



Kuper Visits the Rocking R Ranch Receives Mom's Choice Gold® Award

*New Mexico author Connie Perez wins second Mom's Choice Gold Award,
& named a finalist in the 2019 Next Generation Indie Book Awards*

(Santa Fe, New Mexico, May 16, 2019) PenPower Book Marketing Services and Rocking R Books is pleased to announce that New Mexico author Connie Perez has received her second Mom's Choice Gold® Award for book two in her Rocking R Ranch Series, *Kuper Visits the Rocking R Ranch*. Earlier this year she received the same award for *Home on the Rocking R Ranch*. Perez was also named a finalist in the 2019 Next Generation Indie Book Awards for the first book, *Home on the Rocking R Ranch*. The series introduces young readers to the day-to-day life on a working ranch.



"I am so excited; this is hard to believe," says Perez. "The Mom's Choice Awards celebrate the best in family-friendly products, and to have two books earn a Gold is unbelievable. To be a finalists in the Next Generation Indie Book Awards is incredible."

Kuper Visits the Rocking R Ranch is the second book in the Rocking R Ranch Series and introduces a new character to the ranch, Kuper, who arrives from Chicago to live on the ranch for a year. With Rusty, Rosie and cow dog Raspberry, Kuper embarks on a series of adventures, including visits to a rodeo, a cattle auction, the New Mexico State Fair, and the Albuquerque International Balloon Fiesta.

Home on the Rocking R Ranch is the first book in the series and offers readers a glimpse into the tasks required to keep the ranch going during all 4 seasons. By joining ranchers Rusty and Rosie, and cow dog Raspberry, children will learn about everything from feeding and maintaining the ranch to branding, vaccinating, and preparing calves for the market.

Perez continues to draw on her own experiences working on a New Mexico ranch for *Kuper*, and once again combines that knowledge with her teaching background to craft a story that is informative and entertaining. Through vibrant illustrations by the author and easily accessible dialogue, Perez brings the essential elements of the craft to children both inside and outside the ranching community. In addition, a glossary combined with labels on every page gives readers the chance to expand their vocabulary.

Connie Perez is a native New Mexican, ranch wife, mother, grandmother, and retired elementary school teacher. She was diagnosed with Parkinson's disease, and after retiring was eager to find a way to cope with her diagnosis. She picked up a paintbrush, and wrote and illustrated two companion volumes on ranch life for young children. She lives in eastern New Mexico where she continues to ranch, write, enjoy life and spoil her grandchildren.

Both *Home on the Rocking R Ranch* and *Kuper Visits the Rocking R Ranch* are available through independent and online booksellers.

About the Mom's Choice Awards®

The Mom's Choice Awards® (MCA) evaluates products and services created for children, families and educators. The program is globally recognized for establishing the benchmark of excellence in family-friendly media, products and services. The organization is based in the United States and has reviewed thousands of entries from more than 55 countries.

Around the world, parents, educators, retailers and members of the media look for the MCA mother-and-child Honoring Excellence seal of approval when selecting quality products and services for children and families.

Learn more about the Mom's Choice Awards by visiting www.MomsChoiceAwards.com.

About the Next Generation Indie Book Awards

The Next Generation Indie Book Awards is the world's largest international book awards program for independent publishers and self-published authors. The awards are judged by leaders of the indie book publishing industry, including many with long careers at major publishing houses. Their love of a great read and experience in the publishing arena identify books deserving a wider audience.

Learn more about the Next Generation Indie Book Awards at <https://indiebookawards.com>.

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