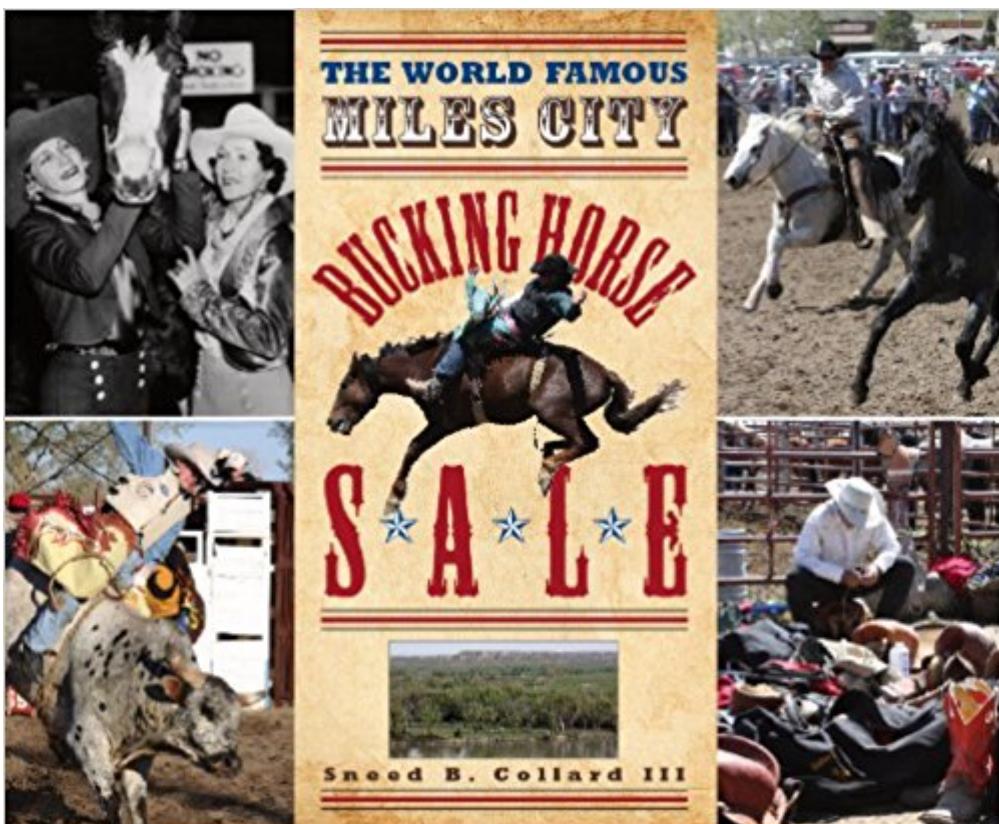


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# The World Famous Miles City Bucking Horse Sale



## Synopsis

For sixty years, the Miles City Bucking Horse Sale has helped keep Western traditions alive. Begun as a way for local ranchers to get rid of spoiled and unruly ranch horses, the Sale today has grown into a four-day celebration of rodeo, ranching, arts, and culture. Every year, thousands of people from all over the country converge on this small city in eastern Montana. They are treated to concerts, horse racing, a parade, an art auction, and some of the most exciting rodeo riding anywhere. The actual auction of bucking horses and bulls remains at the heart of the event, but the Bucking Horse Sale has become a celebration of all aspects of Western life. It is, quite simply, the Cowboy Mardi Gras. In *The World Famous Miles City Bucking Horse Sale*, author Sneed B. Collard III helps bring this Western celebration alive. Through extensive interviews, spectacular photographs, and an action-filled blow-by-blow account of the festivities, the author gives readers a ringside seat to this iconic event. Through his meticulous research and descriptions, he guarantees that nothing better than reading this book is going to the Bucking Horse Sale itself.

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Once a year, Miles City, Montana, becomes home to a celebration like no other. Collard takes readers inside the Miles City Bucking Horse Sale, a four-day event that draws visitors from across the country. Started in 1951 as a sale of wild horses, it's evolved into a jamboree of music, rodeo, food, contests, and a parade. A concert kicks things off on Thursday. On Friday, it's bull busting, where the brave get aboard bulls and the even braver distract the bulls once the rider is thrown. On Saturday, it's bucking broncs and the horse auction; Sunday ends the fun with races. An extensive text looks at all these events and more, even getting into such topics as the

decline of the small western town. Plenty of action-filled color photographs break up the narrative, most of them contemporary but some archival as well. Handsomely designed, with buff pages that resemble pieces of parchment and endpaper maps, this is a fascinating look at a fresh topic. A glossary and a page of books, videos, and websites for further learning round this up. Grades 5-8. --Ilene Cooper

Sneed B. Collard III has written more than fifty books for young people, and was the 2006 winner of the prestigious Washington Post-Children's Book Guild Nonfiction Award for his body of work. His well-known nonfiction titles include *The Prairie Builders Reconstructing America's Lost Grasslands*; *Shep Our Most Loyal Dog*; *Pocket Babies and Other Amazing Marsupials*; *Wings*; *Teeth*; and *Reign of the Sea Dragons*. Sneed is also the author of three popular novels, *Dog Sense*, *Flash Point*, *Double Eagle*. His newest mystery, *The Governor's Dog is Missing* will be available from Bucking Horse Books in 2011.

This is a book about my home town, which is the only reason I bought it. Not much history, though, and I avoided the BHS from Day One. A cure for home-sickness, for sure.

The thrill of the rodeo is more than the juking and jiving of a horse. "The World Famous Miles City: Bucking Horse Sale" delves into the history of this unique event in Montana, embellishing its tale with full color photographs, anecdotes, and the ongoing history of the event. "The World Famous Miles City" is a must for anyone who wants insight to this special event that is truly unlike any other in the world, and a fine coffee table collection for Western History buffs.

More than just a history of the World Famous Miles City Bucking Horse Sale (famous since 1951), this brief but thorough book delves into rodeo with an immediacy that is sure to attract young enthusiasts of the sport. From bull bustin' to bareback and saddle bronc riding (and points in between), it's non-stop action. This is a well-researched and well-written tribute to the West. Highly recommended.

The World Famous Miles City Bucking Horse Sale is historical, interesting and a must-read for kids and adults. It takes the reader on a wild ride through the Bucking Horse Sale with vivid action photographs and an entertaining text. Jump into the world of cowgirls, bull riding, mutton bustin' and more. Learn about the history of the Bucking Horse Sale. A great book for all ages!

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