

Buffalo Bill and the Pony Express (I Can Read Level 3)

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A story about Buffalo Bill and his exploits as a pony express rider.

Eleanor Coerr is the author of many books for young readers, including *The Big Balloon Race*, a Reading Rainbow book, *Chang's Paper Pony*, and *The Josefina Story Quilt*, a Notable Children's Trade Book in the Field of Social Studies.

Don Bolognese is the illustrator of many popular books of historical fiction, including the I Can Read Books *Buffalo Bill and the Pony Express* by Eleanor Coerr and *Wagon Wheels* by Barbara Brenner. He lives in New York City and Vermont. Kindergarten-Grade 3? This easy reader relates the adventures of 16-year-old Bill Cody as he goes to work for the Pony Express. He is chased by thieves, caught in terrible weather, and stalked by wolves, none of which are mentioned in his letters home. The story is fast paced, exciting, and filled with terrific illustrations. Bolognese's use of heavy black outlined figures, often surrounded only by a large expanse of white page, is very effective. Unfortunately, a serious error appears. Bill travels from Red Buttes to Three Crossings station. When he arrives, he's told that a rider is sick and he needs to ride an additional 75-mile stretch. The text then states that, "Seven hours later, Bill made it to Three Crossings." Readers are bound to be perplexed by this statement and will be shuffling back through the pages to see what they missed. Too bad. Gale W. Sherman, Pocatello Public Library, ID
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