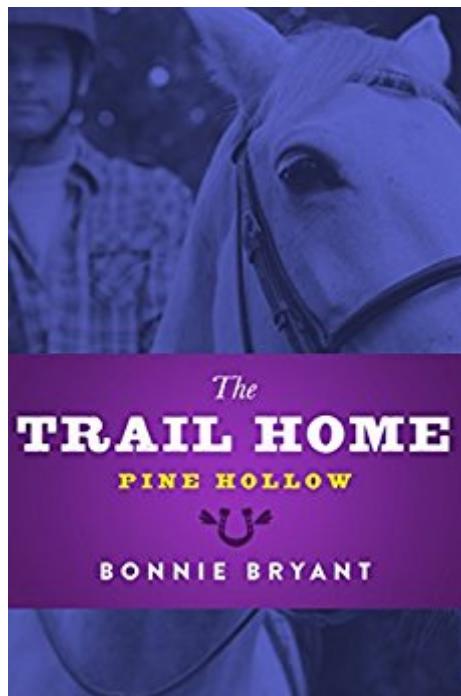


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# The Trail Home (Pine Hollow Book 2)



## **Synopsis**

After a near-fatal accident, the Pine Hollow girls are on the road to recovery. It's been several weeks since the car accident that almost killed Callie Forester. Carole Hanson and Stevie Lake escaped with a few scratches, but Callie wasn't so lucky. Stevie and Carole feel responsible—especially since Stevie was the one at the wheel—and it doesn't help that Callie's brother, Scott, is blaming them too. With Lisa still in California, Carole's feelings for Ben becoming more complicated, Callie unable to ride, and Stevie wracked with guilt over the accident, the girls are beginning to wonder if it's too late to fix the summer—and their friendships.

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## **Customer Reviews**

In this book, Callie is dealing with the aftermath of the car accident that left her crippled. Using therapeutic riding, she's determined to recover fully. Stevie, who was driving at the time, is dealing with feelings of guilt and fear over driving again. Meanwhile, Lisa has a job on a TV-series set in California where she's visiting her dad and his new family. Carole is trying to get closer to

stablehand Ben Marlowe, but he's resisting all her attempts. Book two in the Pine Hollow series.

I enjoyed The Saddle Club books when I was younger and I borrowed the first two books in the Pine Hollow series from the library. For some reason the library stopped carrying them and I never got around the reading the rest. All in all, I enjoyed the more mature themes, as I felt like I had grown up with Stevie, Carole and Lisa. I was becoming less horse crazy (yet I still love them) and starting to focus on other things as well. As a side note, the part where Lisa's brother's step-kids from Germany call Americans lazy and that Thanksgiving is just a lame excuse for a day off work... I just want to point out that Germany has between 10 and 13 public holidays a year (not to mention most people have 28 to 30 vacation days). The US has 10. Most Germans find it crazy that Americans don't get as much vacation time and generally view it as a work-a-holic society. Americans definitely need that extra day off in order to stop working, take a deep breath, and be thankful for everything.

I loved this book!! I loved it because it made you think, and it probably has some of the greatest quotes in the "Saddle Club"/"Pine Hollow" series. I loved it because it continued from "The Long Ride" (another great book, especially putting the accident at the beginning of the book). I know a lot of the characters have not appeared, but that's because when we are older, new people enter our lives. Also, they've grown up. The issues ARE grown up. What I love about the "Saddle Club" and "Pine Hollow" series is that they are not like other books for young adults. I mean, think about: How would you feel if you were Stevie? The entire time I read this book, I was thinking that. I also loved the part when Emily explained about being handicapped. It's all in your head. And it is true that "Absence can be powerful". This book also had the feeling of the beloved "Saddle Club" book #30, "Autumn Trail" (and they both have trail in the title). But the feelings are different because the characters are older. Keep up the good work, Ms. Bryant!!!

I have been following the Saddle Club since I was 8. I was hoping that this new series would be more mature and address harder facts, such as: if Scott Forester is going to come in between Stevie and Phil, and also the harsh peer pressure that teenagers face. I would like to see more of A.J., and other notable characters. Also, if the characters are ever going to be pressured into doing stuff like graffiti, going beyond the "kiss", staying up waaaaaaay too late. Stuff like that, not to show teenager what to do, but to show that the three girls are not perfect and can succumb to pressure.

This book was good, but, Ms. Bryant, what happened to Lisa and John Brightstar? Also, why did

you not continue with little Maxi, Veronica, and Ms. Reg? (not to mention anyone from the Bar None, Deborah, Pony Club rallies, etc...) The worst part was no more practical jokes with Stevie! That is what first attached me to the books 7 yrs. ago. I and my older sister have been fans forever, and, to this day, the books that I have read over and over are the ones with Stevie coming up with some weird way to punish Veronica for being such a snot! Please keep it that way!!!!!!!!!!!!

I liked this book but it dragged on a TINY bit. It was really sad about Fez...in fact I almost cried while I read the sad part...I don't want to give it away. Anyway, I like how Bonnie Bryant told about Stevie being depressed like that, it seemed so real, probably other teens have went through that before. Any way, Carole was really nosie in this book. But I guess she was just curious to find out about Ben...anyway, I was a little surprised that Max said the D-word in this book. (I don't really care.) But it was a pretty good book. Sad, too. And I liked it!

I cant wait for this book to come out!! I loved the Long Ride so i bet that this book will be as good!! I think that Bonnie Bryant should make Carole and Ben go out in the seires because they are soo much alike!! I also love it that Lisa and Alex are going out now and that Steve and Phil are still going out!! Well I hape she countinues the series because I know that I love it so far and I am shur alot of ather people do to!

I really like your book, but what about all the old charactors. I loved Veronica, and what about little Maxi all grown up and riding. Plus write more about the horses. When does Lisa get a horse? And horse shows etc. Basicly like the Saddle Club, but more advanced reading. Sorry to be so critical, I'm really happy you started writing this series, but I'd love it more if it involved riding more. Thanks

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