

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



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) Chapter (1...)	before Lily’s lifetime	<h2 style="margin: 0;">Quotations</h2>	aggression / revenge	self-defence	hunting / culling	protection / deterrence	precaution
I 3	p. 20	[...] shootings. Dad’s pa, Robert Casey, was murdered [...]					
I 3	p. 20	[...] when a settler was killed [...], Dad was convicted of murdering him.					
I 4	p. 26	[...] Dad ran inside to get his guns [...]					
I 6	p. 30	[...] [Robert Casey] once had to shoot a drunk who tried to shoot him.					
I 8	p. 40	[...] if you can’t sell [a horse], shoot him.					
II 3	p. 52	[Mom hated the Kid...] because he’d killed a man who was engaged to her cousin [...]					
II 6	p. 64	[...] Old Man Pucket had unapologetically admitted killing [...Dad’s] Great Danes [...] [Dorothy:] You can’t go killing someone over dogs.					

Quotations

Reference Part (I - IX) Chapter (1...)		aggression / revenge	self-defence	hunting / culling	protection / deterrence	precaution
II 6 p. 64 f	[Dorothy's...] brother had killed someone in self-defense [...] he'd been killed by that man's cousin.					
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.					
III 1 p. 81	I pulled [... the pearl-handled revolver] out and held it up so Priscilla could see it [...]					
III 3 p. 87	[...] a rattler [...] zipped off [...] before I could get out my gun.					
III 10 p. 107	[...] I packed my pearl-handled revolver [...] [...] pistol whipping [Ted Conover].					
IV 5 p. 127	[...]Jim's father] held off the soldiers at gunpoint.					
IV 5 p. 128	When Jim turned eleven, his father gave him a rifle [...] and said 'Here's your food for a week'.					
V 6 p. 162	[...]I] pointed [... my pearl-handled revolver] at the [drunk] man's face.					
VI 4 p. 212	[...] I aimed just at the left of Uncle Eli's face and pulled the trigger.					
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. [...]					
VIII 4 p. 281	[Lily:] 'Who's going to protect us from the police?' [Principal:] 'Just leave the gun at home.'					