Timeline for *Half Broke Horses*

1901  Lily Casey born, Salt Draw, TX. (8)
1911  Flash flood that starts the novel. (1)
1912  Casey family moves to KC Ranch, Hondo Valley, NM. (33)
1914  Lily goes to school at Sisters of Loretto Academy of our Lady of the Light in Santa Fe, NM. (37)
1916  Passes test for teachers in Santa Fe. (54)
1916-19 Teaches in Red Lake, Leupp, Happy Jack, Greasewood, and Wide Ruin in Arizona. (62-3)
1919  Returns to KC Ranch for one month, then goes to Chicago, IL. (68-69)
1921  Minnie killed. Meets Ted. (72-3)
1927  Receives high school diploma. (77) Hit by car. Finds out about Ted. (77-8)
1928  Leaves Chicago. (85)
1929  Goes to Flagstaff for college, back to KC Ranch, then to Red Lake. (90-1)
1930  Meets Jim Smith. (97) Helen commits suicide. (109)
1931  Marries Jim. Moves to Ash Fork, AZ. (115)
1932  Rosemary born. (118)
1934  Little Jim born. (119) Moves to The Ranch in Yavapai County. (131)
1939  Takes flying lesson. (161-2) Teaches in Main Street, AZ. (164-5) Teaches in Peach Springs. (170)
1941  Rosemary attends boarding school in Prescott. (191) Little Jim attends school in Flagstaff. (191)
1942  Teaches at Big Sandy. (194) Mother dies. (194)
1943  Father dies. (197) KC Ranch left to Buster. (199) Salt Draw left to Lily. (199)
1945  The Ranch in Yavapai County is sold. (215) Family moves to Phoenix. (221)
1946  Family moves to Horse Mesa. (243)
1956  Rosemary and Rex Walls marry. (263)
1960  Jeannette Walls born. (269)

The years listed are approximate. In some cases the year is listed in the book, but Walls doesn’t seem to be too concerned about dates always matching up with what really happened. For example, Lily’s mother dies in 1942 in the novel, but I found several sources that show she died in 1954. Walls says, “I never aspired to that sort of historical accuracy,” which would explain the inconsistency of some of the dates.