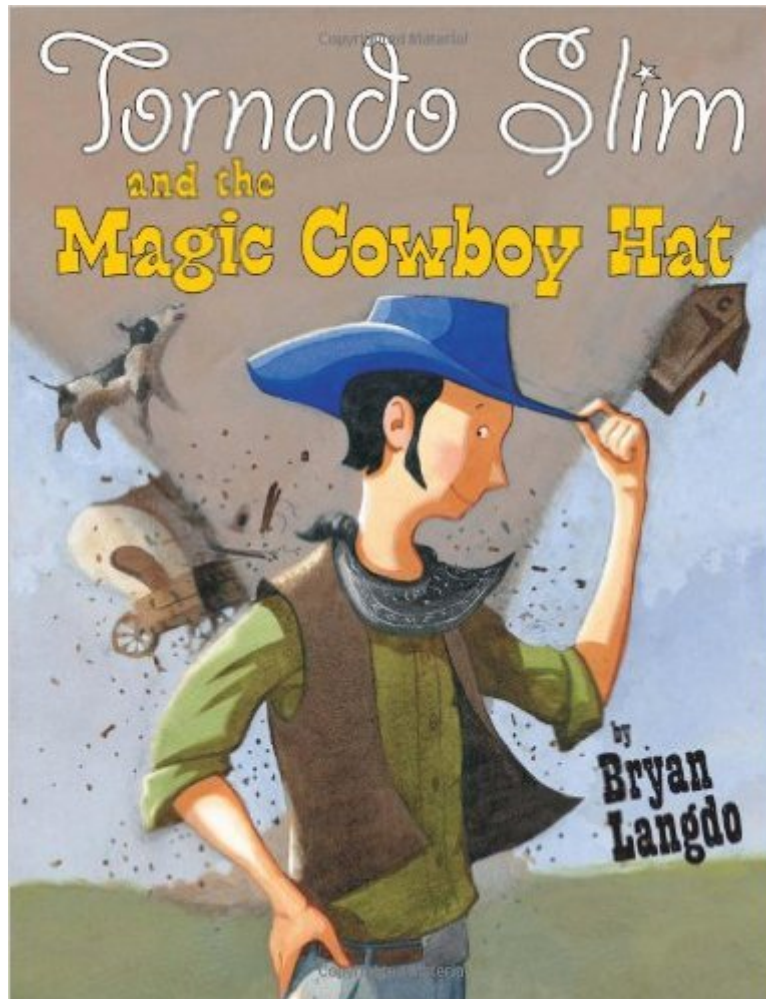


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# Tornado Slim And The Magic Cowboy Hat



## Synopsis

Tornado Slim is just your regular cowboy . . . until the day he meets the coyote. The coyote gives Slim his special hat and asks him to deliver a letter to the sheriff of Fire Gulch City. Slim has never been to Fire Gulch City, but he figures he can handle it. As Slim travels from town to town, disaster seems to follow. Pretty soon Slim learns that his new hat is NOT your average cowboy hat. Will Slim ever make it to Fire Gulch City? And what did the wily coyote put down in that letter, anyway? Watercolor illustrations add lively humor to this original tall tale.

## Book Information

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Age Range: 6 - 8 years

Grade Level: 1st - 3rd

## Customer Reviews

Don't say you weren't warned. Compared with all the other children's picture books I have read, this is the only one that had me wishing it came in a scratch-n-sniff edition. Amidst the fantasy and adventure, there are several mentions of barbecue: smoked ribs, corn on the cob, baked beans, and five-, six- and seven-alarm chili! Oh, and don't forget the ice-cold sarsaparilla, which is referenced so often in the book your children will be asking what it tastes like. Do yourself the favor of having a bottle handy in the refrigerator. The story follows Tornado Slim and how he comes to have a magic cowboy hat, one so bottomless and fantastic that magicians would gladly trade their standard black top hats. Author and illustrator Bryan Langdo does a superb job of building suspense

so young children can easily follow the story and follow its pattern. It is this narrative repetition of the key story elements and not the story itself that reminds me of the Golden Book/Sesame Street classic, *The Monster at the End of this Book*. Don't forget to keep a bottle of ice-cold sarsaparilla nearby for your first read. Your children may not care for the taste but they won't forget this magic tale anytime soon. Rating: Five stars. DISCLOSURE: This review is courtesy of the Vine program, which provides products at no cost in exchange for my independent and unbiased feedback. My objective is to test and review products fairly, providing you with helpful information that improves your shopping experience. This product review was not sponsored or paid for in any way by the manufacturer or an agent working on their behalf.

My Vine order of this book was never delivered by the USPS, but I have already told my 5-year old son about the book, so I purchased the Kindle version of the book for 3.99. Overall, I think the book is not bad, and my son seemed interested. He liked the illustrations and I too thought that they were very well done. The story seemed interesting, but the ending was confusing. How did it happen that a coyote was the previous sheriff of the Fire Gulch City? There are no other animal characters in the story. Why did the coyote pick Slim as his replacement? There was no back story to Slim. It appears the coyote just tricked the first person he met into taking the job. Anyway, a five year old was interested throughout the story, but was confused by the ending. I read the book to my son on a 10" Toshiba Thrive tablet, and I thought the font was difficult to read - it was small and in places letters sort of stuck together. The book does not allow to orient the screen vertically, to zoom in, or to increase the font. I also downloaded the book to my Samsung Galaxy SII but the font was too small to be readable. In my opinion, the pictures are great, the story is just OK, and the Kindle edition could benefit from an increase of the font size.

Surprisingly Good. This was a promotional book from . Didn't have high expectations, but the story, art, and characters make it a fun read for the kids. I think we like it more each time we read it. You will likely need to buy sarsaparilla for your kids after reading this the first time. Recommend.

Tornado Slim is a simple story with a surprise ending aimed at K-2 kids. Slim meets a coyote with a mysterious letter that he must deliver to Fire Gulch City. To sweeten the deal, the coyote tosses in a magic hat. Slim makes the journey with the aid of the magic hat, but I won't give anything away. It's delightful and heartwarming. My 8-year-old has read this book multiple times since we got it, enjoying the story and studying the details in the illustrations. I've read the story aloud to him and

his 6-year-old brother and it's an enjoyable book to read aloud with cowboy lingo (high-tail, pard'ner) and a running repetition of "ice cold sarsaparilla." It has a nice mix of jokes for the kids (Smelly Jim the bandit) and gags for adults (running chili joke). This would make a good group read aloud for a classroom or storytime program. I want to look for more Bryan Langdo books!

Usually children's books are just a chore to go through each evening as I read a story to my 5 year old before bedtime each night. However, a little over a year ago we came across Tornado Slim through my son's Freetime account. He loved it and so did I. In fact, we loved it so much that we went ahead and bought the book so that he would never lose access to it. To me, other than some of the Christian Children books we own, this is by far the best children's book I have read in some time.

Tornado Slim and the Magic Cowboy Hat is an action-packed children's story with an unexpected and amusing ending. The story begins with Tornado Slim being given a letter which needs to be delivered to the sheriff of Fire Gulch City. During Slim's long and tiring walk to Fire Gulch City he travels through several towns and encounters several (non-scary) natural disasters. Slim is able to save the towns and the townspeople using his magic hat. At the end of the story Slim's good deeds are rewarded in a surprising and unexpected way. Tornado Slim was a very engaging story with charming illustrations. Great book to read to a large group where you can get very dramatic and expressive during the reading. Fire, flood, tornado, and smelly bank robbers, oh my!

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