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It's her mother's crazy idea: a trip to Texas to save the buffalo. Amanda Guthridge just wants to ride horses with her boyfriend Philip and plan her coming-out party. But suddenly they're facing alligators, rattlesnakes, and stampeding buffalo on the Texas-Oklahoma frontier with David Talltree, the half-Comanche cowboy who thinks she can't even ride!

So she challenges him to a horse race, no-holds-bared. He's handsome, arrogant, and much too self-assured -- and she's determined to win. She expects adventure. But she hasn't planned on danger -- or romance...

## Buffalo Gal Details

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## From Reader Review Buffalo Gal for online ebook

### Denae Christine says

**Reader thoughts:** This was such a funny book. Even though it's very western, I thought Bill Wallace's way of telling Amanda's story was unique. City girl in the country isn't a new story, but throw in buffalos, trains, jeans, a hailstorm, rattlesnakes, crocodiles, and outlaws. This book doesn't slow down.

Amanda wore jeans for the first time (no skirts!) and forgot her toothbrush (made one from grass) and her mouth hurt from smiling (that'll show David, ha). She almost beat David Talltree at horse racing, and everyone was awed at how close she came.

At the end, she's talking with her mother, who's reading. It's the perfect ending scene with a touch of romance (David racing after the train to talk with her one last time.) Her mother is really listening.

**Writer thoughts:** This story structure sort of matches a quest (find buffalo herd and see them to a safe place) with a bunch of short, side conflicts (crocodiles, outlaws, etc.). This sort of story isn't normally my favorite; how did BW write it so I enjoyed it so well?

For one, I think it's Amanda's character. Few male authors can write females well (Brandon Sanderson is one), and BW does Amanda justice. She has quirks and personality. She starts by sounding a little arrogant and selfish, but she then grows to love Texas and the outdoors and the people around her.

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### Beth Skye Denny says

This was such a cute, fast read! I enjoyed it very much.

A sixteen year old San Francisco socialite goes on an adventure with her mother to save the buffalo only to meet a pig headed Oklahoman who drives her crazy. Lots of fun cattle driving action, spiteful female reactions, and a sweet little ending. Totally rated G <3

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### Karlee Stuart says

Daring and lovable, these two people win over your heart with their quarrels and love.

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### Rachel says

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Overall Review:

Buffalo Gal was one of my favorite books when I was young. So when I recently discovered it on my bookshelf, I had to see if it was as good as I remembered. Happily, I wasn't disappointed!

Set in 1904, this delightful adventure opens with fifteen-year-old Amanda bemoaning how her summer has begun. She's stuck with her mother in the wild Texas frontier looking for some buffalo! Author Bill Wallace creates a strong female lead, a teenager who starts her journey a bit spoiled and impatient, but grows leaps

and bounds by the end of the book. With a breathtaking horse race, intense buffalo stampede, crippling storm and a rattlesnake attack, the story's action never ends. Humor and a sweet romance will also make readers glad they gave Buffalo Gal a try.

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### **WhiskeyintheJar/Kyrariker says**

One of my favorite books from childhood, in fact just read it the other day and still loved it, so a favorite of adulthood also!

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### **Jennifer Roberts says**

Reread it this year as part of a 2017 "bucket list". This was one of my favorite books as a kid. Still enjoyed it a lot. I expected to laugh at it and kind of nostalgically criticize the cheesy writing. But I couldn't seem to do it. I didn't laugh, but I smiled plenty and I almost cried at least once. Great book for pre-teen girls who are (or want to be) strong, independent females. Don't get me wrong, it is cheesy writing, but it's still a fun read.

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### **Amanda says**

Loved this book when I was growing up! I think I got it at one of those Scholastic book fairs and just read it over and over. Part of the appeal was the main character had the same name as me. It was a light,funny, historical romance for young adults.

Amanda, A spoiled, teenage girl goes on a trip to Texas with her mother to help save a herd of buffalo. Along the way she encounters a half Indian boy named David. He is around her age and thinks she's pretty much a waste of space and should just go back home. The two of them butt heads throughout the trip. In the end, Amanda has to make a quick decision in a dangerous situation.

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### **Haley Hughes says**

I love this book. It is the first book with romantic tones I ever really loved and I still sing Buffalo Gal to myself. Amanda was such a badass but also kind of soft like me, lol. Great descriptive scenes and it really describes land that I know and love so well. Probably because the author is from my home state, in fact from the town I went to college in!

This is one of those 'early hints that I would be a raging feminist' books.

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## **Heather says**

My sister read this, and recommended it to me years& years ago. I think we were in middle school. (she always found all the good books!)

I remember the girl's mom was researching buffalo, or something, and wanted her to go out west with her, and the girl didn't want to.

I remember her saying she should name her horse after the guy in here, so she'd get some satisfaction out of kicking him.

On the trail, there was a man in here who made a toothbrush for the girl out of a plant.

It was cool how the guy in here was native American, or half native American.

I also remember at the end the guys kissed the girl in front of everyone, but brought his hat up to cover them. This was a good little story. I loved the time period, and subject matter, being out west, on the trail, riding horses, buffalo. I remember wishing the author wrote more books like this!

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## **Alexana says**

gosh where to start, this book was in my school library and im a literal reading bug, my librarian (although shes quite found of me i think) used to have to restrict me for reading during exam times on the account of my parents and teacher they used to say "it's a great hobby shania but u hav to draw the line SOMEwhere". this book however just deepened my love for reading i read it when i was 12 the first time and read it 3 times over consecutively so much so that my librarian thought id lost it because i always return the book within 3 days, im six teen now and iv read it five times since and i still skim thru it when it grabs my eye, it was i think the first novel i read which involved romance and it was no let down. i hav to leave school soon and that book's one ill really miss!

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## **Andrea says**

This is such a good story. I loved this book, not only because the love interest was part Native American, but that they were out in the wild west and we got a glimpse of life back then. I liked the love/hate relationship of the main characters, that they got off on the wrong foot and had bad opinions of each other, but that they came to love each other. This is such a good book, comes from a time when books were inspirational and interesting and actually let you learn something. I'm surprised that a man was able to write something so romantic, because I've only read one other male author who's actually written a romantic love story that also has a lot more going for it.

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## **Linda says**

I have heard of Bill Wallace and Snot Stew, Upchuck and the Rotten Willy and The Biggest Klutz in Fifth Grade. I knew he wrote children's stories but I never would have guessed that he was the author of Buffalo Gal.

It was a charming historical narrative of two teenagers that met during the early 1900s in the American southwest. Amanda Guthridge accompanied her mother to Texas. -Conveniently, her father stayed back to run the family newspaper business in San Francisco, California.- Mrs. Guthridge's mission was to save some of the last buffalo in the wilds of North America but not everything went as planned.

Needless-to-say, Amanda would have rather stayed home.

David Talltree was the son of an orphaned white boy adopted by the Comanche. When his father became a man he married the daughter of Little Ax, a war chief. David was their son and a respected young man living amongst the military community when he and Amanda first met.

David's and Amanda's personalities clashed but that is what made their story so much fun to read. Plus, Mr. Wallace managed to infuse enough realism -snakes, a severe thunderstorm, forgetting an important toothbrush, the need for the Sears Roebuck catalog and so much more- to elevate it from an cutesy children's tale to an enjoyable young adult fiction. I loved watching the MCs spar with each other. The ending was great and could only have been improved with an epilogue taken place about ten years later.

*But then, that is just my humble opinion. :))*

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### **Kelli says**

I absolutely adored this book when I was 12!! My copy is so dog eared and folded back, from years of rereading. I loved Amanda and how she totally showed up David when he thought she couldn't do anything. My twelve year old self wanted so badly to be as cool as Amanda. Plus to have her adventures and a sweet guy to come and save her when she truly needed it. I am blinded by years of rereading this when I was younger, to not see anything wrong with this book. Its a fun, light read. I recommend!

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### **Heather Brinkerhoff Burdsal says**

I remember absolutely loving this book as a kid, but it did not hold up. As an adult, I really don't care for the writing style. It feels petulant, inauthentic, and expository. I'm sad to lose a childhood favorite in the harsh light of maturity.

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### **Taiyesha-Duchess of Indiana says**

Gosh I love this site. I read this eons ago, over, and over, and over again. It is Great!!! Its a lighth romance with tons of adventure and nice look into life years ago. Young girls will definitely appreciate it. Its acceptable while still giving that amazing high that nice romances give only for a young audience. Very light and young historical romance and adventure.

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