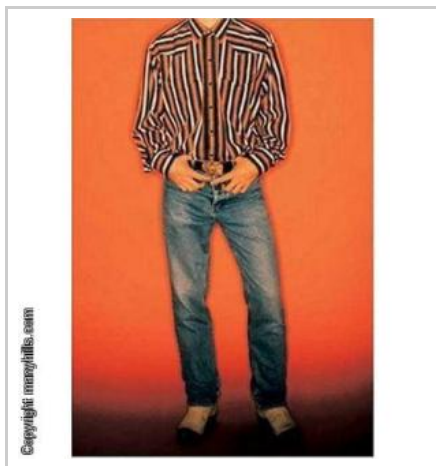




Arizona Kid

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Candlewick Press, Westminster, Maryland, U.S.A., 2005. Medium Trade Paperback. Book Condition: New. 283 pages. Multiple copies of this title available. A trip out West to work at a racetrack -- and a sojourn with a sophisticated gay uncle -- bring unexpected discoveries in this quick-witted coming-of-age novel by the author of STONER & SPAZ and MARGAUX WITH AN X. I was in the West. The Old West. The Wild West! A whole summer in a new place: a place away from my parents, a place so hot the girls probably wore bikinis to church, a place where I'd take a giant step toward my dream: becoming a vet. A place where -- who knows? -- anything might happen. From the moment sixteen-year-old Billy steps off the train in Tucson, he knows this will be a summer unlike any he's seen in small-town Bradleyville, Missouri. For starters, he's staying with his cool gay uncle, who has managed to get him a job at the racetrack caring for horses. Still, Billy doesn't expect the horseracing world to be quite as rough and tumble as this -- toiling side by side with a macho survivalist and falling hard for the feisty, romance-shy "exercise...



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