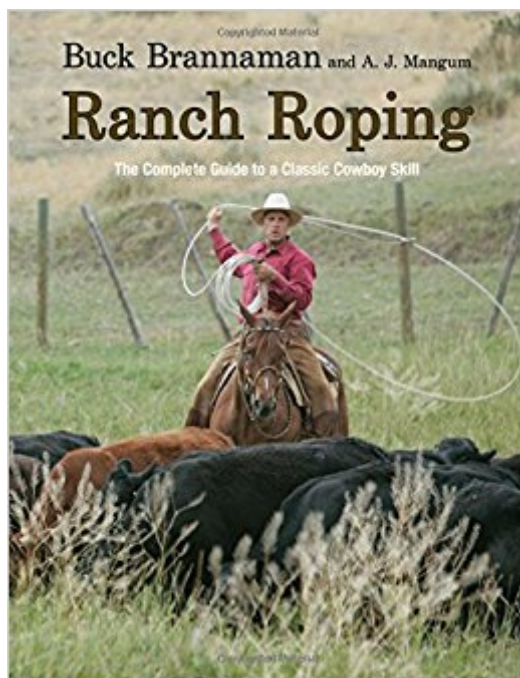


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# Ranch Roping: The Complete Guide To A Classic Cowboy Skill



## Synopsis

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Buck Brannaman is a well-known and widely respected horse gentler â€” the inspiration for the book and film â€œThe Horse Whispererâ€• -- whose approach to horses and their owners has inspired and revolutionized the equestrian world. His THE FARAWAY HORSES (2001) , one of The Lyons Press's best selling equestrian titles, has sold in excess of 35,000 copies in hardcover and 20,000 in paperback. His BELIEVE (2004) has sold in excess of 16,000 in hardcover and 2,300 in paperback. A.J. Mangum is editor of the Morris Corporation's â€œWestern Horsemanâ€• magazine. He raises and trains horses and is thoroughly familiar with ranch work and rodeo competition.

Look, it is not, nor is it meant to be, classical literature so never mind about "how" it is written. Not that it is bad, I am just sayin' it for those people who seem to feel the need to criticize every book as if they were in a university literature course. Anyway, the information it provides is clear. One complaint: it does not provide quite enough photos and there are some details difficult to convey via written word (the whole picture worth a thousand words thing). If they ever republish this book and provide better quality photos, including "close ups", it would be a tremendous help. The photos that are there are decent enough, but do not provide the detail. If this book had more photos that were higher resolution I would give it 5 stars. Not an easy skill to learn strictly from a book. That said, the photos are in color and if one has some imagination it is absolutely possible to learn from this book. Maybe the other thing to improve would be if there was more technical discussion on the merits of various rope types and sizes as well as the various Hondos (aka Hondas). Bottom line, if you enjoy roping and, especially if you appreciate Buck Brannaman, it is worth it to get this book.

I wasn't that impressed. And that's from someone who's seen Buck on DVDs and is mesmerized by the guy's talent. I remain a huge fan of Mr. Brannaman, but as for learning to rope, I just don't think this book gets you anywhere. To be fair, I've concluded that learning to rope is really a video, not print medium. I have other roping books and they all suffer. You just can't see enough from a still photo, and describing the wrist, elbow actions etc can't fully describe what needs to be done. If you're a die hard Buck fan in general, this book will have general appeal, but specifically for roping, I can only give it 2 stars.

A good entry level guide to roping by an expert. Learn from a professional roper.

Fascinating mix of science and how it applies to the relationship with horses.

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Not only that Mr. Brannaman is a living legend, this book is made to work with. Easy to follow step-by-step guide to learn or refine your roping skills. If you're a novice and start roping this book explains all you need to know. As a working cowboy or horse trainer, it helps you fix any kind of problem with lots of tips how to handle this like figure-eights in your rope and much more. This book is worth any dime you spend and will guide you through your learning progress. Thank you Mr. Brannaman! Ranch Roping: The Complete Guide to a Classic Cowboy Skill

Great book, full of information and more than just how to swing a rope. The book really encompasses the big picture.

Very illustrative and helpful for improving or starting to rope, I've seen some books published but none as detailed and comprehensive as this one.

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