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Heck's DANGER ON THE HOMESTEAD is a superior story about the 1899 run into the Unassigned Lands of what today is Central Oklahoma.

The story centers primarily on a nine-year-old boy named Todd Kelly, who is allowed to go with his father on the Run.

Publisher Griffis correctly assesses Heck, one of my friends for many years, when she says, "Bessie Holland Heck is one of those rare people with a gift for speaking to the hearts of young people while touching chords in those much older."

Bessie Heck is an artist as well as a writer, and she paints beautiful word pictures. Of her book about Todd Kelly, she says, "I wanted to see it through the eyes and emotions of a child....During the Centennial, 1989, some Tulsa schoolteachers read the manuscript to their fourth and fifth graders, and the kids said they learned more about the Run from my story than from history books."

Griffis and Heck haven't mis-represented DANGER ON THE HOMESTEAD. It's definitely a book to own and read. Hard-cover copies are available for $17.00 each from Levite of Apache (1005 N. Flood, Suite 105; Norman 73069). Telephone orders may be made to 405-366-6442.