

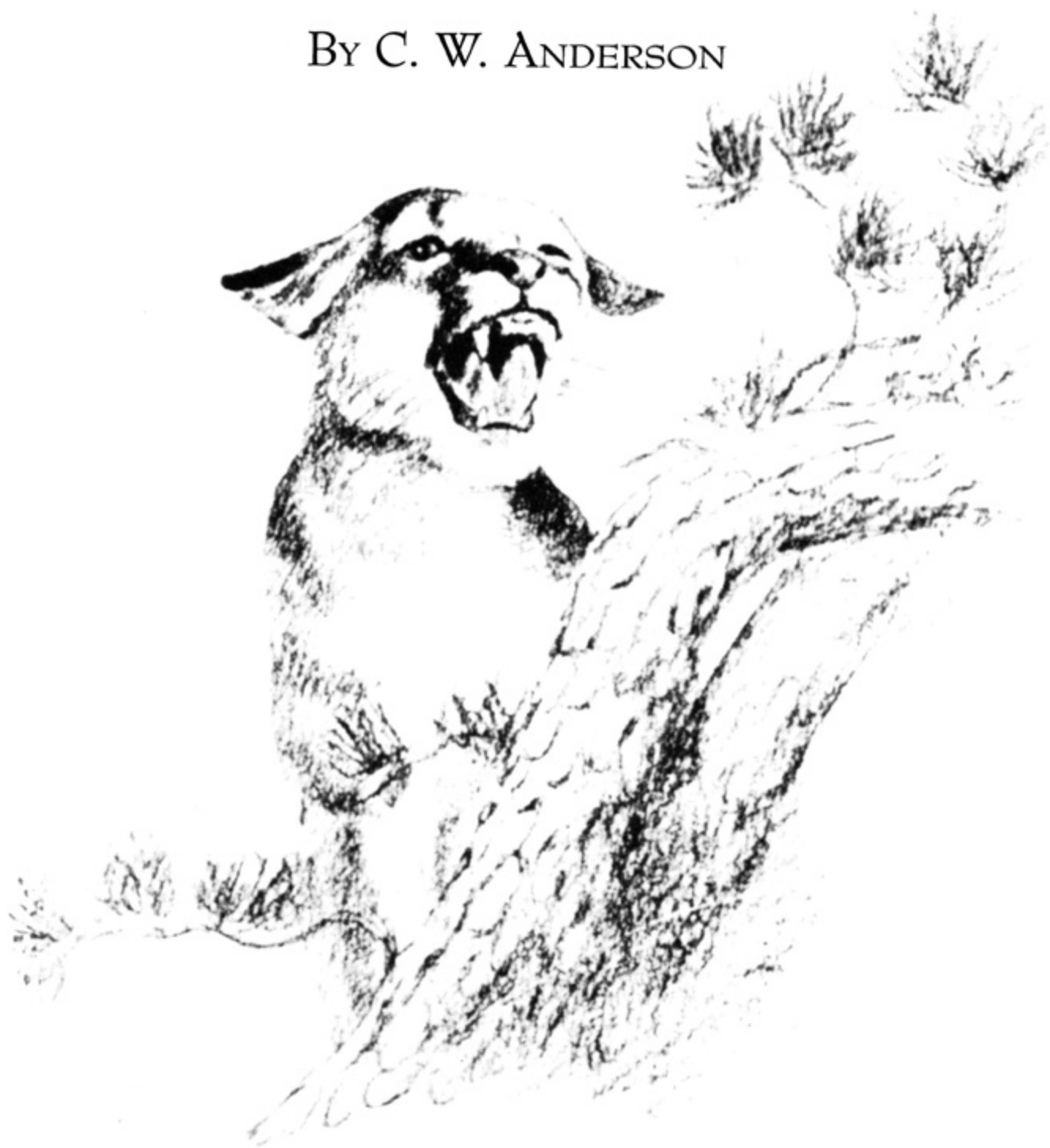
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Billy and his pony Blaze come across a dangerous mountain lion.

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Billy was a boy who had a pony named Blaze that he loved very much. His parents had come west and taken a ranch house for the summer and they brought Blaze along, too. Billy and Blaze loved the west and went for long rides everyday.



They loved to explore the wide open country. There was so much to see. They knew the old badger who had his hole nearby and liked to sit in the sun. Sometimes they saw a coyote disappearing like a gray shadow in the brush.



Billy had an old rope that he used as a lasso. Jim, his cowboy friend, had showed him how to throw it. As he rode along, he practiced catching bushes and sage brush. Blaze always stopped when he saw the rope fly through the air, just like a trained cow pony.



One day Billy started off very early for the distant hills. It was his favorite place to explore. He was sure that many animals lived in that wild place.



Soon he saw a large herd of cattle in the distance and a cowboy was with them. Billy knew it was his friend Jim and he waved to him.



Jim was glad to see him. When he told Jim where he was going Jim said, "Look out for that big mountain lion that has been killing our calves."

"Would he attack Blaze and me?" asked Billy frightened.

"No, a mountain lion is afraid of man. He would never attack you, but he's tough on calves. There is a big bounty on this fellow, but he's smart. No one ever gets a shot at him and we can't find where he lives."

Billy and Blaze to the Rescue

Billy and Blaze head west again in another classic adventure from C.W. Anderson. This time, the loyal friends come face-to-face with a ferocious mountain lion. But fortunately, they are able to chase the wild cat into its den and save a frightened calf from near death. Billy and Blaze help capture the cat before it can emerge, and, heroes once again, ride the range in search of new adventures!

Blaze and the Mountain Lion is part of the classic Billy and Blaze series. Sensitive drawings and easy-to-read words capture the warmth and special understanding between a boy and his horse.



C.W. ANDERSON wrote and illustrated over thirty-five horse books, including the books in the popular *Billy and Blaze* series.

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