

## Gun-Related Incidents in “[Half Broke Horses](#)” (KEY)



### Assignment

- Look up and mark these quotations in “Half Broke Horses”. – Add quotations if this list is incomplete.
- Mark those in this list with an asterisk (\*) that refer back to an incident before Lily’s lifetime.
- In each case, decide which reason or purpose applies. One or two cases are ambiguous.
- Imagine having to argue for or against the use of firearms by the protagonists and list a few arguments.

### Reason / purpose

Reference Part (I - IX) <a href="#">Chapter (1...)</a>	before Lily's lifetime	Quotations	aggression / revenge	self-defence	hunting / culling	protection / deterrence	precaution
I 3 p. 20	X	[...] shootings. Dad’s pa, Robert Casey, was murdered [...]	X				
I 3 p. 20	X	[...] when a settler was killed [ ...], Dad was convicted of murdering him.	X				
I 4 p. 26		[...] Dad ran inside to get his guns [...]	X				
I 6 p. 30	X	[...] [Robert Casey] once had to shoot a drunk who tried to shoot him.		X			
I 8 p. 40		[...] if you can’t sell [a horse], shoot him.			X		
II 3 p. 52	X	[Mom hated the Kid...] because he’d killed a man who was engaged to her cousin [...]	X				
II 6 p. 64		[...] Old Man Pucket had unapologetically admitted killing [...Dad’s] Great Danes [...] [Dorothy:] You can’t go killing someone over dogs.			X	X	

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II 6 p. 64 f	X	[Dorothy's...] brother had killed someone in self-defense [...] he'd been killed by that man's cousin.	X	X				
II 9 p. 75		[...] Dad gave me a pearl-handled six-shooter. [...] if you do have to shoot, shoot straight and be damn sure you shoot first.					X	
III 1 p. 81		I pulled [... the pearl-handled revolver] out and held it up so Priscilla could see it [...]				X		
III 3 p. 87		[...] a rattler [...] zipped off [...] before I could get out my gun.			X			
III 10 p. 107		[...] I packed my pearl-handled revolver [...] [...] pistol whipping [Ted Conover].	X					
IV 5 p. 127	X	[...] Jim's father] held off the soldiers at gunpoint.		X		X		
IV 5 p. 128	X	When Jim turned eleven, his father gave him a rifle [...] and said 'Here's your food for a week'.			X			
V 6 p. 162		[...] I ] pointed [... my pearl-handled revolver] at the [drunk] man's face.				X		
VI 4 p. 212		[...] I aimed just at the left of Uncle Eli's face and pulled the trigger.				X		
VIII 2 p. 276		[...] I kept my pearl-handled revolver under my bed. I also bought a little twenty-two pistol to carry in my purse. [...]					X	
VIII 4 p. 281		[Lily:] 'Who's going to protect us from the police?' [Principal:] 'Just leave the gun at home.'					X	