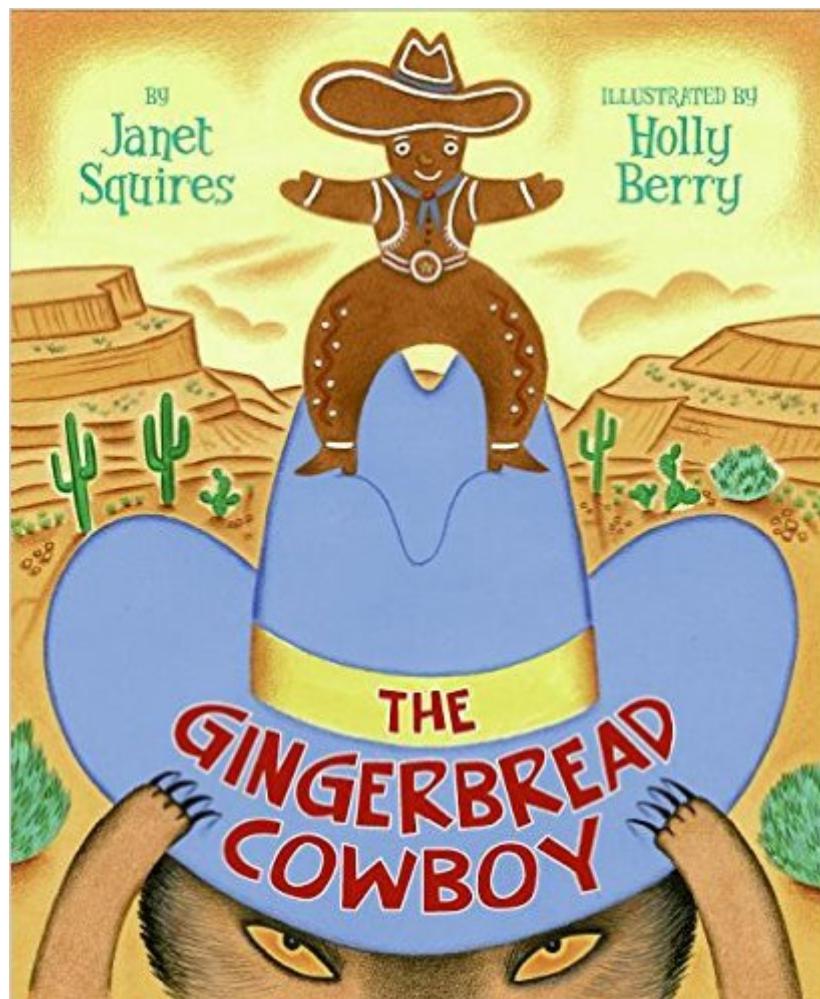


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# The Gingerbread Cowboy



## **Synopsis**

"Giddyup, giddyup as fast as you can. You can't catch me, I'm the Gingerbread Man!" The Gingerbread Cowboy can run from the rancher, he can dash past the javelinas, and he can giddyup right by the cattle grazing on the mesa. But what happens when he meets a coyote sleeping in the sun? Janet Squires and Holly Berry retell this classic tale with a Wild Western flair, filled with rodeo-romping fun.

## **Book Information**

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Age Range: 4 - 8 years

Grade Level: Preschool - 3

## **Customer Reviews**

As a Kindergarten teacher, I am always looking for a new twist on an old story. One of the best ways to help children to start crafting their own stories is to have them use a character they already know and change the setting or other characters in the story to make it their own. This book is a great example of doing this. My class enjoyed the book. When I lent the book to another teacher, her children loved it so they were running around the yard calling Giddy up! as they chased each other. She told me that they didn't have that reaction to the original story!

Great twist on a classic tale. My class of first graders LOVED it!

This is a great book for the youngest readers! Your little ones will delight in the Gingerbread Cowboy's chase across the barren lands of the Old West as he runs to save his life. Many animals are after him but he manages to outwit them all, even the clever old coyote, with the help of the rancher's wife. Kids will laugh when they hear the Gingerbread Cowboy chant, " ... You can't catch me, I'm the Gingerbread Man." They will certainly enjoy the colorful illustrations of the animals depicted against the contrasting, muted background of the Old West desert and mountains. Hazel Rochman, BOOKLIST reviewer, describes this story best (see Editorial Reviews above): " ... universal trickster tale with a cowboy slant." **SIDENOTE:** You may have noticed that has made some changes to its website. If it looks the same to you right now, look out for a new format that will be rolling out gradually in the weeks to come. If you can see the changes, especially the review format, I'd like to know what you think. Please leave me a comment with your opinion. "Love the new look" or "Hate the new look" comments are perfectly acceptable. My e-mail address is at top of this review. Thank you for your time."

The classic tale of the gingerbread man searching for freedom with the wrong people goes out west. The artwork is done in a style that accentuates the western theme. Well worth adding to any early reader's library.

This is always the culminating book in my Pre-K gingerbread man unit. After reading the book, we sit around the "campfire" (a pot on a hotplate, surrounded by logs) and cook beanie weanies, re-read the story, and talk about being a cowboy. It's a rollicking good tale.

This book was ordered for my wife who teaches Pre-K at an elementary School. The book arrived in great condition, well packaged and ahead of the published arrival date -what a deal! The children will enjoy the book.

Nifty! It's a great twist on the classic. I collect versions of the Ginger bread. This one is a great addition. I like the ending with the fox/wolf being replaced by a coyote.

A western twist on a classic tale. I love books that can take an old, beloved story and give a unique interpretation of it. The Gingerbread Cowboy is beautifully illustrated in warm, earthy colors that add to the atmosphere of the book. Children will laugh at the gingerbread cowboy's antics and his narrow escapes from almost everyone. One of the things that I appreciated the most about this book is that

it did not stray from the original concept of the story. Sure it takes place in the desert, but the gingerbread man still meets his match in the coyote. I enjoyed the way the author was able to modernize the story without changing the basic plot.

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