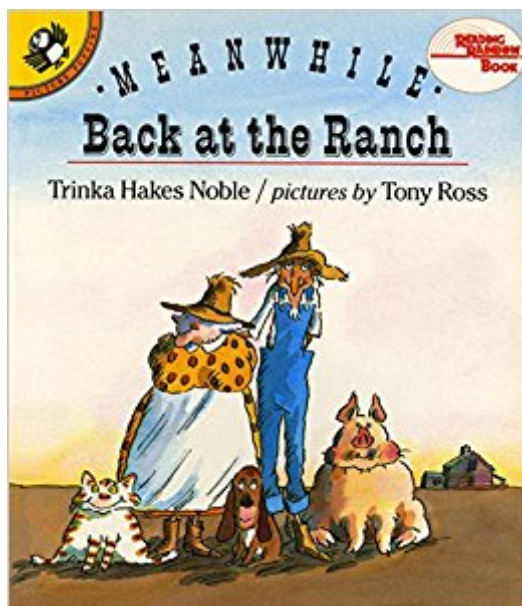


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# Meanwhile Back At The Ranch (Reading Rainbow Books)



## Synopsis

When Rancher Hicks drives 84 miles to Sleepy Gulch for excitement, his wife Elna misses the 12-year-old wanted posters in the post office, a never-ending checker game, and hot-spot Millie's Luncheonette. Meanwhile back at the ranch, all that happens is Elna strikes oil, inherits a fortune, and is visited by the President. Never has the West been wilder or funnier. A Reading Rainbow Feature Selection. Full-color illustrations.

## Book Information

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Age Range: 2 - 5 years

Grade Level: Preschool - Kindergarten

## Customer Reviews

Grade 1-3 Rancher Hicks leads a life so uneventful that he takes a trip to town just to see what is happening. Wife Elna stays home. While the rancher is amusing himself with the high life in Sleepy Gulch getting his whiskers trimmed, having lunch at Millie Mildew's, and watching a turtle cross Main Street Elna is home winning contests, inheriting fortunes, starring in movies, and entertaining the President. Delightfully exaggerated, the happenings are contrasted spread by spread, switching back and forth from town to ranch with the phrase, "Meanwhile, back at. . ." Double-page spreads accentuate the huge sky of the empty ranch, even after Elna's construction projects seem to fill the horizon. Ross places Elna and Rancher Hicks in a parody of an American Gothic pose that is filled

with color and barely repressed merriment, wonderfully carrying out the wacky mood of Noble's tall tale. Rancher Hicks wears an expression of hilarious happiness while Elna accepts all that happens with breezy aplomb and regrets missing all the excitement in town. A book sure to create a stampede to the circulation desk. Ruth Semrau, Lovejoy Library, McKinney, Tex. Copyright 1987 Reed Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to the School & Library Binding edition.

Tony Ross lives in London, England.

A hilarious book depicting the slow, humdrum, slightly monotonous life in the small town, in contrast to the amazing adventures going on "back at the ranch". As the reader watches the great turtle race in town, back at the ranch things are nearly exploding with excitement. Trinka Noble is a gifted author (The King's Tea is another good example), who keeps her readers entertained through the artwork and the story line. She moves skillfully back and forth between the tiring events in town and the inspiring events back at the ranch. I recommend this book for its humor and appeal to both children and parents, who may read it many times to their children, and never tire of it.

Wish we could find these little paper back books for much cheaper since they can so easily be ruined by little hands. Great story, just hope it holds up for a while.

Funniest book lately. We adults laugh every time we read it, which is often, because the kids love it too.

Both of my boys loved this book, so when my best friend's daughter was expecting their first little one, I had to get this book for them! !

I bought this book for my children many years ago after a friend who taught elementary school recommended it. It was completely silly & delighted them, just as she said it would. With a zany story line & charming illustrations, it's a no-miss book, excellent for reading aloud at bedtime, or any time. I just purchased two copies for when my children have children of their own. You will love it!

Absolutely one of the funniest children's books ever written. I laughed all the way through, and I am 36 years old! I gave this book to a 7 year old nephew for Christmas, and it was a hit. A must buy!

One of the funnest books to come along. My children love it and ask for it often. The humor tickles the adult funny bone too. A book for everyone and every home library.

I'm not sure if I love reading this to the kids more, or if they like hearing it more.

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