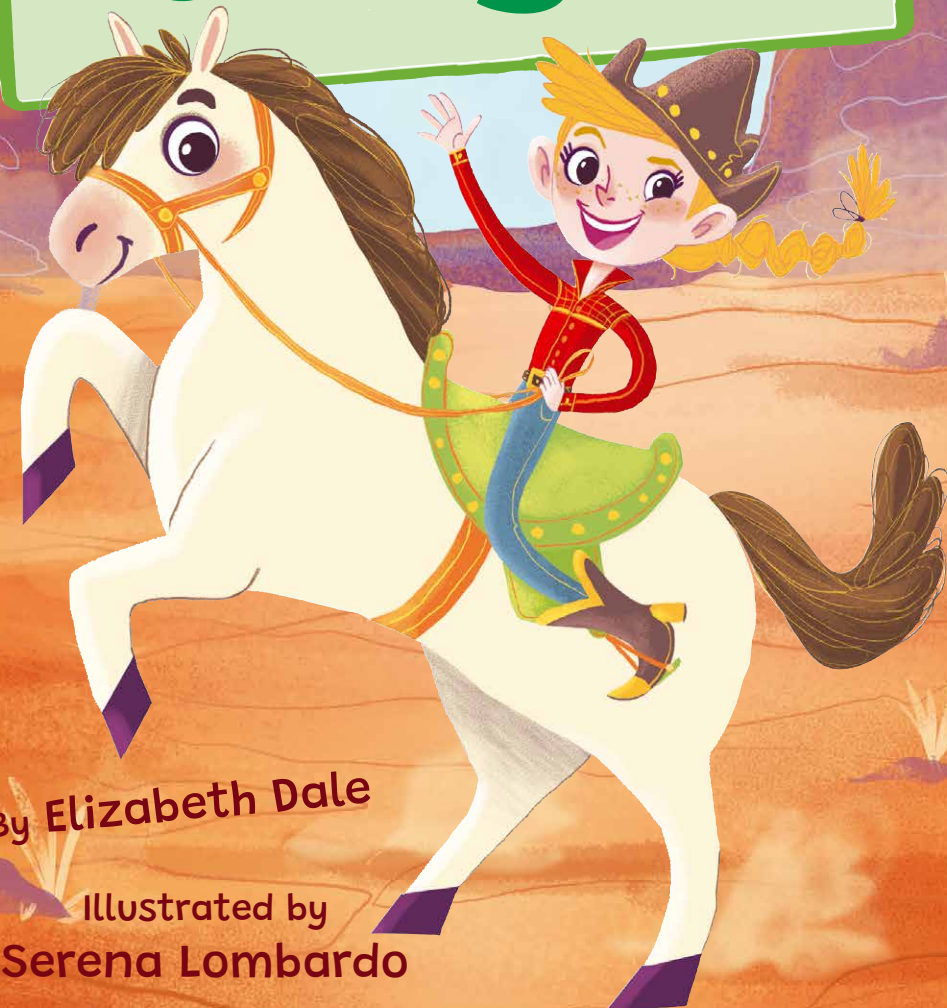
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Chapter 1

Cara is a cowgirl. She loves living in the wild, wild west, where the cacti are as prickly as hedgehogs and the sun is hotter than fried cackleberries.*

She loves her family and friends, but best of all she loves Hop-along, her pony. He's the best friend a cowgirl could have.

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She spends all day riding Hop-along and rounding up the cows – whether they need rounding up or not!

The people in Creektown aren't used to girls doing cowgirl-type stuff. The other girls love to knit and read books and cook.

Cara likes to do all those things while riding Hop-along. Sometimes she even cooks while she's standing on him. The mid-day sun is so hot that she can easily cook a fried cackleberry!



Everyone can hear Cara coming, because she loves shouting, **“Yee-haw!”**

But she's still learning to throw a lasso. Well, she knows how to throw it, but somehow it always misses its target.

“You're only ten,” Cara's dad tells her. “If you keep on practising, I'm sure you'll get better at lassoing soon.”

So Cara keeps on trying and trying...



Chapter 2

Finally, it's the day of the big round-up. This is the day when the best cows are taken off to market. It's the most exciting day of the year. All the men in Creektown come to Cara's ranch to help. There are cowboys, store-keepers and even the sheriff.

"Can I come to market, too?" Cara begs her dad. "Please! You need all the help you can get."

"But we need your help on the ranch," says Dad. "We'll be gone a long time... and you mustn't miss your lessons."

Cara frowns. She thinks she would learn more useful things by riding to market. She might learn how to catch coyotes and keep other animals away.

She might even find out how to suck the poison out of a deadly snake-bite!

