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# Concrete Cowboy

## by G. Neri



Read Aloud Video

Here is a little background information about our First Chapter Friday title and its creator. Feel free to add your own notes and thoughts in the bottom box.

### What's It About?

When Cole's mom dumps him in the mean streets of Philly to live with the dad he's never met, the last thing he expects to see is a horse—let alone a stable full of them. He may not know much about cowboys, but what he knows for sure is that cowboys ain't black, and they don't live in the 'hood. But in this 'hood, horses are a way of life, and when the City threatens to shut down the stables, Cole realizes it's time to stand up for what's right—the Cowboy Way.

This book also includes illustrations from Jesse Joshua Watson.

This book originally had a different cover and title! The first title was Ghetto Cowboy.

### Who Wrote It?

I am a storyteller, filmmaker, artist, and digital media producer. In 1999, I started writing and illustrating for kids, but it wasn't until I started writing for teens around 2004 that things started to happen. Now, I have my first three teen books out, a new agent, and a long list of projects to create. I couldn't ask for more. I'm currently living off the Gulf Coast of Florida with my wife Maggie, who's a professor of sociology, and our daughter Zola, who likes to draw like her old man. I spend most of my time in my studio, but I do like to troll the rivers by



our house looking for alligators. You can learn more about G and his work - Teen Fiction for the Real World - on his website: [gregneri.com](http://gregneri.com)

AR Reading Level: 4.0

Lexile Level: 670L

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