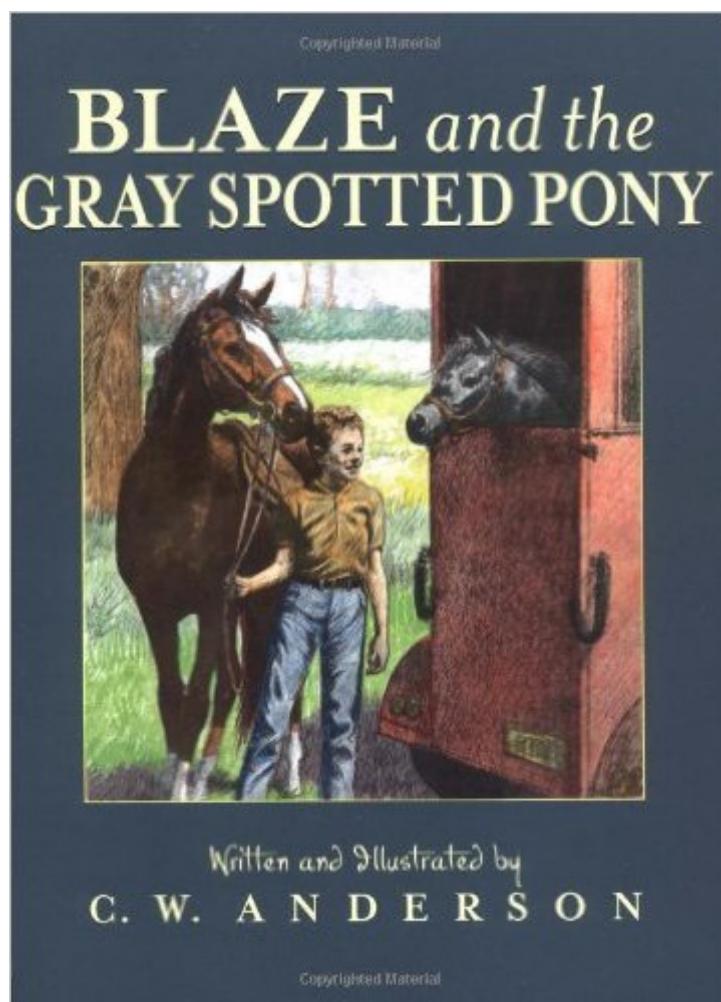


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# Blaze And The Gray Spotted Pony (Billy And Blaze)



## **Synopsis**

Little Tommy has always wished for a pony of his own. Billy, who lives down the road, has a pony named Blaze. Sometimes Billy lets Tommy ride Blaze and help take care of him. Tommy is all ready for the day when he gets his pony.

## **Book Information**

Lexile Measure: 570L (What's this?)

Series: Billy and Blaze

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Age Range: 5 - 8 years

Grade Level: Kindergarten - 3

## **Customer Reviews**

The is the BEST of the charming and beautiful Billy and Blaze series by CW Anderson. Billy gets a human friend this time, who loves horses as much as Billy does. This friend wants a gray spotted pony for his birthday--Billy and Blaze have to go FIND him one. It's a hackneyed plot (no pun intended, Hackney lovers) but it is done right without any silliness. But this is a Billy and Blaze book, and any collector of them know the REAL reason to buy a Billy and Blaze book are for the amazing CW Anderson pencil drawings! It is amazing to see, over the course of the series, how much this man had improved as one of the top equine artists of this country and he is sorely missed. This is a great book to read as a stress-reliever for pony loving adults, or a bedtime story for children

The story was fine but I had heard this series was fabulous! I ordered for my 7 year old- but these are way to simple for her reading level. If we'd had them when she was 4 or 5 they would have been great, but now they are too elementary to hold her attention.

All of the Blaze books are awesome. I run a little library from my home and I can't keep the Blaze books in stock. My son was enthralled with these stories at age 4, and kids up to 2nd grade just love them. The stories are entertaining, and the illustrations are really captivating.

Originally published in 1968, this is the ninth book in a series of eleven. In this book, we read about Billy's neighbor, Tommy, who is a young boy that loves horses. Tommy even dreams about horses and although he enjoys playing with all the toy ones he has received for birthdays and Christmas he really wants a real pony. When the time comes for purchasing a real pony, Tommy's dad asks Billy's advice. Together they and Blaze go looking for a pony for Tommy but to no avail. It is only afterwards that Blaze finds a pony for Tommy. This book is actually simpler than some of the others with not so much text on each page. Great for reading aloud to little ones or for young independent readers. Although about two boys, this book appeals to both boys and girls alike. Not only shows children how to love and care for animals but also how to respect children younger than yourself. **WONDERFUL!**

The Billy & Blaze series was my absolute favorite in gradeschool-- the illustrations are gorgeous, and the stories are well thought out and written superbly. I remember signing this series out of the school library over and over and over again... now as an adult, I am THILLED to see it offered here at . None of these books will disappoint a horselover-- no matter what age you are!

Written before authors had decided to include all the reality details, the Billy & Blaze series is a kid's dream horse story. No concerns about where to keep it, how to feed it, learning to ride, etc. All of that is blessedly assumed to be taken care of. Blaze is a perfect companion for any child and our son wants to hear it read over and over.

I grew up with these books and now I'm buying them for my daughter. She absolutely loves them. The pictures are so good and the stories are simple and enjoyable for all ages. These books are a must for any young horse lover!

In my opinion, the entire Billy and Blaze collection is nice for the whole family to enjoy. Children ages nine and under might enjoy these stories the most. Perhaps, children age 10 and up may find the reading and stories too simple. However, I enjoyed reading the stories with my children (ages 2 -

7), and they thoroughly enjoyed the stories as well.

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