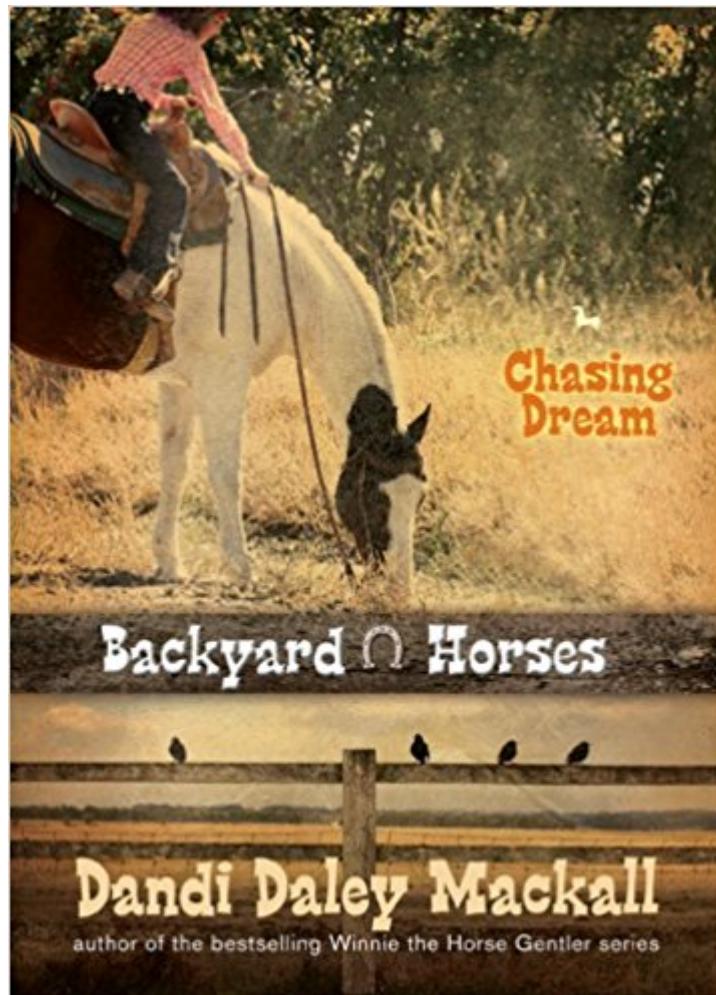


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# Chasing Dream (Backyard Horses)



## **Synopsis**

Feisty fourth-grader Ellie feels the need to prove to the world that her Backyard Horse (Dream) is worthy of attention. Ellie arranges a race to show off her dream. But her world is shaken when her horse gets sick and she is forced to realize that she could very well lose her Dream.

## **Book Information**

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Age Range: 6 - 10 years

Grade Level: 1 - 5

## **Customer Reviews**

How in the world did Ellie Jamesâ™s dream horse end up in the schoolâ™s library? But trouble at school is only the beginning of disasters for this fourth grader and her backyard horse. Ellie determines to show the world how great Dream really is. But with her eyes on winning, could Ellie end up losing everything that truly matters to her? Join Ellie on her adventure as she discovers the importance of family, friendship, and faith. Sign Language inside!

My daughter loves this series!

Horse lovers will enjoy this very charming series. Ellie shows her love for her horse, Dream, in sweet ways, and I enjoyed her quirks. I like the way she thanks God for the happy times as well as going to him when things are tough. The family and friends support her when trouble comes, as

well. I like the sign language alphabet and the horse talk in the back.

Great story for kids to learn about life and how no matter what happens God is always there for you. You may feel like you let others down but Jesus died to forgive our sins. Great read for elementary age children.

I chose this book for my child's book report. Would have wanted a book with a bit more adventure, this is what my child said, but I think over all it was enjoyed.

better than book 2 says my 12 year old

gift

This is the third book in the Backyard Horses series. I think it could be read as a stand alone but Ellie's hopes for her horse, Dream, might be better understood if you read book 1 and how much she had wanted a horse. Now that she has Dream, she wants everyone to know how great he is---especially after he got her in trouble by showing up in the school library! Ellie's quirky family is back as is her best friend, Colt. In Ellie's quest to make Dream the best, she doesn't follow through on her promised responsibilities and it all comes to a head when Dream takes a turn for the worse. This story is great for elementary school-age kids to learn about forgiveness, grace, and trusting in God--with some quirky humor thrown in. I look forward to finishing this series!

In Chasing Dream, Ellie yearns for people to see her horse, Dream, as more than your typical horse. She wants people to think that Dream is a great horse. Ellie sets up a competitive horse race for her 4th grade class thinking that Dream would win. However, much to her dismay, Dream loses heart in the middle of the race causing them to lose first place. As Ellie thinks of something else to show off Dream's greatness to her peers, Dream starts to behave strangely. First, she keeps getting out of her yard by jumping the fence. Then, she starts to shy away from others. Finally, she paws the ground anxiously and when she refuses to jump jumps, Ellie knows that something is terribly wrong with Dream. After Dream is diagnosed with colic, Ellie finally realizes what is more important than getting her peers' awe of Dream: loving Dream and others for being as they are just as God loves Ellie for being Ellie. This is a great book for tween/teen horse lovers. As an adult, I found this book to have a good message of accepting others for who they are and loving them as God loves

us.

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