

*The Ride of Her Life: The True Story of a Woman, Her Horse, and Their Last-Chance Journey Across America* by Elizabeth Letts

This book is great nonfiction on so many levels. While telling the story of Annie Wilkins and the journey she took from Maine to California on horseback, the author also brings the world of the 1950's to life. This is also the story of Tarzan, a horse with much personality, and of Depeche Moi, a mutt with loyalty and bravery who helped Annie make the journey from coast to coast, usually covering only 10 or 20 miles per day. The unlikely trio encountered both the kindness of strangers who welcomed them into their homes, stables, and their lives, and the terrors of trucks roaring by, icy roads, treacherous bridges, and freezing mountain passes. I'd give it five stars!