

In 1938, nineteen-year-old ranch hand Bud Frazer sets out for Hollywood. His little sister has been gone a couple of years now, his parents are finding ranch work and comfort for their loss where they can; and the Echol Creek ranch where Bud grew up is a place he can no longer call home. So he sets his sights on becoming a stunt rider in the movies—and rubbing shoulders with the great screen cowboys of his youth. On the long bus ride south, Bud meets Lily Shaw, a bold, outspoken young woman who's also hoping to make it into the movie business, as a scriptwriter and producer. The two form an unlikely friendship that will carry them through their tumultuous days in Hollywood—and as it happens, for the rest of their lives.