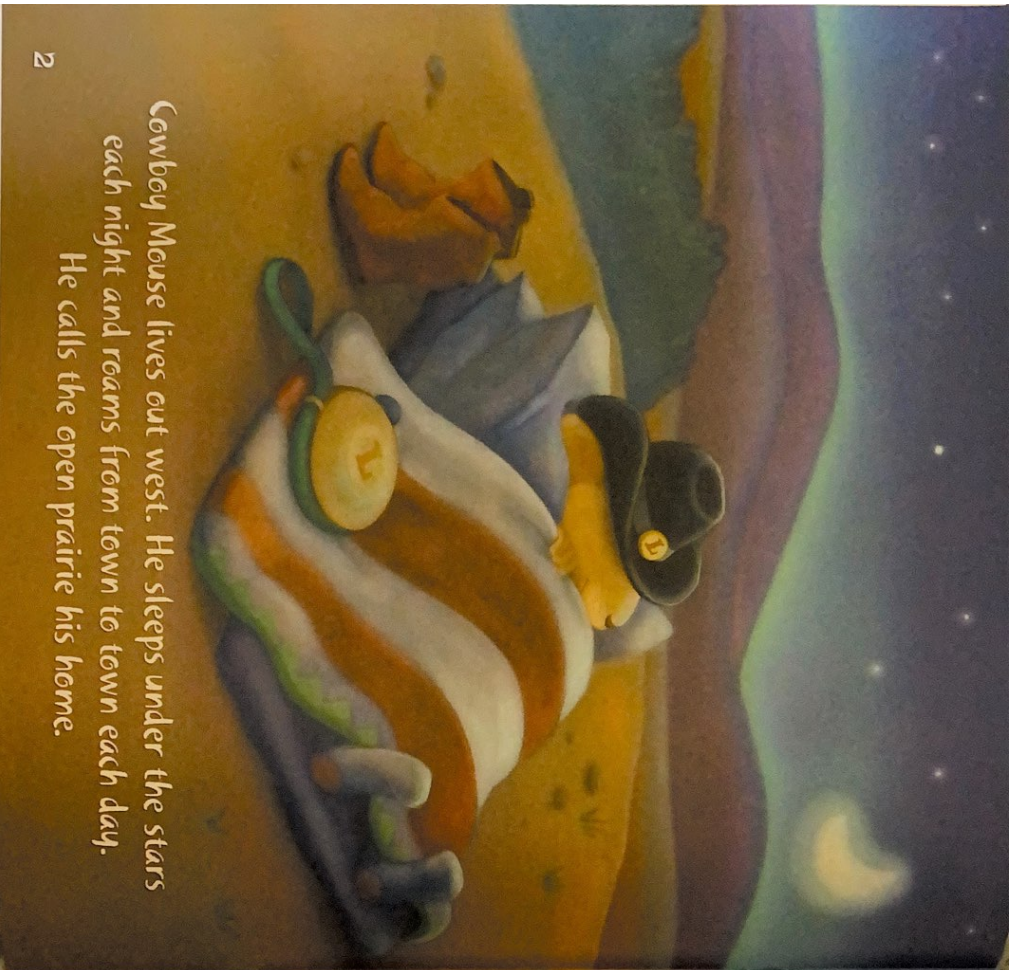




# COWBOY Mouse

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Cowboy Mouse lives out west. He sleeps under the stars  
each night and roams from town to town each day.  
He calls the open prairie his home.

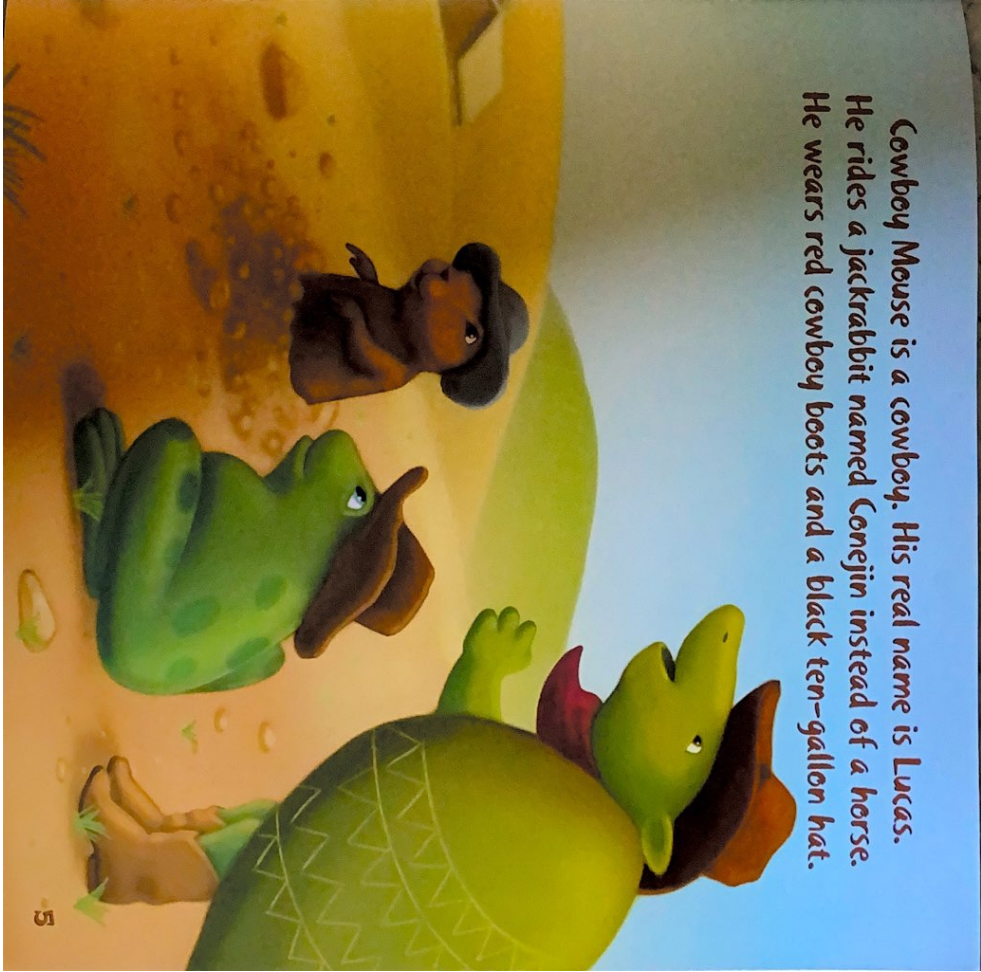
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Cowboy Mouse is a cowboy. His real name is Lucas.  
He rides a jackrabbit named Conejin instead of a horse.  
He wears red cowboy boots and a black ten-gallon hat.





Cowboy Mouse is a kind mouse. He shares his food and his campfire when his friends join him for dinner.



Cowboy Mouse is a healthy mouse. He gets plenty of exercise each day.



He brushes his teeth twice a day with water from his canteen. He eats healthy food—fruit, vegetables, bread, and meat. He loves nibbling on his favorite food. Do you know what it is?



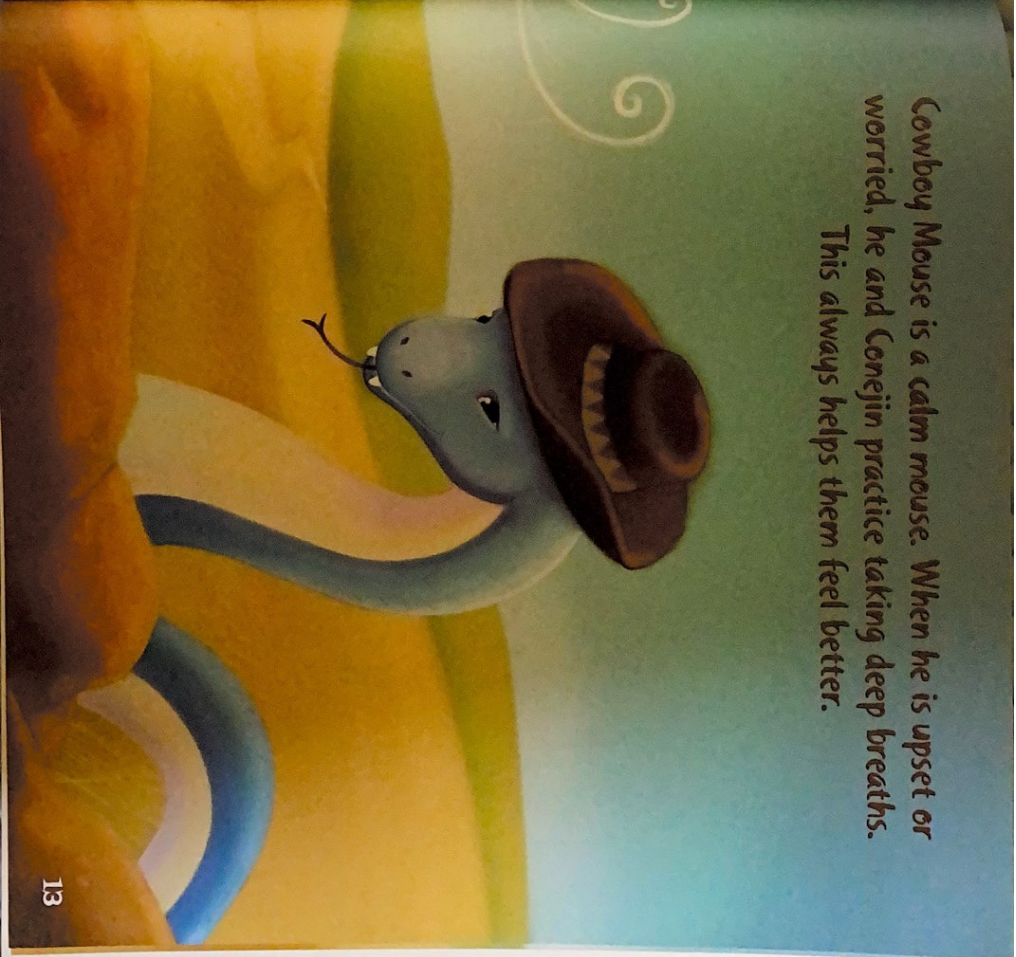


Cowboy Mouse is a thoughtful mouse. He always sneezes or coughs into his elbow and washes his hands often so he doesn't spread germs.





Cowboy Mouse is a calm mouse. When he is upset or worried, he and Conejin practice taking deep breaths. This always helps them feel better.



Cowboy Mouse is a safe mouse. In town, he helps children cross the street, and he always looks both ways.

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He wears his helmet when he is skating with the children.

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*Cowboy Mouse is a happy mouse.*

*When children ask him if he ever gets lonesome, he smiles, pats Conejin on the head, and shakes his head "no." He says, "I have everything I need—the sun, the rain, the stars, the rivers, and nice children to visit in every town."*

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