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He's not just the lullaby guy

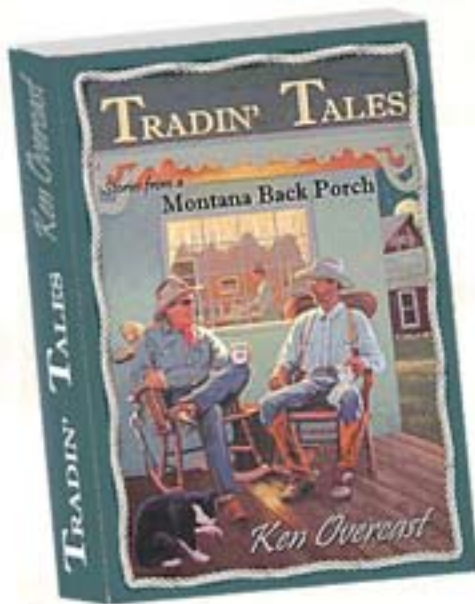
CHINOOK - Ken Overcast is just one of those guys that people are comfortable sharing their embarrassing moments with.



Overcast

"I run into people all the time that say 'Hey, you're not going to believe what happened to me,'" he said.

Overcast, the Chinook rancher who's also known for singing Montana's official lullaby, has filled his third book of quirky tales. The first, "Yesterday's Yarns" recently went into its third printing.



His latest book "Tradin' Tales, stories from a Montana Back Porch" is illustrated by Ben Crane, and the cover is a Steve Oiestad painting. The 240-page book went to press last week and will be on the bookshelves Nov. 1.

Overcast said when the stories

were truly embarrassing, he changed the names of the people involved - unless it was his brother whose dignity is at stake.

"I just follow him around with a pencil," he said. "If you have a twisted mind like mine, everything is funny."

His favorite story in the latest book tells about a summer day his two granddaughters, then ages 6 and 7, spent riding horses on his ranch.

It wasn't long before the previously immaculate city girl and her country cousin were covered in dirt. Sharing an apple, one remarked to the other, "Yep, we're cowgirls. We don't even have to chew with our mouths closed cuz we're cowgirls."

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