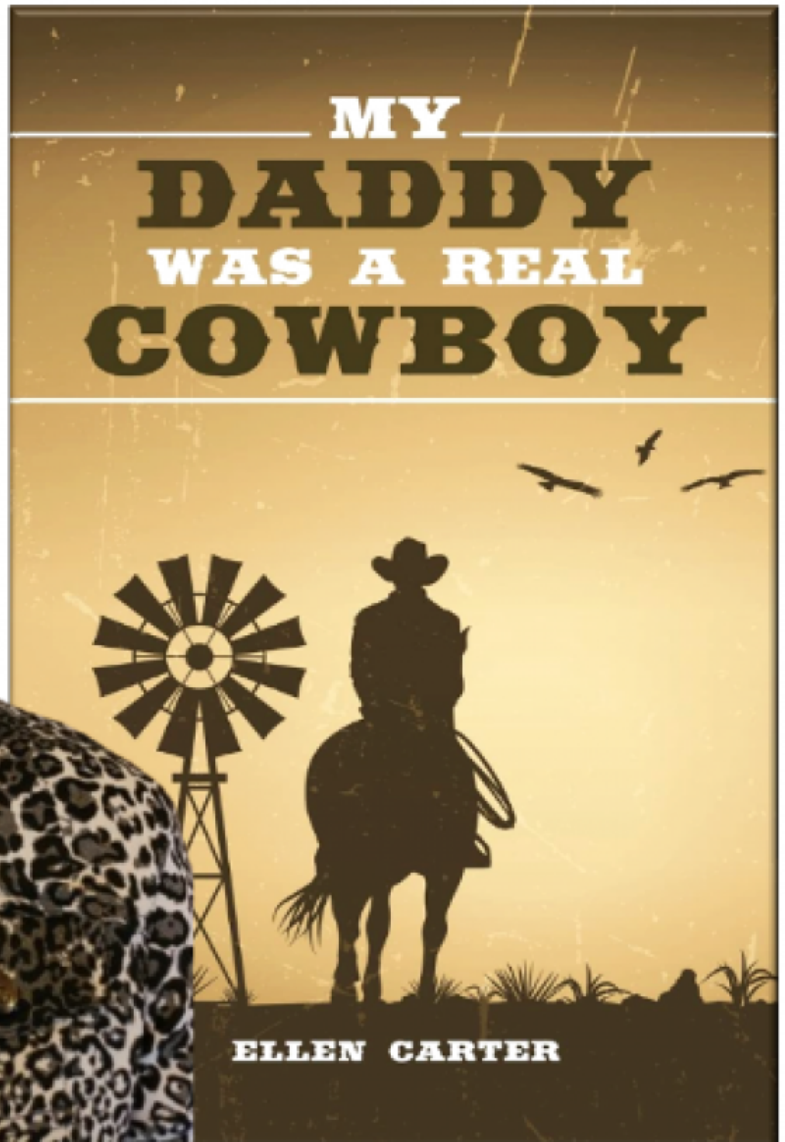


# My Daddy Was a Real Cowboy by Ellen Carter

A Heartfelt Coming-of-Age Story Set in Modern-Day Oklahoma



**Oklahoma City, Oklahoma Oct 8, 2025** ([Issuewire.com](https://www.issuewire.com)) - Author **Nelda Ellen Carter Lowrance**, who began publishing under the pen name *Ellen Carter*, introduces readers to a moving tale of loss, resilience, and redemption in her book, *My Daddy Was a Real Cowboy* (December 7, 2021). Set against the backdrop of Western Oklahoma, the novel captures the struggles of a teenager navigating grief, temptation, and the search for identity in a world where modern challenges collide with cowboy traditions.

The story follows **Joey Burkett**, a 15-year-old boy who has grown up in the shadow of his late father, a world-champion rodeo cowboy. Joey dreams of carving his own success as a rodeo performer or a college basketball star, but failing grades make his plans seem unattainable. When poor choices land him in trouble, Joey is forced to work on a ranch to repay damages, where he learns hard lessons about responsibility, perseverance, and trust.

As Joey battles against resentment, confronts betrayal, and faces the theft of the calves he worked so hard to raise, he discovers that true strength doesn't come from rodeo arenas or basketball courts—but from within. With the unexpected guidance of **Matt Kane**, the man dating his mother, Joey finds the courage to rebuild his confidence, improve his math skills, and look toward a hopeful future.

### About the Author

**Nelda Ellen Carter Lowrance**—previously known by her pen name *Ellen Carter*—is a retired teacher and proud granddaughter of Oklahoma pioneers who settled in Indian Territory before Oklahoma became a state. She writes for the joy of research and storytelling, crafting narratives that preserve heritage while speaking to modern readers.

Her works include *Oklahoma Treasure* (July 2025), *Love Is Forever*, *Love Ever After*, and *Second Time Love*. *My Daddy Was a Real Cowboy* is also available as an **audiobook**, in addition to paperback and eBook formats.

### Availability

*My Daddy Was a Real Cowboy* is available now in paperback and eBook formats through Amazon: [Purchase Here](#)

Other works by Nelda Ellen Carter are also available:

- [Oklahoma Treasure](#)
- [Love Is Forever](#)
- [Love Ever After](#)
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[?] *My Daddy Was a Real Cowboy* offers a powerful reminder that even in today's world, the cowboy spirit of grit, loyalty, and redemption is alive in the hearts of those who dare to grow beyond their circumstances.

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