



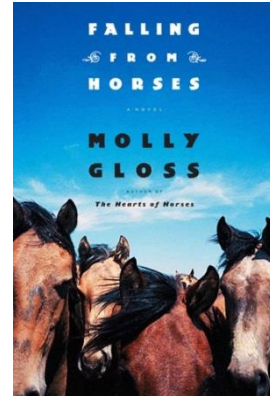
Falling From Horses

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Questions and Activities

1. During his time in Hollywood Bud meets people he's never interacted with before, such as Lee Waters, a Native American horse rider, and Jake Reichl, a Jewish man who works with Bud at Diamond Barns. What is Bud's initial reaction to Lee and Jake, and how does his opinion of them change? What other characters in the book open Jake's eye to the friendship that people from different backgrounds can share?
2. Write down all the adjectives you can think of that describe the city of Los Angeles in *Falling From Horses*. How would you describe the city of Los Angeles as a character in the story? Is this a place you would want to have visited in 1938? Why or why not? If you are familiar with Los Angeles, how is the city from the novel similar to the city today? How is it different?
3. Why does Bud leave Oregon and travel to Hollywood? How does his experience in Los Angeles change him? How do cities impact our lives? Is there a city you have experienced that changed you as a person or has made an impact on your life? If yes, how?
4. What role does the 'American West' have in this novel? How is Hollywood's portrayal of the American West different from the experience that Bud and the other real cowboys and ranchers have of living in it?
5. Think about Bud's career as an artist, and how he came to become one. What do you believe makes him well-suited to be an artist? What enables him to express the world he sees through art?



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6. Some of the places in the novel are still operating in Los Angeles today, while others may have a different use than they had in the past or have been demolished. Research one or more of the locations presented in the story. Why do you think these places have changed over time? What types of places have changed where you live?
- Hollywood Studio Club
 - The Subway Terminal Building
 - Gower Street (also known as Gower Gulch)
 - Hollywood and Vine
 - Beechwood Canyon
 - Griffith Park
 - The Marcal Theatre
 - The Victory Theatre
 - The Autry Museum
 - RKO Studios

