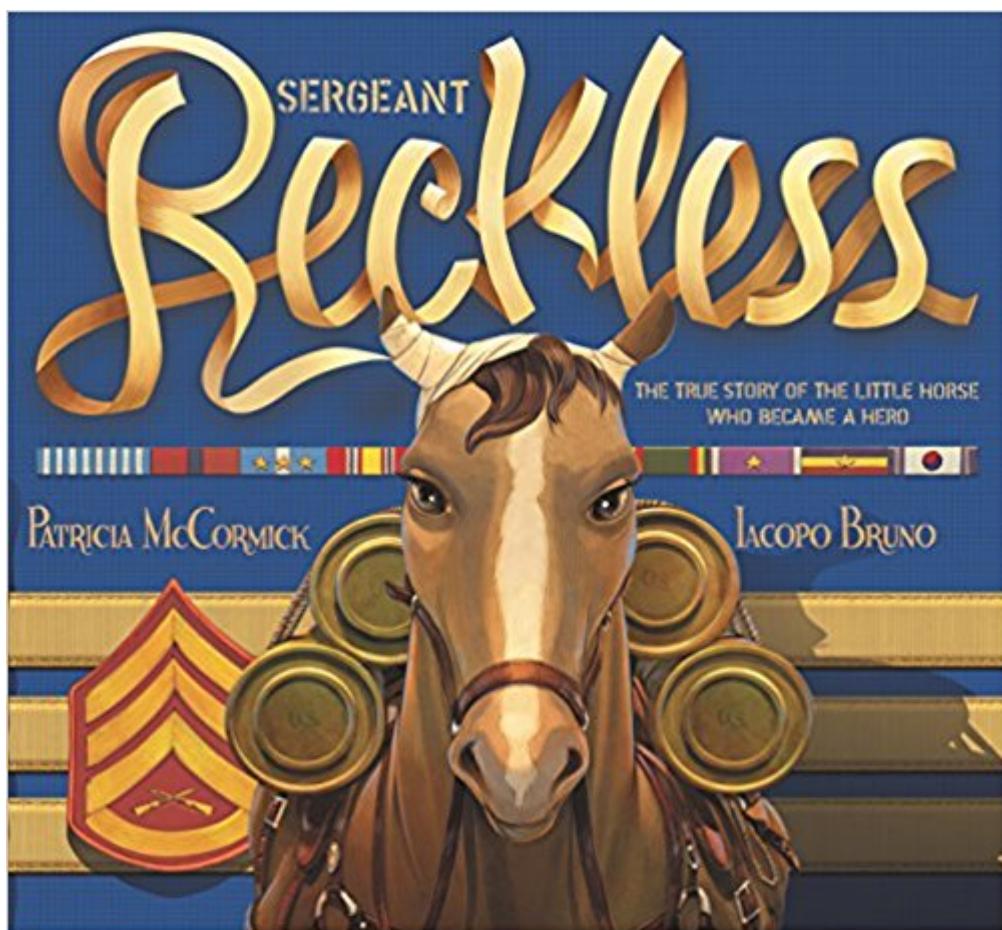


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Sergeant Reckless: The True Story Of The Little Horse Who Became A Hero



Synopsis

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