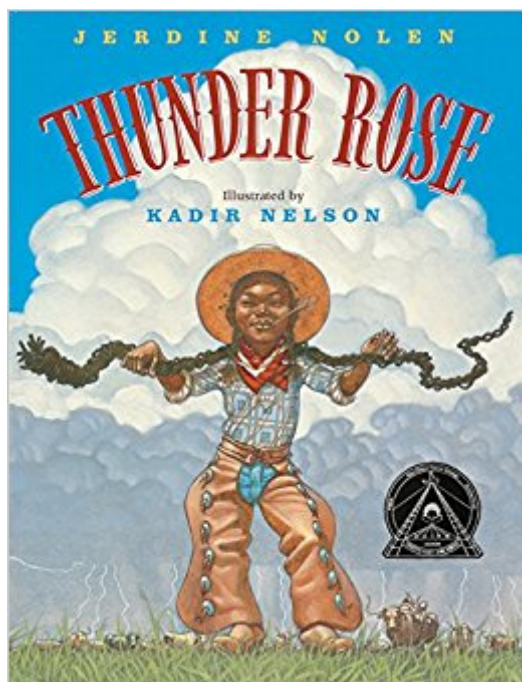


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# Thunder Rose (Coretta Scott King Illustrator Honor Books)



## Synopsis

On a dark night of howling rain and booming thunder, Jackson and Millicent MacGruder welcome a new baby girl into their lives. Imagine their surprise when she sits up, thanks them for bringing her into the world, and informs them that she's quite partial to the name Rose. So begins the story of Thunder Rose, who drinks her milk straight from the cow and prefers the company of her bull, Tater, to any kitten or puppy. Rose is capturing outlaws by the time she's a teenager, but she always has time to find joy in a song. Jerdine Nolen and Kadir Nelson have created a tall tale--and a powerful new African American heroine--to delight readers of all ages.

## Book Information

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Age Range: 5 - 8 years

Grade Level: Preschool - 3

## Customer Reviews

Kindergarten-Grade 3-Thunder Rose is an African-American child born on a stormy night abuzz with booming thunder, flashing lightning, and hailing rain. Her parents are awestruck by her remarkable gifts, which include forming a ball out of lightning, speaking in full sentences minutes after her birth, and snoring through a booming, thunderous rumble. It is clear that Rose is no ordinary child. She can lift a cow over her head and almost drink it dry, and as she grows, she does incredible metalwork with scraps of iron she finds around the ranch. She uses her handiwork to restrain cattle,

round up would-be rustlers, and lasso and squeeze the rain out of the clouds. She fearlessly faces down a couple of tornadoes and calms them with her "song of thunder." Nolen and Nelson offer up a wonderful tale of joy and love, as robust and vivid as the wide West. The oil, watercolor, and pencil artwork is outstanding. A splendid, colorful, and most welcome addition to the tall-tale genre. Andrea Tarr, Corona Public Library, CA Copyright 2003 Reed Business Information, Inc.

K-Gr. 3. An exuberant tall tale with an irresistible African American heroine. The night Thunder Rose was born to her parents, the thunder gave her her name, and she rolled the lightning into a ball and put it on her shoulder. By the next day, she was lifting a whole cow for a drink of milk. At two, she wove a pile of scrap iron into a thunderbolt; at twelve, she invented barbed wire, stopped a stampede, and captured a band of desperadoes. Thunder Rose even turns away a tornado with her song and the depth of her "fortunate feeling." The watercolor, oil, and pencil illustrations capture the Wild West vistas, the textures of grass and homespun cloth, and the character's personalities, even that of Tater, Rose's trusty steer. Best of all, however, is Rose herself, the color of polished mahogany, with enough sass and savvy to overcome any obstacle. A terrific read-aloud. GraceAnne DeCandido Copyright © American Library Association. All rights reserved

I bought this book as a gift to my daughter for her Wordy Girls reading group. This is a group to encourage and support reading and writing for Afro American woman and girls. What a delightful story! A young girl of color, being true to herself and having the confidence to do what needs to be done and ultimately doing what others can't. All girls should know that they shouldn't have to live with limits to their possibilities..Also, beautifully illustrated!

This is a precious book. I introduced it during our folktale unit. The main character is a girl. It is a great opportunity to share a folktale with a darling dash of diversity. A really cute book with a nice message. It is now one of my students new favorite folktale characters.

Love the storyline. Illustrations are top notch. Great great book to read. My two girls love this one.

This is a great addition to my classroom collection of Tall Tales.

Beautiful, special book... a perfect book for EVERY child's library...

What a great story and the illustrations are fantastic.

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