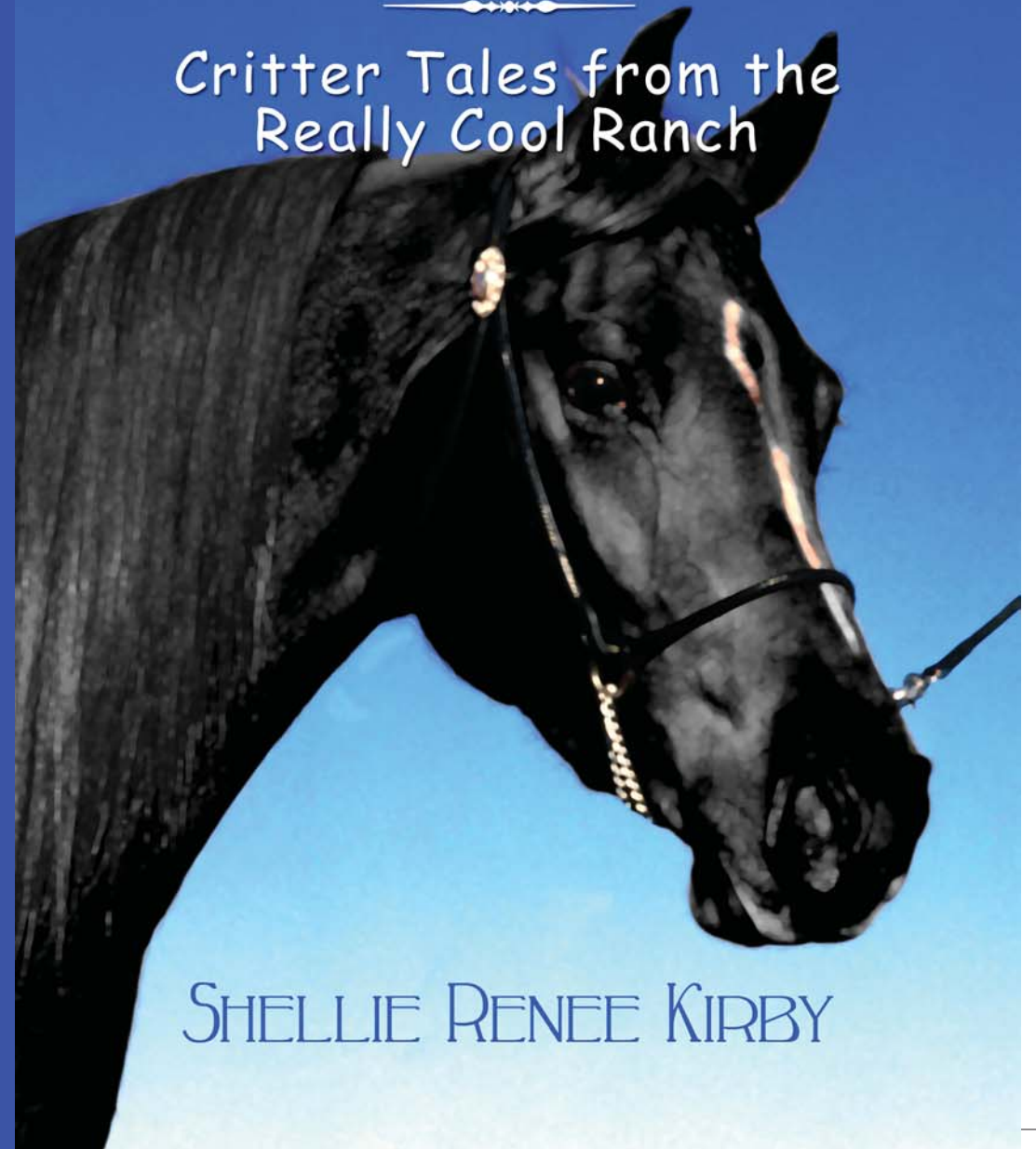


BUCKY'S STORYBOOK

Critter Tales from the
Really Cool Ranch



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This is a short story for children about a black appaloosa mustang who is adopted by a ranch family that he refers to as his "humans." The story is told from his perspective, which happens to be sometimes funny, wickedly ornery as only Bucky can be, occasionally self-absorbed and a little off-beat, but definitely horse-like from his point of view.

His tale begins as he introduces himself and his beginning as a wild horse. He speaks of his capture, the fiasco as he is being broke to ride and his adoption.

Bucky describes his point of view on his interactions with the animals and objects he encounters on the Really Cool Ranch and all of the trouble he causes. He tells his "critter" tale with humor and a very opinionated sense of himself.

The author grew up in Buena Vista, Colorado, where she graduated high school. Now living on a 70-acre ranch in Southeast Colorado, she lives with her husband Mark. They are building an Earthship and running a ranch with many animals including horses and Pyrenees dogs. Her hobbies include riding and sewing.



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