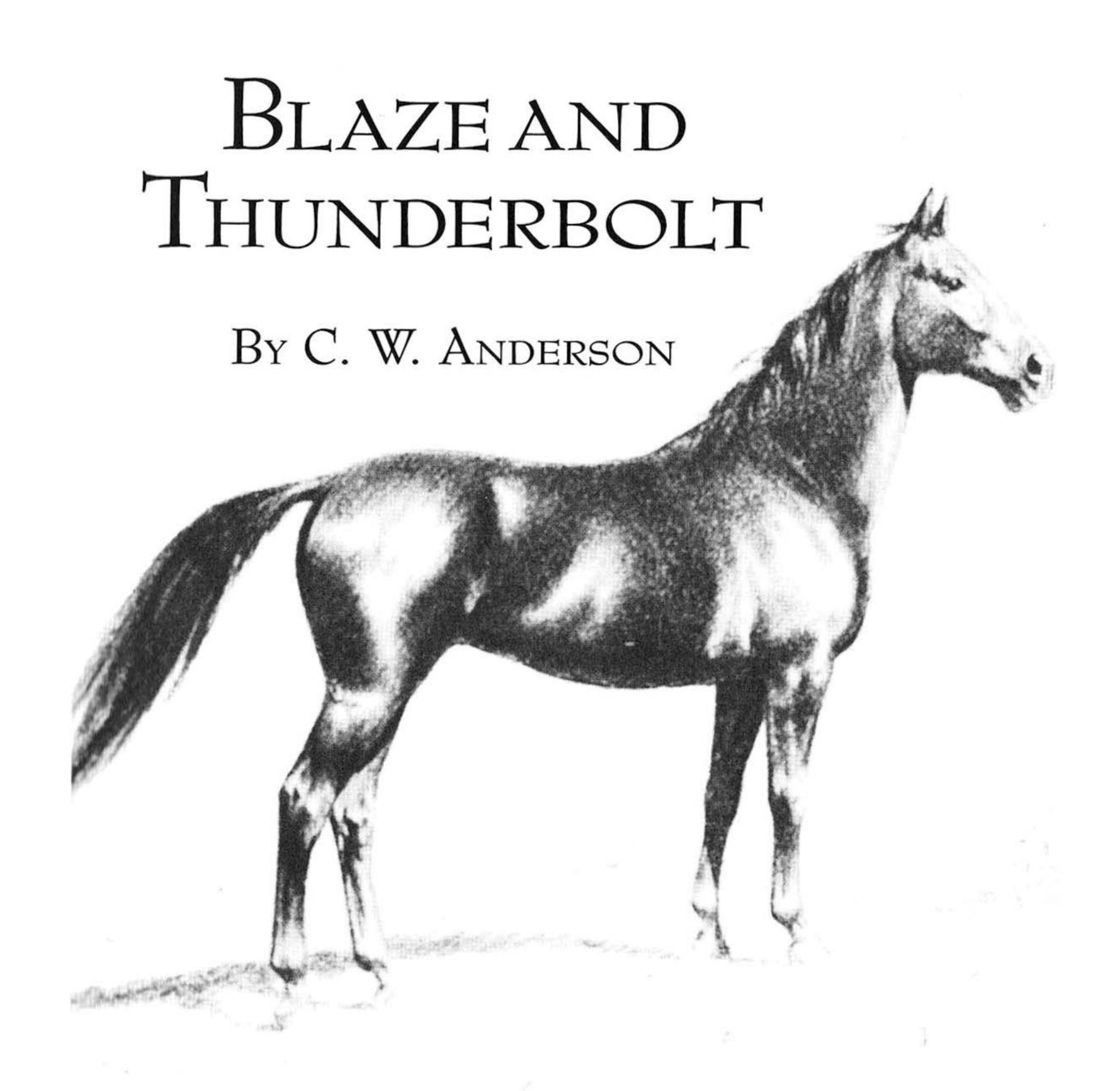
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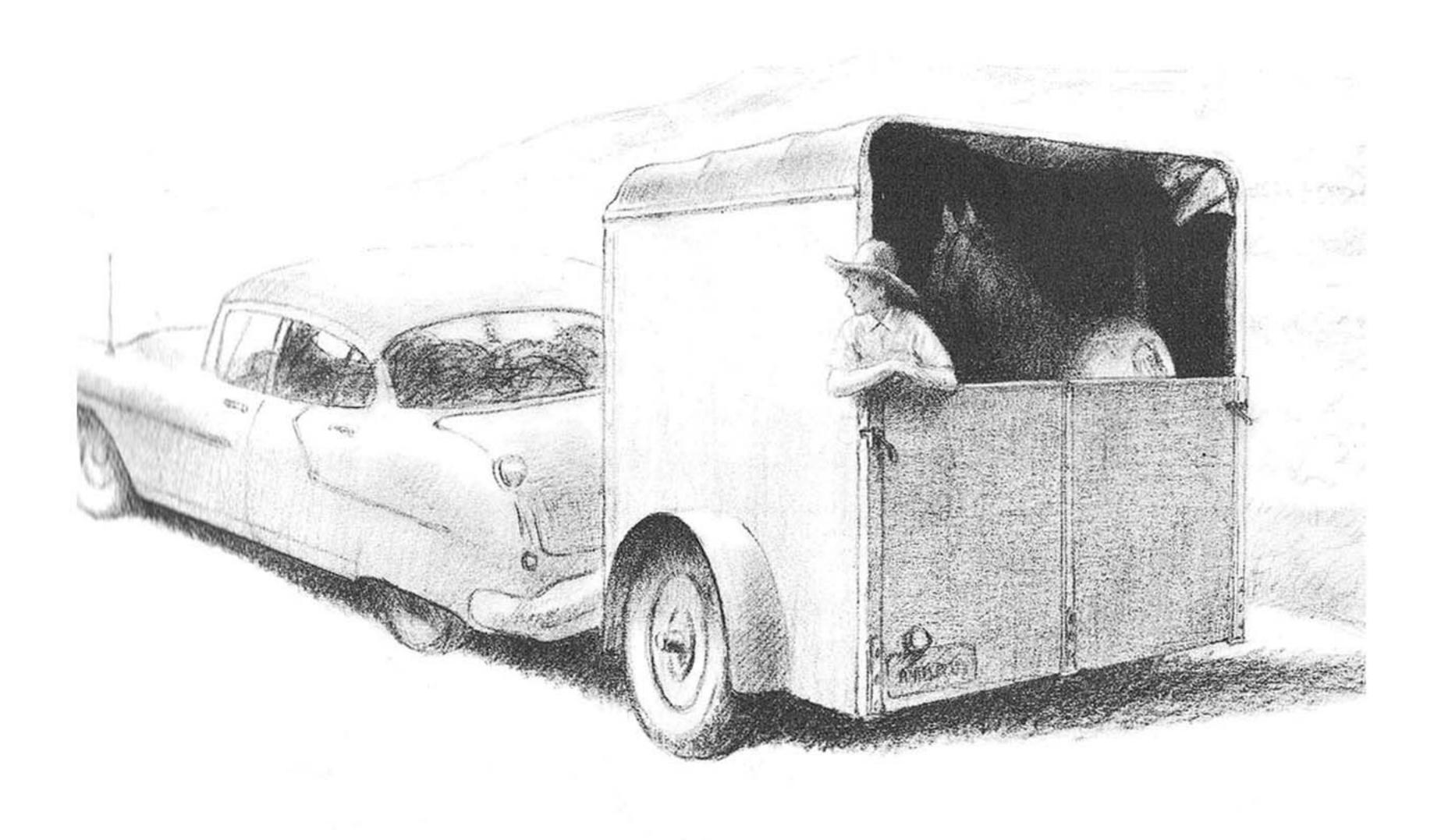
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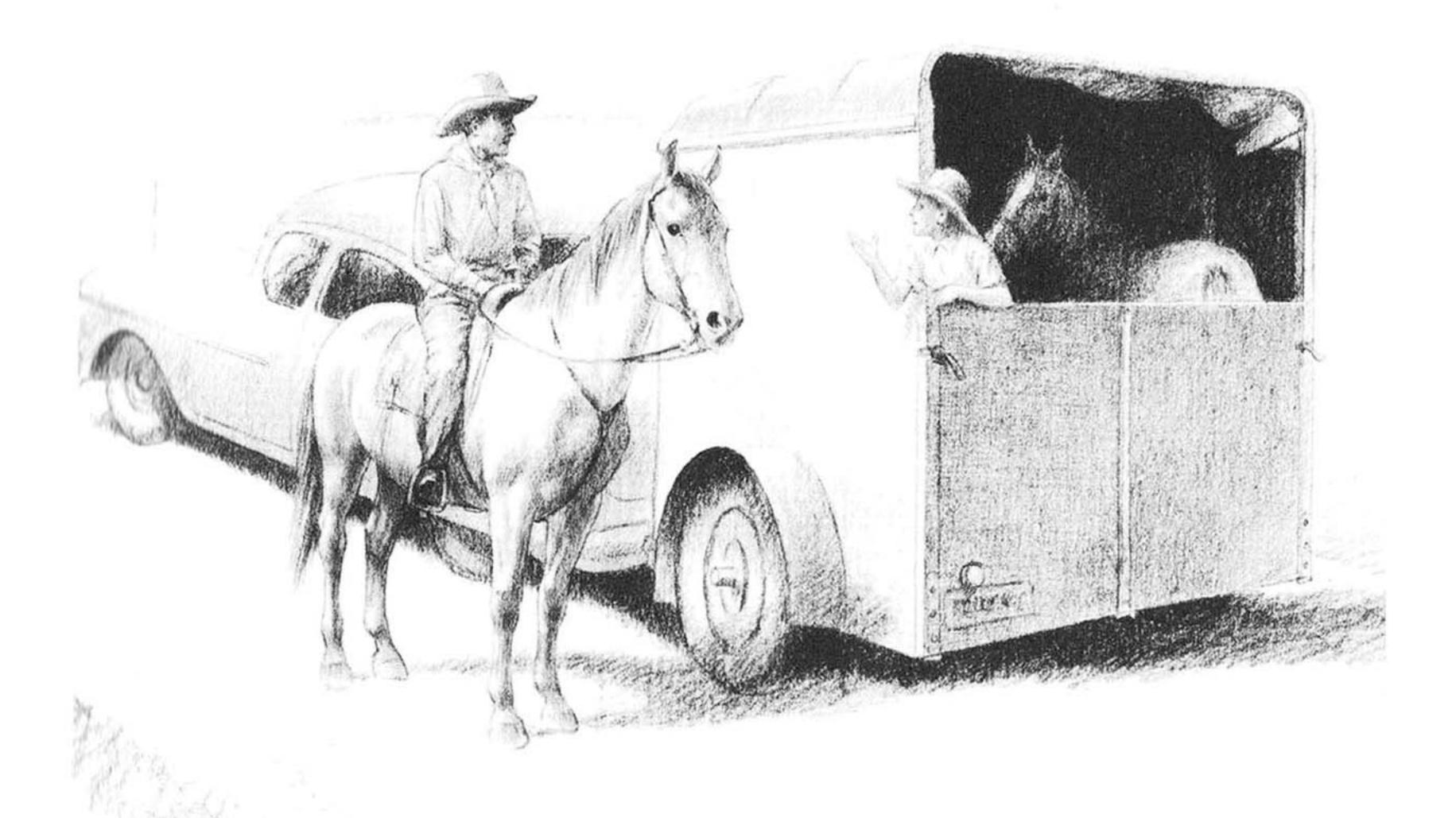
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Billy was a little boy who had a pony named Blaze that he loved very much. One summer when his father and mother decided to spend a vacation on a ranch in the west they bought a trailer so that Blaze could go along too. Billy enjoyed the trip across country very much. Perhaps Blaze did not like the trip as much but he was a good traveler and gave no trouble. He was always happy when he could be with Billy.

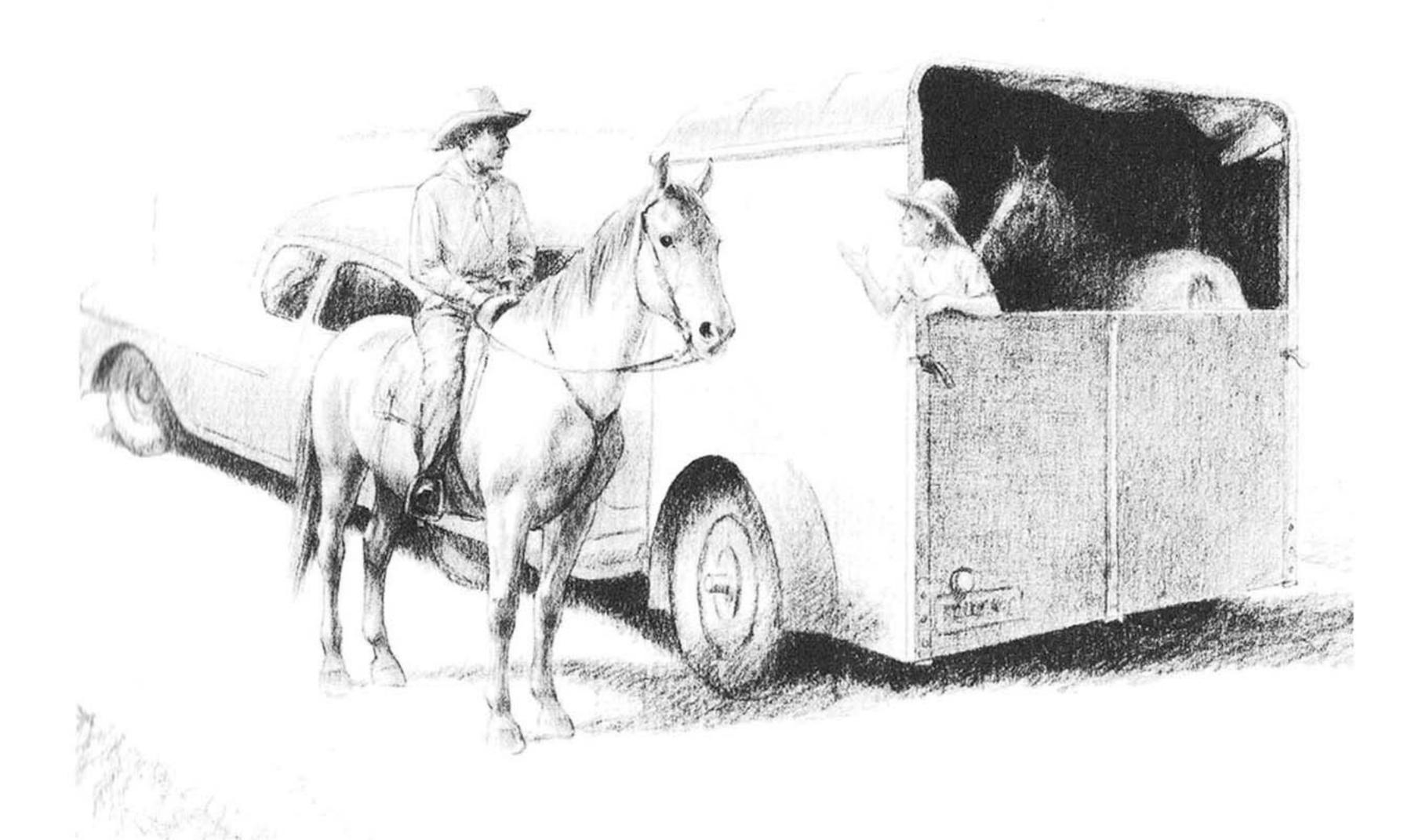


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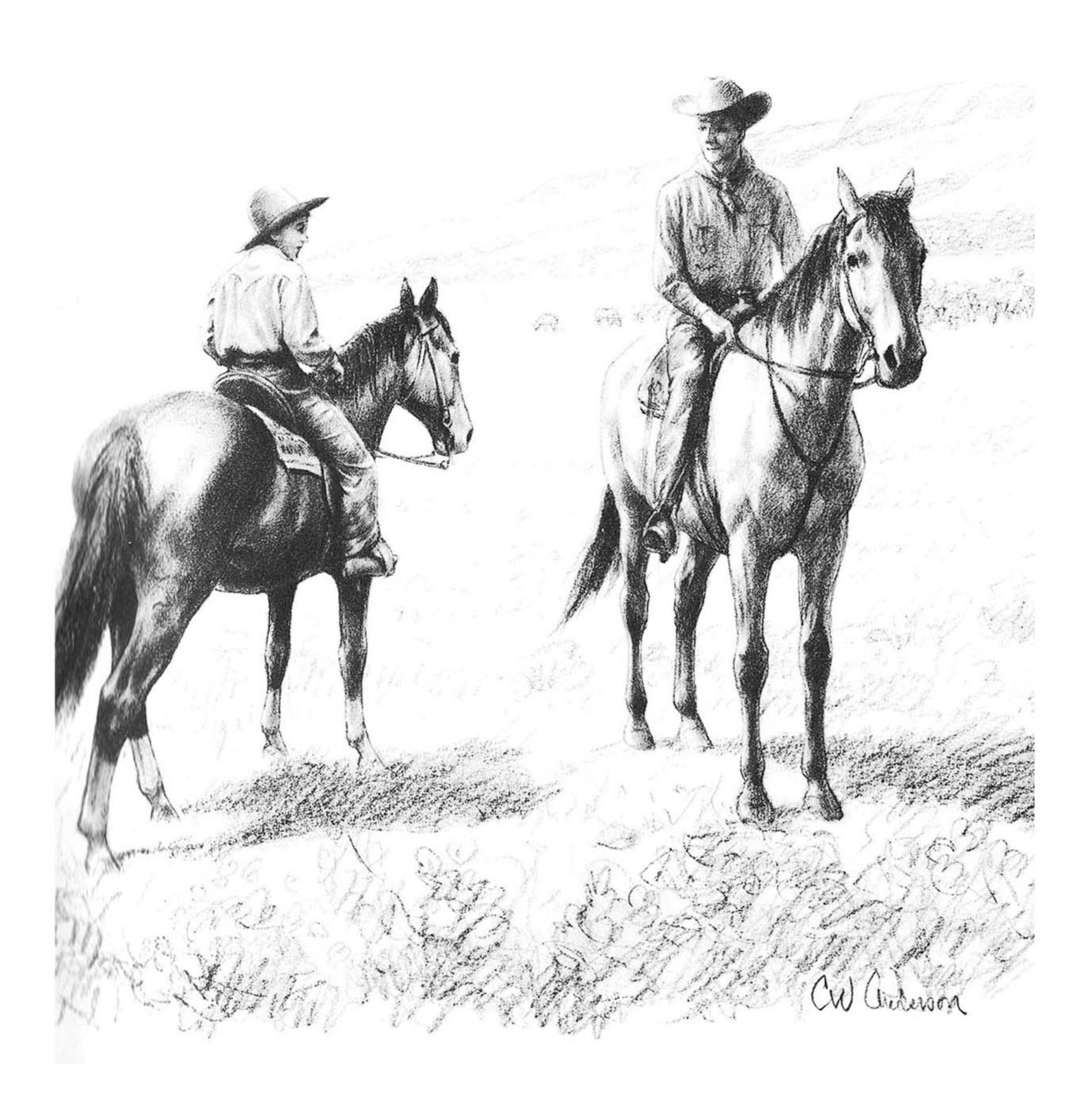
When they got to the ranch Billy led Blaze to a big corral. Blaze was so happy when he found that he was going to have such a nice big pasture to play in. It had been a long ride in the little trailer and it felt good to stretch his legs. He knew he was going to like the west.



Bright and early the next day Billy put the western saddle and bridle his father had bought for him on Blaze. He wore his big cowboy hat and his new cowboy boots. He felt like a real cowboy as he started out for a long ride with Blaze. There would be so much to see in this wide open country. Blaze seemed to want to explore, too, for he galloped along gaily toward the blue hills far away.



After riding several miles he came to a big herd of cattle. There was a cowboy nearby. It was the cowboy they had met yesterday. He was very nice and friendly and he told Billy many interesting things about the west. His name was Jim. Billy was anxious to explore the hills so Jim rode along with him.



Billy and Blaze Head West

Billy and his loyal pony Blaze head west together in another exciting adventure. When their new friend Jim is unable to tame the wild horse Thunderbolt, Billy and Blaze want to help. Fast and elusive, Thunderbolt is not easy to befriend. But with their kind and gentle approach, Billy and Blaze may succeed where the other cowboys have failed. C.W. Anderson's story of friendship and adventure is sure to be welcomed by young readers everywhere.

Blaze and Thunderbolt 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.



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