

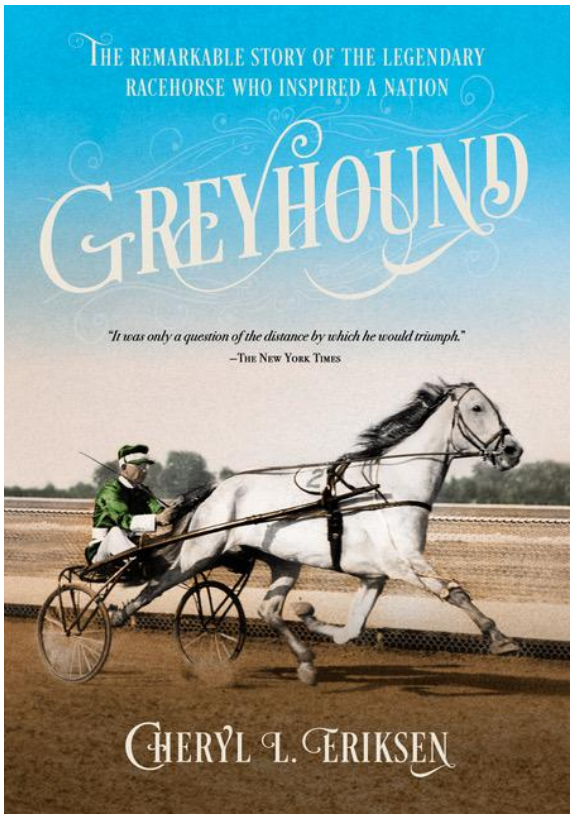
Literary Corral
2026 Official Selections

www.equusfilmfest.com


113
A Likely Story
"So often a weat in a
bookshop has charned
me and weisteled me
that there
things in
Welcome
A Likely Story

Greyhound
Special Guest Author

Author: Cheryl Erickson
Kentucky



greyhoundthehorse.wordpress.com

EQUUS Film & Arts Fest
2025
WINNIE WINNER

An awkward, ugly, and largely unwanted yearling, Greyhound would become the greatest trotter of all time. In six seasons of racing (1934-40), he set over twenty world records and beat every horse with an owner that dared compete against him. His crowning achievement—trotting the world's fastest mile (1:55 ¼) in 1938. The record stood for an incomparable thirty-one years. In a time when trotting a two-minute mile was a goal few horses would achieve, Greyhound made them seem normal, turning in an incredible twenty-five sub two-minute miles during his career. At the time, fewer than one-hundred two-minute miles had been recorded (attributed to just 32 horses), and Greyhound was responsible for more than one quarter of them.

Author: Cheryl Erickson



Author, blogger, horse midwife and eternal student of equine behavior and communication, Cheryl L. Eriksen writes with a feeling and connection to her subject that truly resonates with her readers. Cheryl's upcoming book is the definitive biography of the great Depression-era trotter, Greyhound—a horse that not only touched the lives of everyone who knew him, but connected with his public through his heart, determination, and almost human-like personality.

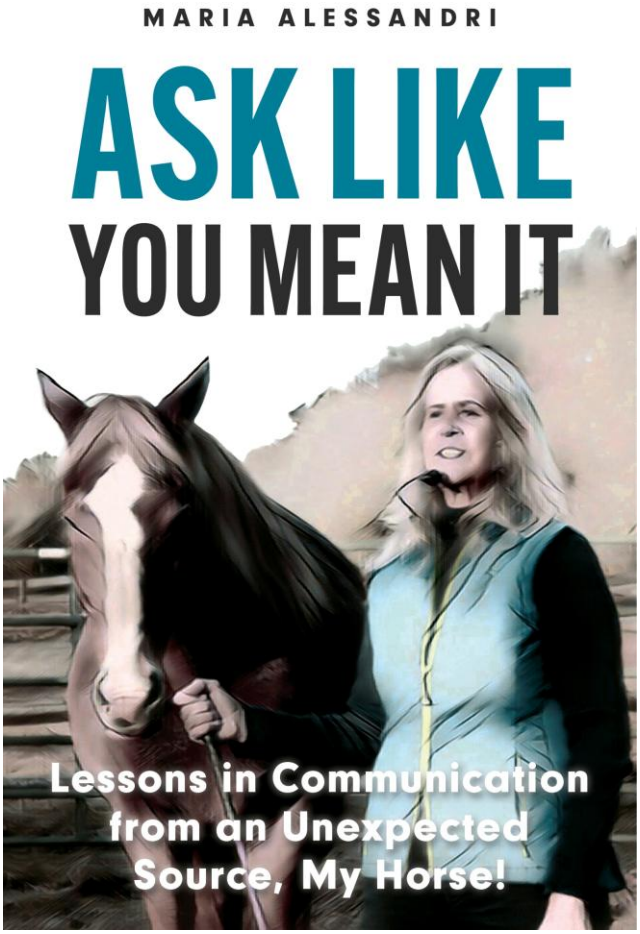
Cheryl's education in research, master's degree in social work, and decades of experience as an equine professional enables her to write with depth and meaning about the horse-human relationship. This is evidenced in her award-winning memoirs, Follow Me, Friend and I've Never Been to Me. Both books explore the author's experiences living with PTSD and how her horse, Farletta, helped her to heal. When not writing, Cheryl enjoys traveling, hiking, and volunteering at the Kentucky Horse Park. She resides in Versailles, Kentucky.

.


EQUUS 2026
Film & Arts Fest
November 19-22, 2026
Midway, KY
"Moving to Midway"
EQUUS Film & Arts Fest
Thoroughbred Theatre
Midway, Kentucky
Welcome to Historic Midway
Est. 1833
A Likely Story
Pine Knoll Center for Integrated Horsemanship
Equus Run Vineyards
Equus Literary Corral
Est. 2013
Stable Recovery
The Wild Horse Refuge
JA Media Productions
Wild Horse Summit
Est. 2023

Ask Like You Mean It: Lessons in Communication from an Unexpected Source, My Horse!

Author: Maria Alessandri



Through powerful stories from her own journey and those of her clients, Maria Alessandri shares the surprising ways horses teach us to lead with intention, set boundaries without aggression, and connect in ways that transform our families, teams and relationships. Along the way, Maria reveals lessons she herself has learned in the round pen, moments of humility, courage, and growth that shaped her life as both a leader and a parent.

From the barn to the backyard to the boardroom, Ask Like You Mean It invites you to step into the round pen, see yourself in the mirror of the horse, and walk out with the tools to communicate more clearly, lead more authentically, and live more fully.

https://link.amazon/B0bXD8MeF

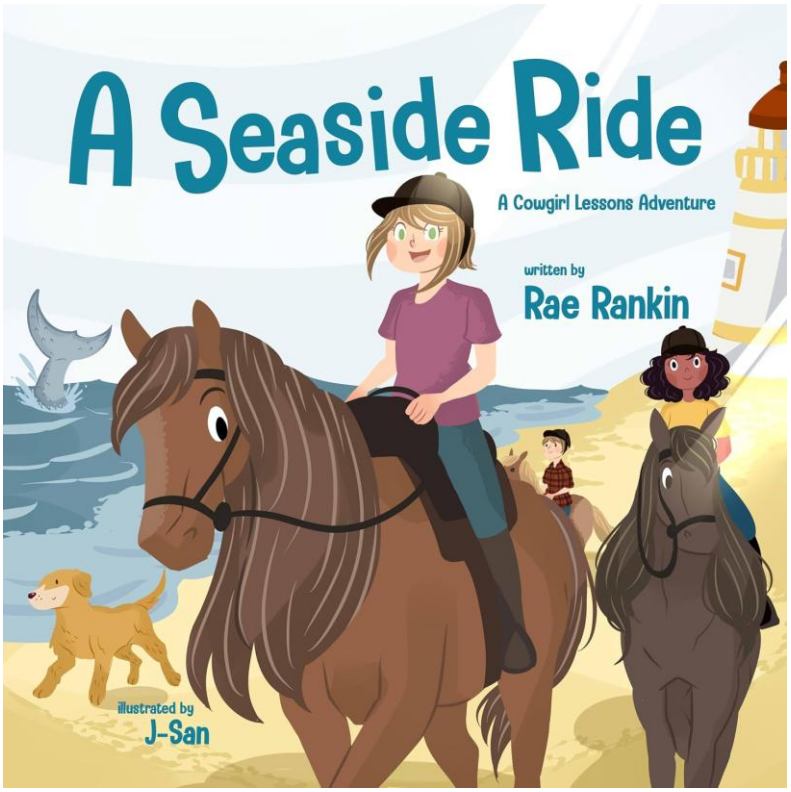


Author: Maria Alessandri

A Seaside Ride

Author: Rae Rankin

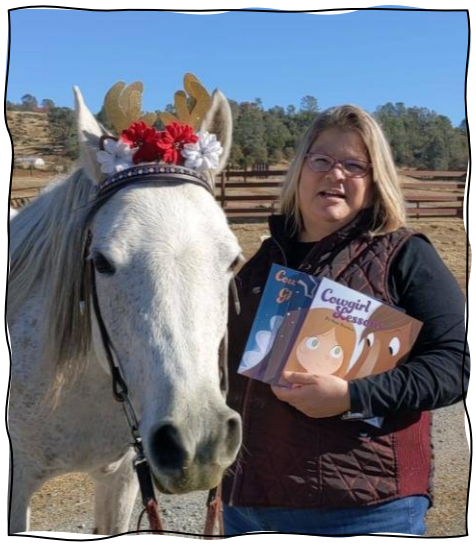
www.raerankin.com



The kids from Stags Leap Farm are going on a seaside horseback ride! From the preparations, to setting up camp, to exploring the wonders of the beach, come along and join the fun.

Told in easy-to-read rhyme, the kids play with dogs in the surf, explore the lighthouse, and race horses on the beach. A Seaside Ride explores the values of responsibilities, safety, and fun with friends!

https://link.amazon/B0hBiwp1Z



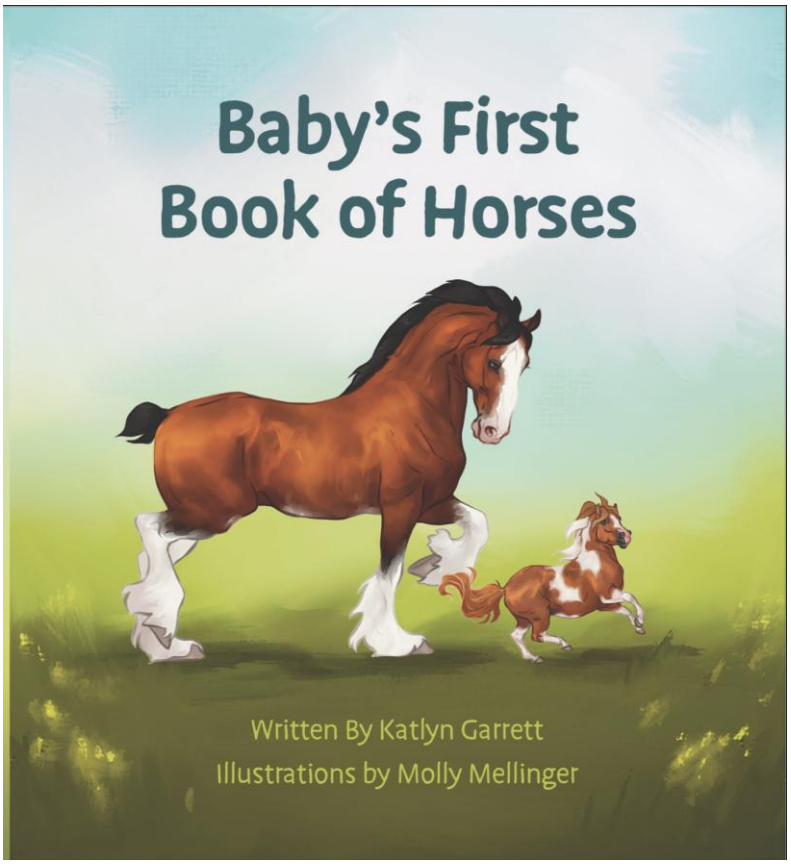
Author: Rae Rankin

I have always had a passion for writing and reading. Cowgirl Lessons was my first children's book. I released Beach Day and Cowgirl Christmas in 2018. Mountain Girl was released in 2019. I am currently working on a fifth children's book.

In 2019, I won Best Children's Book USA for Cowgirl Lessons, and Best Children's Holiday Book for Cowgirl Christmas at the 2019 Equus Film and Arts Fest in Lexington, KY.

Baby's First Book Of Horses

Author: Katlyn Garrett



Why you'll love it:

🤍 Introduces real equine breeds
📖 Simple, engaging language for early learners
🧠 Encourages vocabulary development & curiosity
🐴 Nature-inspired, educational, and timeless
👶 Durable board book made for small hands
A sweet and meaningful addition to any little cowkid's library — especially for horse lovers, ranch families, and animal-loving littles. ✨ A must-have first book for your tiniest horse fan.

Baby's First Book of Horses introduces little ones to the beauty of real horse breeds through simple language and stunning, accurate illustrations. Designed for ages 0–3, this nature-based board book is the perfect first step into the world of horses—nurturing curiosity, connection, and early learning from the very start.

https://katlyngarrettbooks.com/
https://www.facebook.com/littleblueroan



Author: Katlyn Garrett

Congaree Celebrates a Birthday

(Adopted by a Mustang Series)

Author: Julianne Neal

https://link.amazon/B072MgYLF



Meet Congaree, the Little Black Mustang From Arapaho Creek. Congaree, also known as Ree, is a curious little Mustang with a big imagination and an even bigger heart. When he overhears talk of a grand birthday celebration in the place where he was born, Ree is sure the party is for him! Join Ree and his lovable barn friends as they discover the true meaning of celebration, friendship, and belonging in this heartwarming story inspired by a real American Mustang. Just in time for America 250, Congaree Celebrates A Birthday is perfect for young readers who love horses, adventure, and discovering the history of wild horses in the Americas. Congaree Celebrates A Birthday is the fourth book in the series, Adopted By A Mustang. 100% of the proceeds from the sale of the books, coloring books and activity pages in the series provide for the care of the Mustangs and rescue horses in the Wellness Through Mustangs® program.



Author: Julianne Neal

Connemara Moon: A Mystical Moon Novel

Author: Sally Batton

www.sallybatton.com



In the wild heart of Ireland, a young journalist unearths family secrets, ancient magic, and the language of horses where every beat of hooves echoes her own longing for home.
Charlotte Dalton's life has always been tethered to the rhythms of her family's New Hampshire farm, but when Horse Happenings magazine sends her to Ireland to report on Connemara Ponies, she's swept into a country where myth and reality blur at the edge of the emerald fields. Haunted by whispers in her ears since childhood, Charlotte soon discovers the source isn't only in her mind, or even in this world.
As she immerses herself in the Irish countryside, Charlotte finds kinship with the Shanahan siblings, the steadfast ponies, and the secrets buried under rain-soaked peat. Strand by strand, her story interweaves with castles, fairy trees, therapeutic riding, and a legacy that echoes across oceans and generations. Amid the laughter with new friends and bittersweet goodbyes, Charlotte must face an impossible choices between the magic of ancient bloodlines and the love blooming beneath unfamiliar skies. Luminous and enchanting, Connemara Moon beckons readers to a world where animals speak if you listen closely enough and where home might be found in the most unexpected of places.

https://www.amazon.com/Connemara-Moon-Mystical-Novel-ebook/dp/B0HJP83GQK/ref=sr_1_1

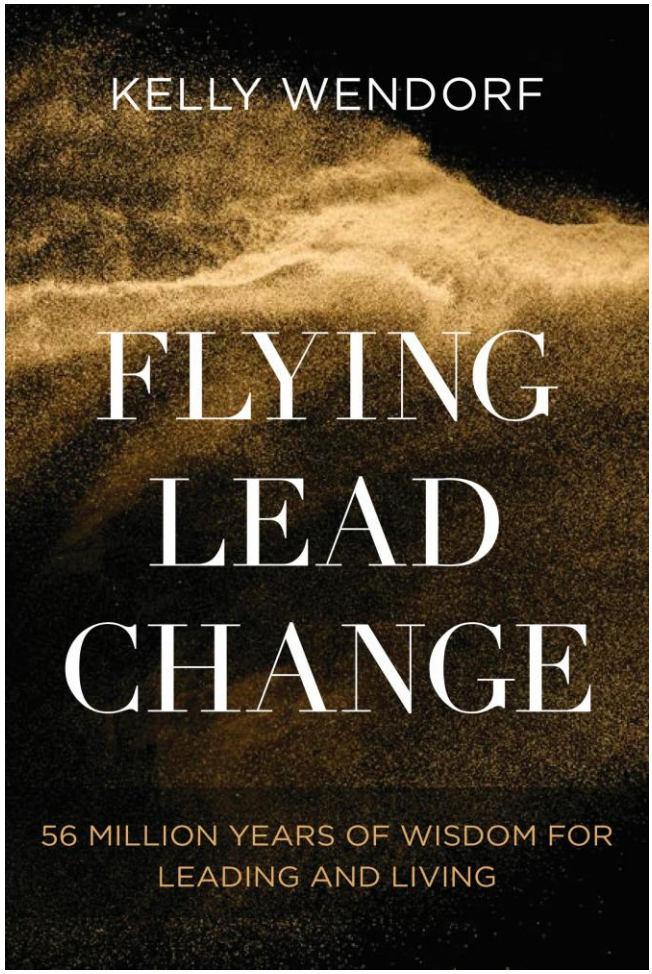


Author: Sally Batton

Flying Lead Change - 56 Million Years of Wisdom for Leading and Living

Author: Wendy Wendorf

www.equusinspired.com



For centuries, the horse, one of the oldest, most successful mammals on earth, has been a revered wisdom teacher of traditional societies. Contemporary culture has diminished this sacred companion to mere livestock, when in fact the horse has so much to demonstrate to us, especially now as we take ourselves to the brink of destruction. "Flying Lead Change - 56 Million Years of Wisdom for Leadership and Living" is a field guide to being deeply human and humane. It redefines leadership from a maladaptive power-over approach towards a resilient power-with gift that serves instead of postures. The book combines neuroscience, nature-based wisdom, equine behavioral sciences, systems theory, and compelling storytelling to reveal the new human story as guided by the wisdom of the horse.

www.equusinspired.com



Author: Wendy Wendorf

Fragments – Wild Mirrors

Author: Andrée Baillargeon

https://inspiritedconnections.com/



Fragments –Wild Mirrors is an excerpt from an ongoing book project, presented as fragments of creative nonfiction, poetic prose, and visual storytelling.

At its centre is an encounter between a woman and her horse who refuses to move forward. What begins as an impasse becomes an experiment in embodied dialogue: finding a new language through movement, gesture, sensation, images, fractured phrases, memory, and silence. Both beings enter a process of transformation as they stay with what is unfolding and begin to recast the past.

The work draws on expressive arts practices influenced by the Tamalpa Life/Art Process and woman-centered coaching, bringing image-making, movement, writing, and embodied awareness into the relationship with the horse. Through artistic exploration, it becomes an invitation to see the world through another's eyes, to enter the spaces between beings, and to discover how this shifting perspective can lead toward transformation and a more truthful becoming of oneself.

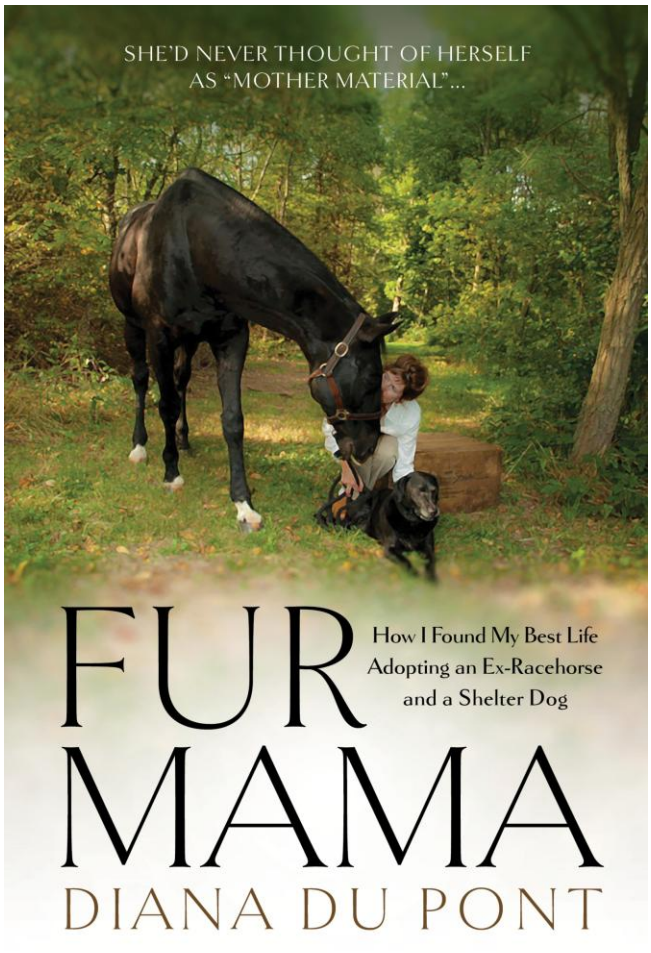
Wild Mirrors explores the spaces between memory and imagination, horse and human, past and present—where a different kind of language, and perhaps a different way of being together, can take shape.



Author: Andrée Baillargeon

Fur Mama: How I Found My Best Life Adopting an Ex-Racehorse and a Shelter Dog

Author: Diana du Pont



Fur Mama traces du Pont's moving transformation into a devoted animal parent as she introduces these two dependents, both entirely reliant on her for a new form of "family." Even as she's uprooted from all that is familiar and moves halfway across America, she finds herself unexpectedly consumed by the abiding need to love and care for these innocent, living beings as her own. Despite challenges in her animal relationships, du Pont gracefully navigates her new maternal role and what it might mean, in this context, to be a "good mother."

With intelligence and sensitivity, du Pont's powerfully moving memoir explores the social phenomenon of embracing and humanizing pets—and the benefits we discover when we do. Blending themes of career and motherhood with horses and dogs, Fur Mama adds a new twist to the ongoing cultural debate about "having it all" and the nature of true professional and personal success.

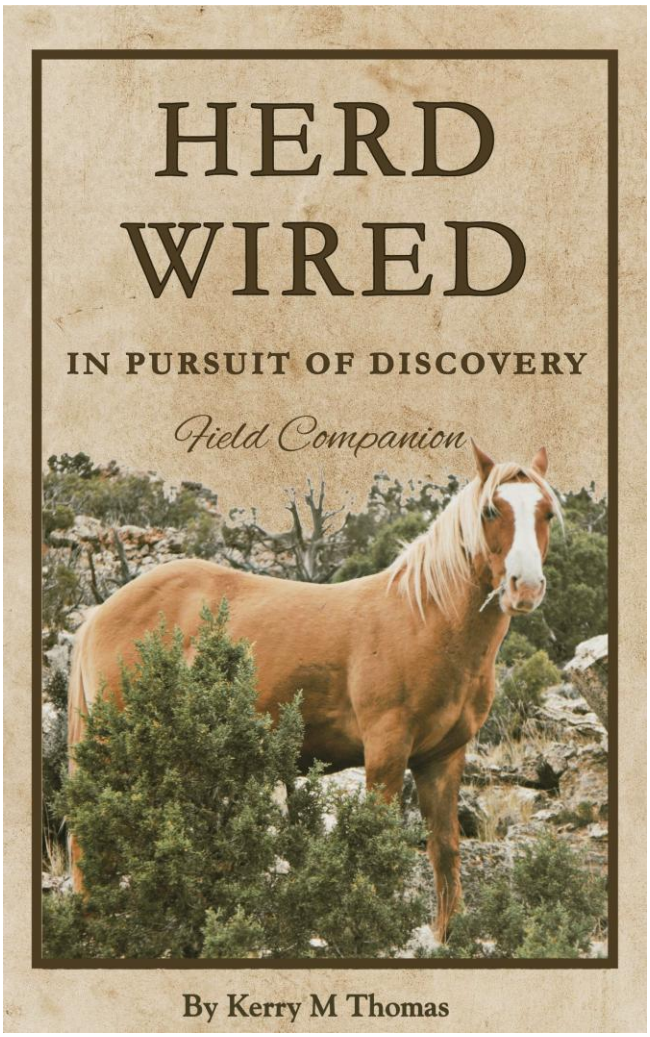
https://link.amazon/B04pQHaDV



Author: Diana du Pont – www.dianadupont.com

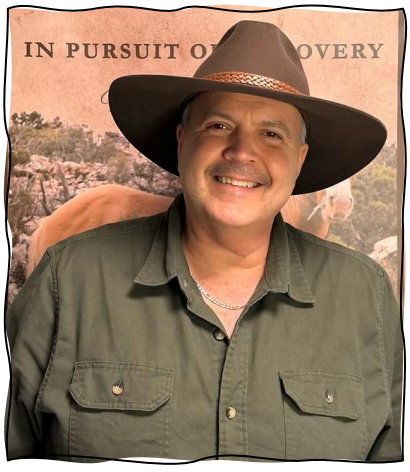
Herd Wired In Pursuit of Discovery

Author: Kerry M. Thomas



Herd Wired: In Pursuit of Discovery is not a training manual or a step-by-step methodology. It is a living field companion, part memoir, part field journal, part emotional codex, offering a rare and intimate exploration into the interior world of the horse.
Shaped by decades of global fieldwork with wild herds and elite performance horses alike, Herd Wired traces the emotional, sensory, and instinctive operating system that governs equine behavior long before training or learned intelligence takes hold. Through unfiltered field notes, real-world case studies, and reflective narratives, the book reveals how herd-wired patterns form, how emotional presence shapes response, and why surface behaviors often conceal vast inner landscapes.

www.kerrymthomas.com

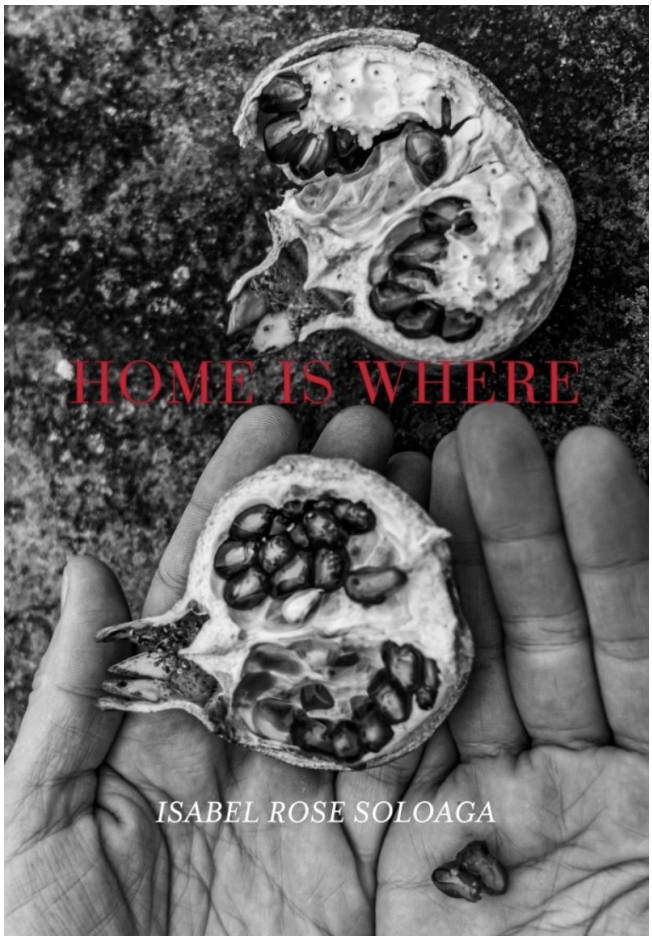


Author: Kerry M. Thomas

For nearly three decades, Kerry has walked this road alone, building, teaching, and sharing the emotional and behavioral science that connects horses and humans at their deepest levels. What began as a personal calling has become a global movement, now recognized by the Royal Dutch Equestrian Federation, universities, and equestrian professionals around the world.

Home is Where

Author: Isabel Soloaga



In Home Is Where, Isabel Rose Soloaga offers a powerful debut poetry collection that asks what it means to belong when home has been fractured by migration, displacement, and war. Drawing from years of work with refugee and immigrant communities, these poems move with tenderness and precision across borders, generations, and intimate rooms of memory. Fig trees, kitchens, borderlands, and inherited silences become sites where survival is not only endured but transformed. Through it all, horses emerge time and time again as a place of healing, peace, and homecoming.

www.isabelsoloaga.com



Author: Isabel Soloaga

Isabel Rose Soloaga is an award-winning documentary filmmaker, writer, and poet whose work explores displacement, intergenerational memory, and practices of homemaking. Shaped by more than a decade working alongside refugee and immigrant communities, her storytelling bridges art, research, and social justice. Home Is Where is her debut poetry collection.

HORSE GIRL: How Velma Bronn Johnston Became Wild Horse Annie and Outsmarted the Mustang Killers of the West

Author: Terri Farley



The American mustang—wild, wind-tossed, and thundering across the open West—might have vanished into myth if not for Velma Bronn Johnston. A shy woman who was left with physical effects from a childhood battle with polio, Johnston was living a quiet life on a struggling ranch near Reno, Nevada, when she discovered wild horses being brutally transported to slaughter. Outraged, she reported it—only to be offered a permit allowing her to do the same horrific deed. But instead of backing down, Johnston took a stand.

Johnston's commitment to these majestic animals was finally recognized in 1971 when Congress unanimously passed legislation to protect the nation's wild horses—an enduring victory for one determined woman and the animals she refused to abandon.
Award-winning author Terri Farley presents the captivating story of Horse Girl, revealing Velma Bronn Johnston in a new light through family photos and journal entries never before published. Farley's storytelling brings Johnston's unwavering courage into the spotlight, revealing a woman determined to protect the wild mustang—no matter the cost.

https://www.amazon.com/dp/1647792649



Author: Terri Farley

In the Presence of Horses

Author: : Alicia Stephens Martin





In the Presence of Horses is an article encompassing the author's life-changing experience through her involvement at Talisman Therapeutic Equine facility. The article focuses on the emotional benefits of horses for both the participants and the volunteers. The article provides a positive and uplifting overview of the healing power of equines by simply being present and opening one's heart.

aliciastephensmartin@gmail.com

www.onthebitmagazine.com

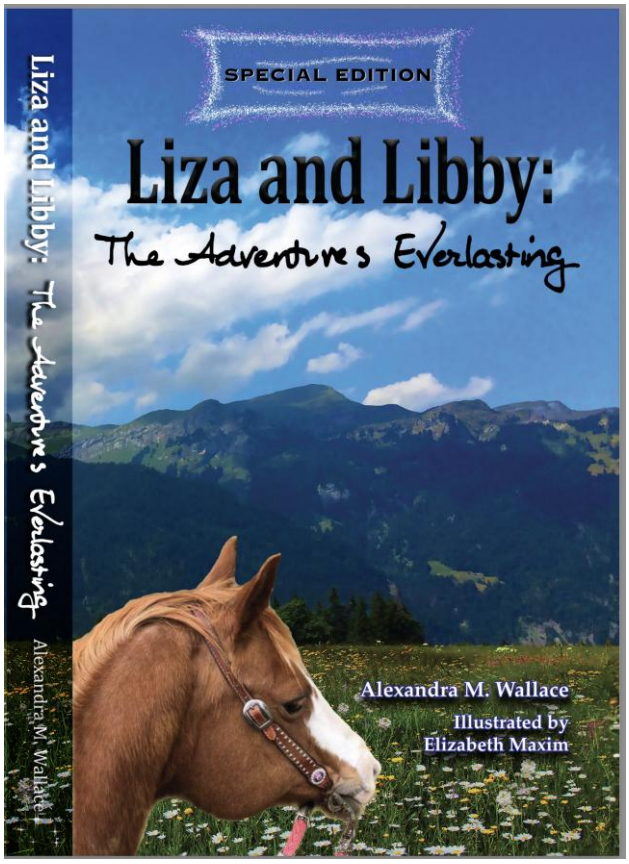


Author: Alicia Stephens Martin

Alicia Stephens Martin had three passions: writing, horses and hair. She attended Beauty School and mastered the craft as a successful stylist, salon owner and teacher. After losing her husband at 46, she searched for a new path. While managing a salon as a solo mom, Alicia obtained a bachelor's degree in creative writing. Her daughter, during this time, was a champion equestrian while Alicia learned to drive the fifth wheel. She published an interactive children's workbook called Let's Go to the Hairstylist. Alicia Stephens Martin's first novel Spurred to Justice was released after she turned fifty. Followed by a rom/com, Private Mom! She lives in south central Pennsylvania on a small farmette with her husband and Olde English Bulldog Scarlett!

Liza and Libby: The Adventures Everlasting
(Special Edition)

Author: Alexandra Wallace



The Traveler network has called out to cowgirl Liza and her beloved horse Libby once again, beckoning them on their most dangerous journey ever.

Join Liza and Libby on an incredible and exciting series of adventures as they face danger and struggle to find the meaning behind the mystery of their enchanting yet bewildering dreams.

They will journey through grizzly country, face a wild herd of mustangs, and experience the thrill of life in the Old West during dangerous times. Their quest will take them to distant lands once again, as they try to find the answers to the purpose of their journey.

Who is the dark and handsome Adam? What is the meaning of the mysterious visitor and what does the message mean for them and their future? Will they ever find Lila, Libby's beloved foal? Where is Anna? And why does Balthis travel to the place in the woods where the Traveler emblem calls out to those to know the secret?

Join Liza as she journeys with her beloved friend, her horse, Libby. It's a heartfelt and magical tale of love, kindness, devotion, choices and important lessons on life that readers of all ages will cherish.

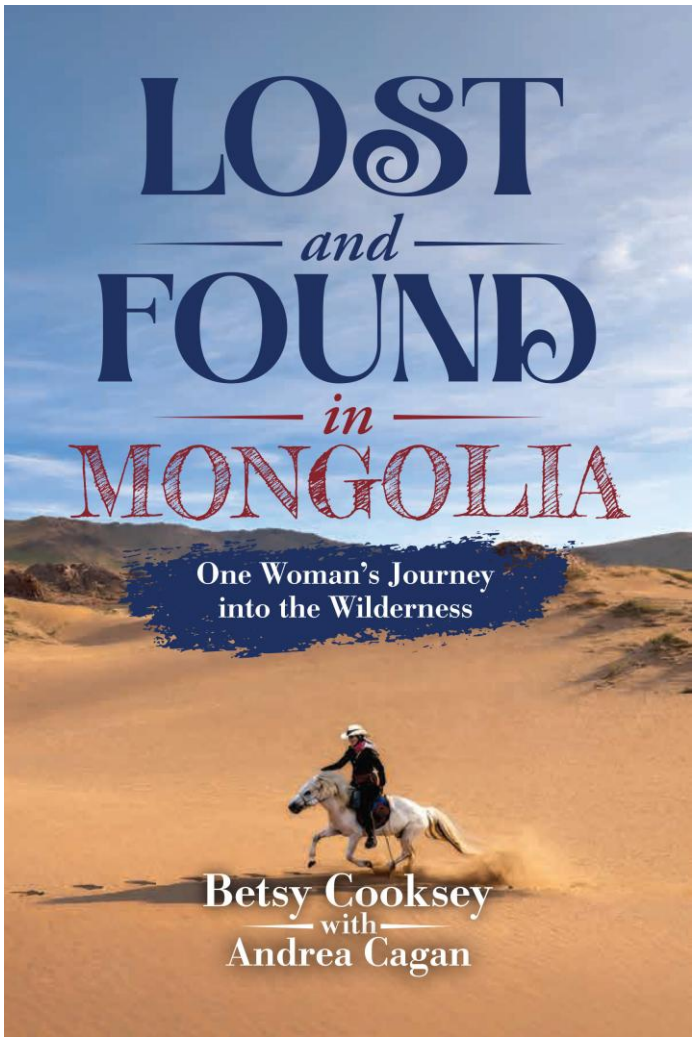
https://www.lizaandlibby.com/store/Book-3-SPECIAL-EDITION-Liza-and-Libby-The-Adventures-Everlasting-SIGNED-paperback-free-shipping-p846206139



Author: Alexandra Wallace

Lost and Found in Mongolia

Author: Betsey Cooksey



It's never too late to lose yourself and find everything.
You know what rock bottom feels like. The marriage that defined your world has ended. Your body is failing you. You look in the mirror and barely recognize the person staring back. You wonder if this is simply how the rest of your life will look. You are sixty-five years old, and you have given up.

That is exactly where Betsy Cooksey found herself: divorced after nearly thirty years, battling Crohn's disease, living alone on a farm down a dirt road, and consumed by anger and hopelessness. Then five unexpected words changed everything. "You're welcome to join us." What followed was a grueling three-week charitable horseback expedition through the wilderness of Mongolia, a journey Betsy was wildly unprepared for. She could barely ride. She could not pitch a tent. Her body was in revolt. But something shifted in the vast, open steppe. Crack by crack, the armor she had spent a lifetime building began to fall away. Lost and Found in Mongolia: One Woman's Journey into the Wilderness is the true story of a woman who traveled to one of the most remote places on earth and discovered that healing begins when you stop trying to control everything and start serving others.

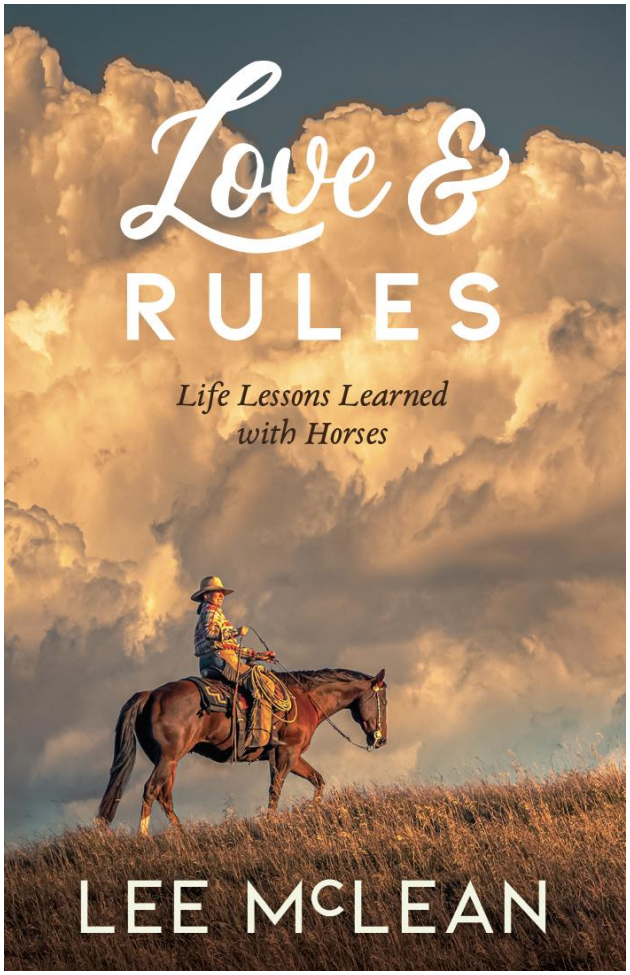
https://www.veloofoundation.com/



Author: Betsey Cooksey

LOVE & RULES

Author: Lee McLean



LOVE & RULES: Life Lessons Learned with horses is the second book of collected essays by trainer and best-selling author, Lee McLean. It covers the spectrum of live, fear, winning, loss, leadership, ageing, growth, illness and recovery… all through the medium of horsemanship.

From Lee McLean, the much-anticipated follow-up to her multiple best-selling novel, Horse Woman. 'Love & Rules' is a collection of essays by master horsewoman Lee McLean that covers the spectrum of love, fear, winning, loss, leadership, ageing, growth, illness and recovery — all through the medium of horsemanship. A stroke survivor, horse trainer, and best-selling author, Lee McLean has a legion of faithful followers on Facebook, a national equine magazine column, and appears at events from small-town horse shows to sidesaddle racing at the Calgary Stampede.
PRAISE FOR LOVE & RULES

https://www.keystoneequine.ca/

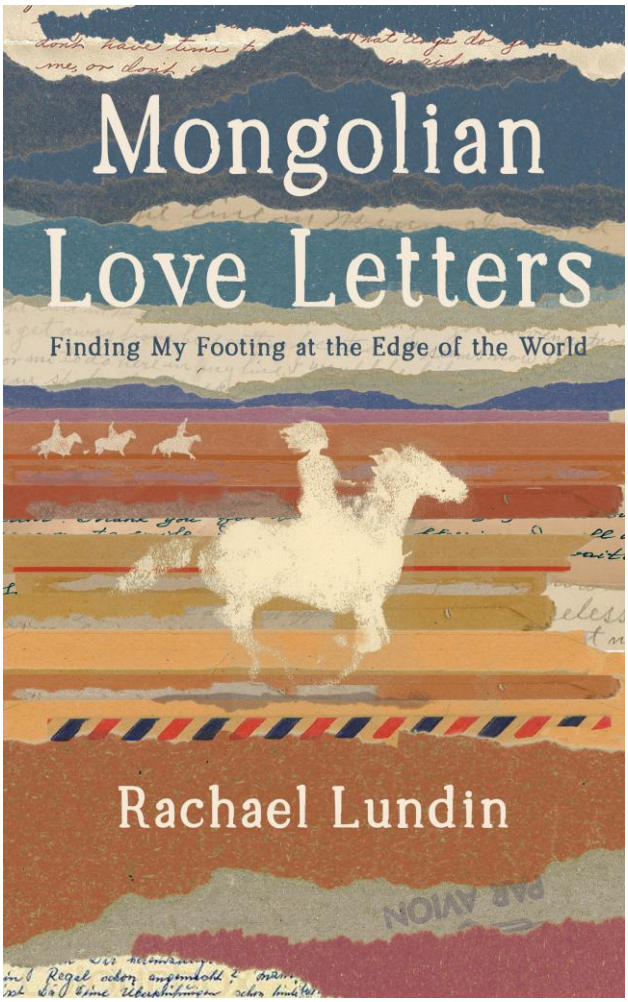
https://amzn.to/4qB8GxW



Author: Lee McLean

Mongolian Love Letters

Author: Rachael Lundin



One year after losing her husband to a sudden brain bleed, Rachael Lundin flew to Mongolia to ride 700 kilometers across the Gobi Desert on horseback — the longest annual charity ride on the planet.

She wasn't running away. She was trying to find out if she was still there.

The Gobi Gallop is not a gentle ride. It is trackless steppes and moonless nights, broken stirrups and soul-crushing trots that go on long past the point of endurance. The horses of Mongolia are small, tough, and ancient — bred for a landscape that does not forgive weakness. Riding them, Rachael discovered that grief looks the same way. And that the only way out is through.

Mongolian Love Letters is a memoir written as letters to Charlie — the husband she lost, the man who always knew what was needed before she thought to ask. But it is also a love letter to Mongolia itself: its vast silences, its impossible skies, and the horses that carried a grieving woman across a landscape with no room for pretending.

The woman who rode into Mongolia was not the woman who rode out. Somewhere between the gopher holes and the borrowed Western saddle, she found her way back.

For anyone who has ever stood at the edge of an impossible thing and wondered if they were brave enough — this is proof that it is possible. Not just to survive. But to ride.

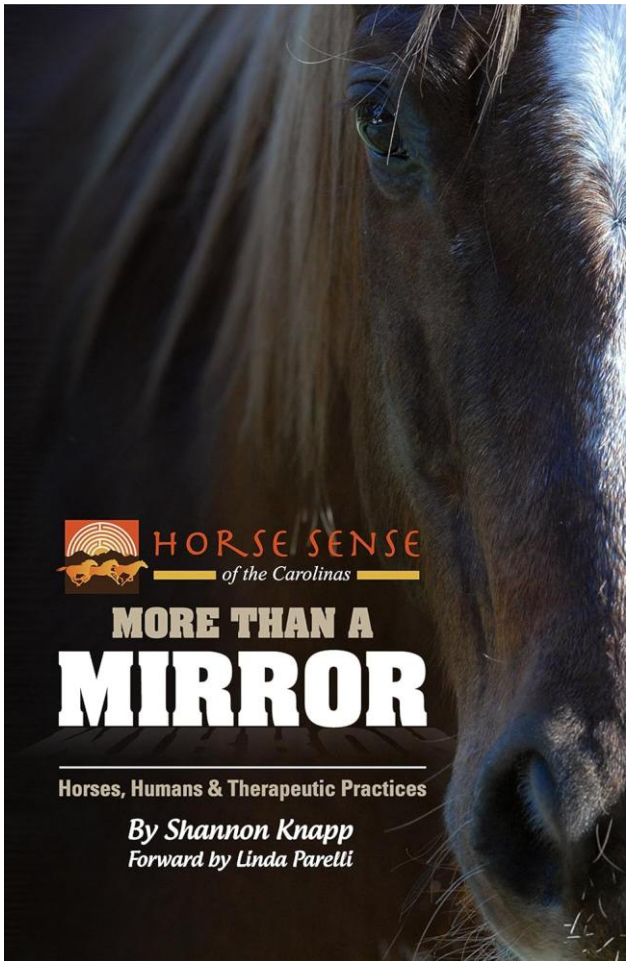
https://a.co/d/0dlHpJGK



Author: Rachael Lundin

More Than A Mirror

Author: Shannon Knapp



A deep and passionate study of both the theory and practice of EAP/EAL from Horse Sense of the Carolinas founder Shannon Knapp and other key leaders in the field. More than a Mirror offers an examination of the therapeutic process, including the role of the horse and the horse professional in creating meaningful, significant change for clients. With an intro by Linda Parelli!

Horse Sense of the Carolinas, Inc. is an internationally recognized leader in the field of Equine Assisted Services. We create and distribute resources to other equine professionals, enabling them to offer top-notch programs to their communities through training, consulting, professional immersions, curricula, session tools, books, and more!

https://www.facebook.com/HorseSenseOfTheCarolinas

https://www.horsesenseotc.com/

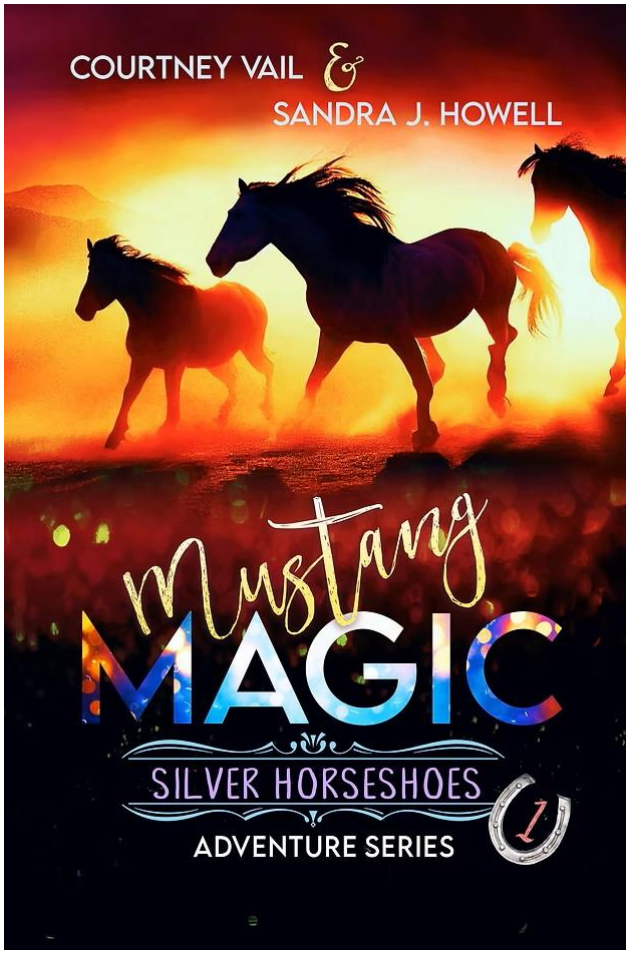
https://www.amazon.com/More-Than-Mirror-Therapeutic-Practices/dp/0979404185



Author: Shannon Knapp

Mustang Magic

Author: Courtney Vail



After being beaten up by bullies, Talia, a fourteen-year-old equestrian champion, has panic attacks from all things unpredictable, including horses. She visits the therapeutic riding farm Sunnybrook for the summer, so she can get back to riding for a fresh start at a private school with an equestrian scholarship. While there she feels kinship with a traumatized rescued mustang as she tumbles into a murder mystery.

https://www.westridgefarmpublishing.com/

https://www.facebook.com/horsenovels

https://www.amazon.com/dp/0989228274

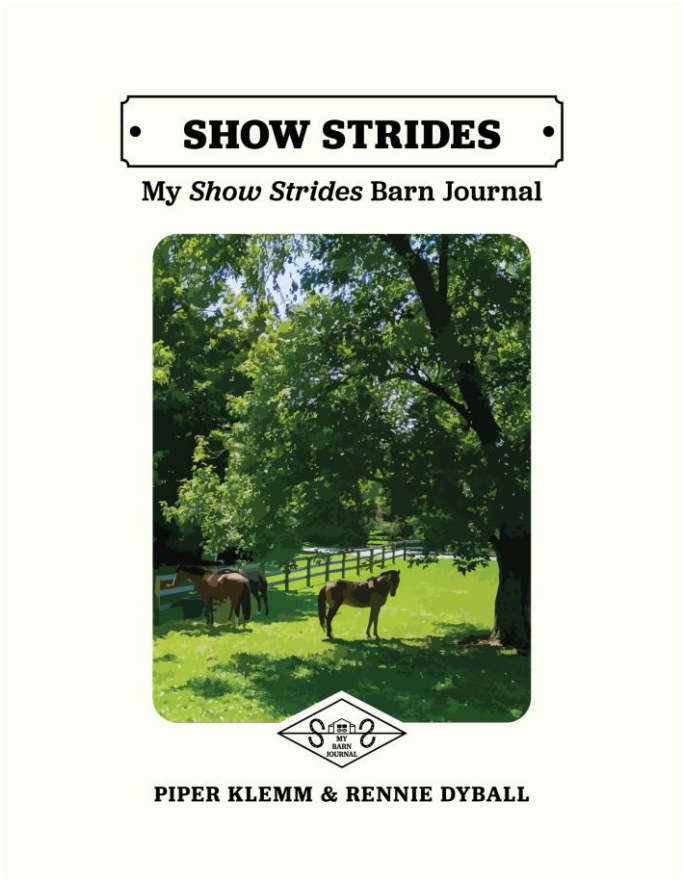


Author: Courtney Vail

COURTNEY VAIL has authored the twisty Royal Blood mystery thrillers, Kings & Queens and Sapphire Reign through Little Prince Publishing. She also works from home as a graphic designer and book formatter. She's married to a should-be-famous comedian and has three adult kids. Courtney is a major sports junky and loves to run, visit amusement parks (and ride all the roller coasters first), skate, cook, and watch standup or anything that cracks her up or makes her heart race or neck tingle.
Angels Club is her series for kids. She thoroughly enjoys tag-teaming with Sandy to put out their inspirational books for horse lovers of all ages.

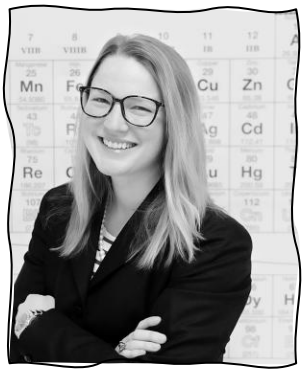
My Show Strides Barn Journal

Authors: Piper Klemm & Rennie Dyball
Connecticut



Show Strides readers, here's another journal just for you! Following the success of the first My Show Strides Journal, this new workbook includes more than 50 all new prompts. You can write about your most special memories, the ways you've overcome adversity, your favorite horses and humans at the barn, and your most beloved horse books. With plenty of space to write, draw, and dream, we hope you'll enjoy making a personal record of your own strides—in and out of the saddle.

www.theplaidhorse.com

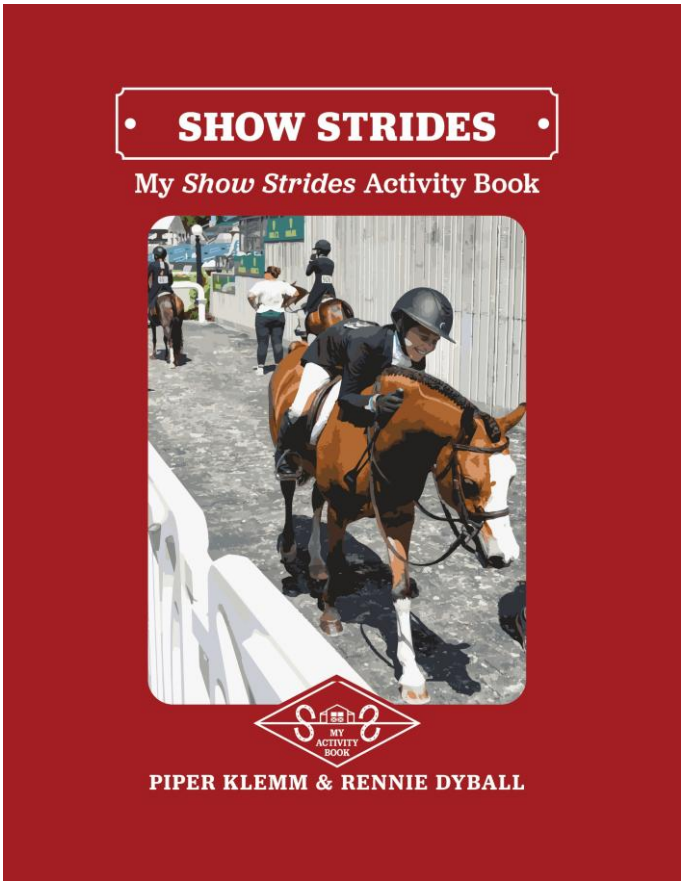




Authors: Piper Klemm & Rennie Dyball

My Show Strides Activity Book

Authors: Piper Klemm & Rennie Dyball
Connecticut



Show Strides readers, this book is for you. Literally! It's all yours to fill in the blanks, fill in the boxes, and design your own courses. After publishing My Show Strides Journal, we decided to add another DIY title to our library where you get to be the author and fill in your own answers. In My Show Strides Activity Book, we challenge you to solve horse-related calculations, design your own courses, and test your knowledge with a series of crossword puzzles and word jumbles. Keep learning and keep reading!

www.theplaidhorse.com

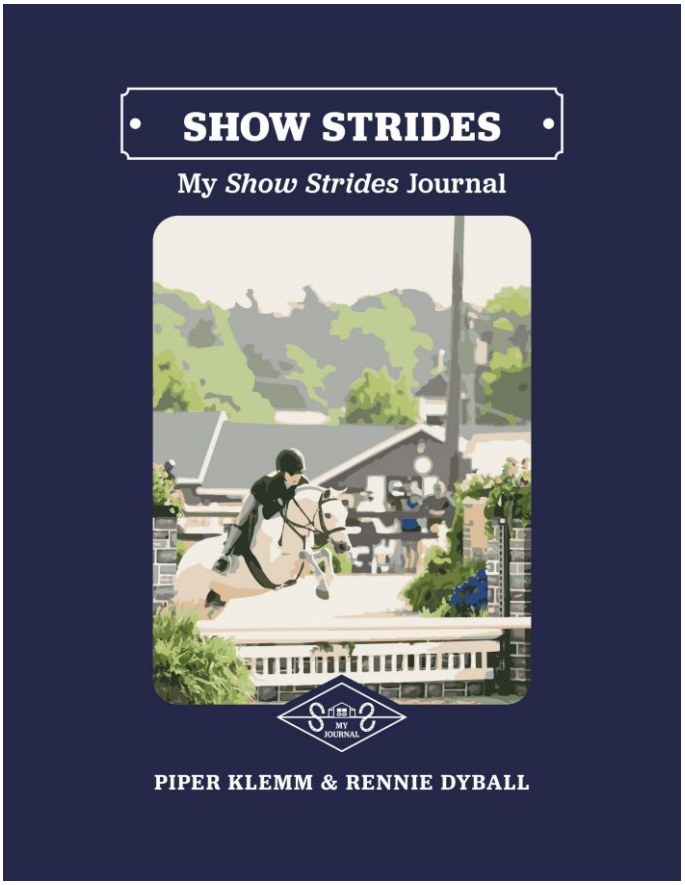




Authors: Piper Klemm & Rennie Dyball

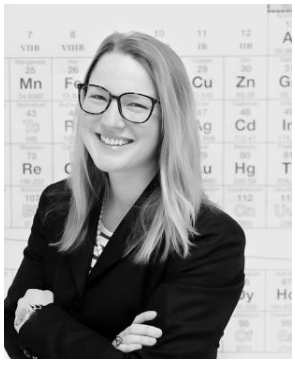
My Show Strides Journal

Authors: Piper Klemm & Rennie Dyball
Connecticut



Show Strides readers, this book is for you. Literally! We love meeting fans of the series and learning about your own riding journeys, so we wanted to give you a chance to share your own. In this journal, you can share everything about the horses and ponies you ride, your horsemanship knowledge, your training and showing goals, and what you'd like to learn in the horse world. With 50+ prompts and lots of room to write, draw, and dream, we hope you'll enjoy making a record of your own strides-in the ring, in the saddle, and at the barn.

www.theplaidhorse.com

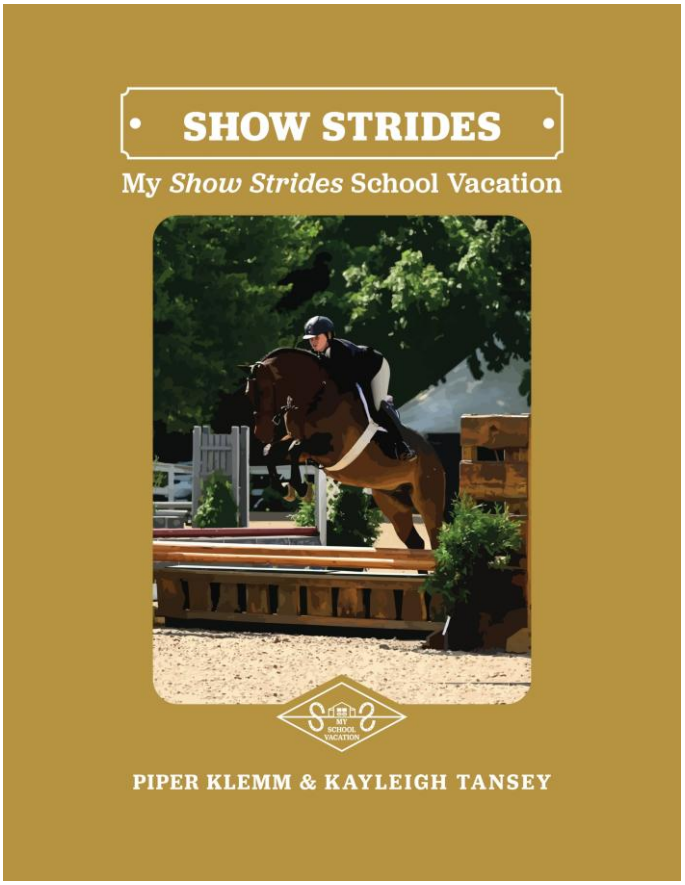




Authors: Piper Klemm & Rennie Dyball

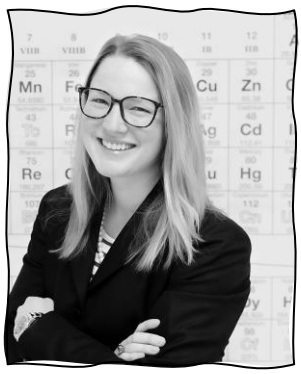
My Show Strides School Vacation Workbook

Authors: Piper Klemm & Rennie Dyball
Connecticut



Show Strides is a vacation activity workbook, designed for horse-loving kids, ages 8-13, who want to keep their minds sharp, their math skills growing, and their connection to the barn strong, even when they are away from the horses. Every problem in this book is rooted in the real world of horse shows, barns, riding rings, and the daily life of the people who live and work in the equestrian world. Nothing here is invented just to fill a page. These are the kinds of calculations that real riders, trainers, barn managers, and horse show organizers make every single day.

www.theplaidhorse.com



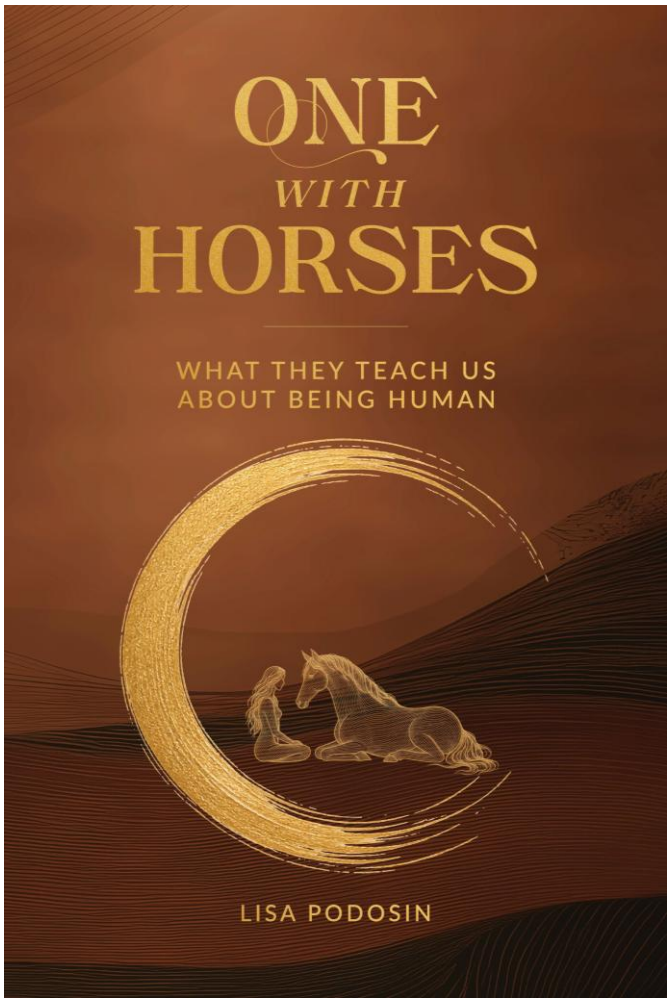


Authors: Piper Klemm & Rennie Dyball

One With Horses (Australia)

Author: Lisa Podosin

www.onewithhorses.com



n One With Horses, Lisa Podosin shares what a lifetime with horses has shown her about connection. Horses are not responding to technique alone, but to something far more subtle: our presence, our intention, and how we show up. When that shifts, everything between horse and human begins to change. A horse that has known fear or pressure begins to feel seen and understood, softening from guarded or shut down into a more relaxed, communicative partner.

Informed by conversations with respected equine specialists, this book offers an honest and deeply personal look at the horse-human relationship.

Through twelve guiding principles, the book brings together real stories, conversations with experts, and wisdom from the horses themselves, offering a rich understanding without prescribing a single way.

At the heart of it is a simple truth. Horses respond not to what we do, but to who we are.

Presented as a beautifully designed, luxury full color edition, the book includes striking images of horses and the remarkable people featured throughout.

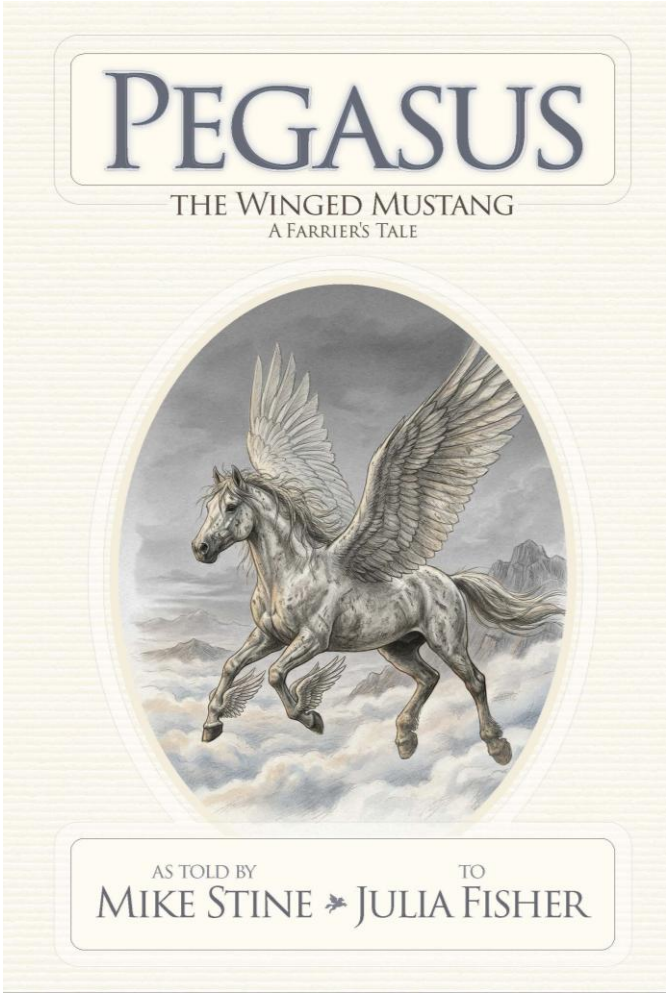
Whether you are experienced with horses or simply drawn to them, One With Horses offers a grounded, thoughtful exploration of what they can teach us about being human.



Author: Lisa Podosin

Pegasus, The Winged Mustang: A Farrier's Tale

Author: Julia Fisher, Ph.D.



Farrier Mike Stine had a rocky start to his childhood, his education, and his career. He managed to navigate around an amazing array of stumbling blocks to build something compelling and satisfying for himself. Mike was motivated early on to learn everything he could about horse movement and its impact on their skeletons – and specifically their feet after a tragic loss of his own horse to laminitis. He was driven to save other horses and their owners from the same kind of grief through his skill as a farrier and his promotion of proper hoof care in the equestrian community.

But something was missing. Mike wasn't sure what, until he met Pegasus. The wild mustang with wings appeared at a critical time, and helped Mike to fill the empty spaces in his life with trust and security that he hadn't even realized were missing. Mike narrates this gripping tale of not just survival – but well-being and success, through a relationship with a horse.

https://link.amazon/B02ojSF9P

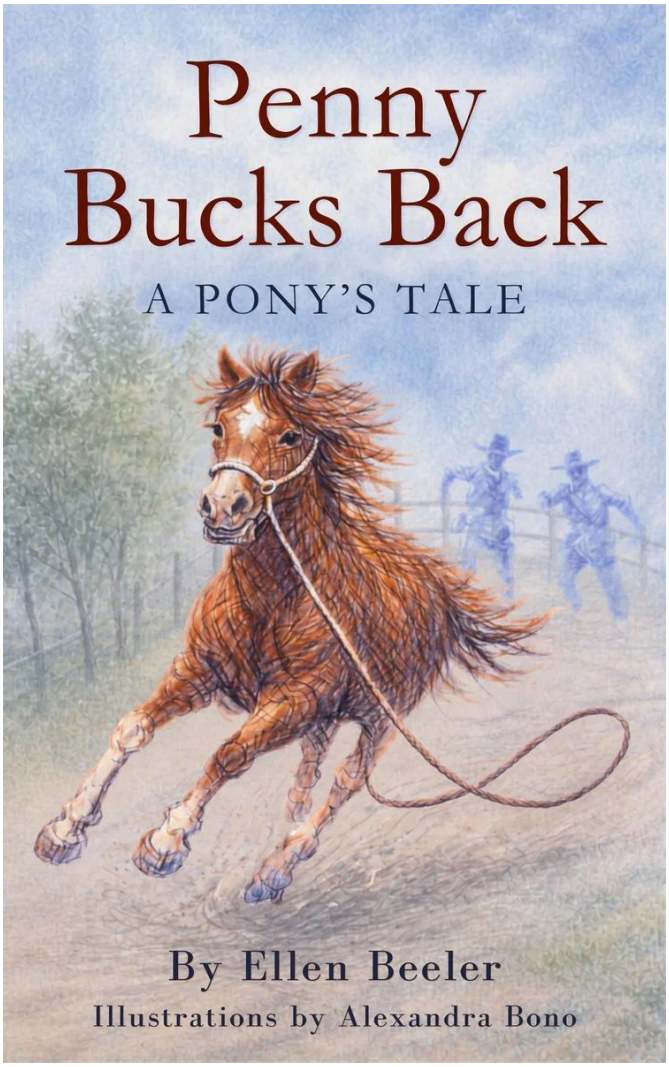


Author: Julia Fisher, Ph.D.

Dr. Fisher, who is an instructor at the South Carolina Governor's School for Science and Mathematics, uses the book to give a raw, firsthand account of this test of physical endurance and spirit.

Penny Bucks Back – A Pony Tale

Author: Ellen Beeler



Penny is no ordinary pony.

Penny notices everything—humans, other horses, and the feelings and emotions that ripple through the air between them. Small-in-size but big in spirit, she believes being herself should be enough.

When Penny is pushed into the human world, she discovers humans demand obedience from her instead of understanding. She tries to cooperate without losing who she is, but each misunderstanding brings more fear and frustration. Eventually, she's labeled "difficult," then "untrainable" and sent to be discarded.
Rescued just in time, Penny finds a forever herd where her sensitivity isn't a problem. It's a gift. She begins working with humans to help them slow down, listen, and learn what horses already know.

Told in Penny's honest, sassy, and deeply thoughtful voice, this is a story about choice, hope, dignity, and what can happen when humans finally learn to speak pony.

https://www.amazon.com/dp/B0HKT7W3DW



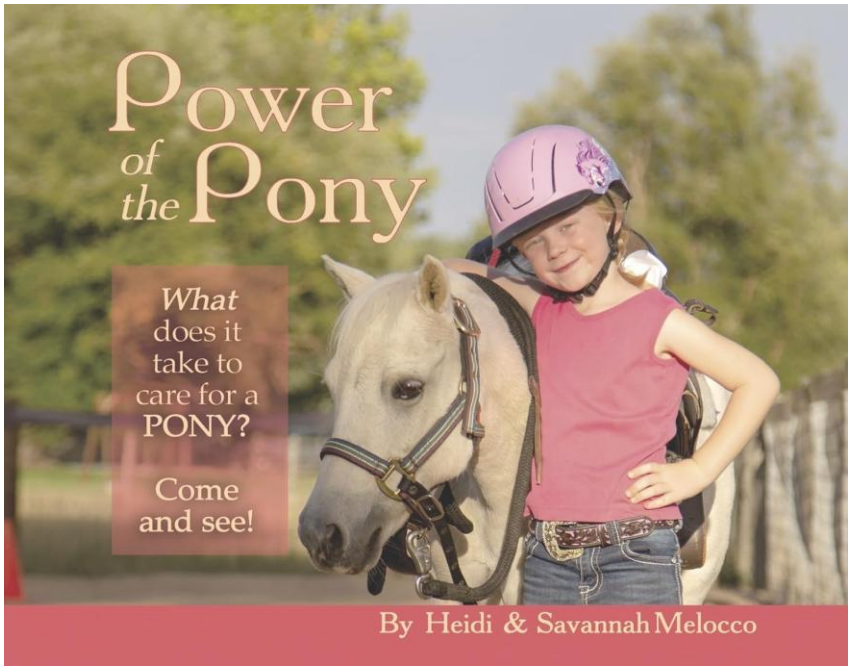
Author: Ellen Beeler

Ellen Beeler believes in the magic of connection, whether it's between people, with nature, or especially with the magnificent spirit of horses. For twenty-four years, she guided young minds in Sonoma County, California as a dedicated Independent Study Teacher. After retiring in 2002, Ellen embarked on a personal journey, nurturing her natural gifts as a healer and empath.

Power of the Pony

Author: Heidi and Savannah Melocco

https://www.amazon.com/dp/B0DNRZV2QR



This photographic book details what it is like to care for and ride a pony. Join in on a young girl's farm as she shares what she loves most about having a pony to ride. Written by Heidi and Savannah Melocco, the photos in the book feature their horse property and their amazing pony, Romeo. Heidi has written books for Western Horseman including several of the Legends series. She's also the author of Goodnight's Guide to Great Trail Riding with Julie Goodnight. Heidi's award-winning photographs have been featured on the covers of Horse Illustrated, Young Rider, The Trail Rider, The Certified Horsemanship Instructor Manual, and Hitch Up & Go, The Expert Guide to Horse Trailers & Safe Trailering. Her writing has earned top prizes with the American Horse Publication association. For this newest book, Heidi and Savannah teamed up to show others what it's like to have a pony at home and to make sure others know that learning to ride a horse is not out of reach.

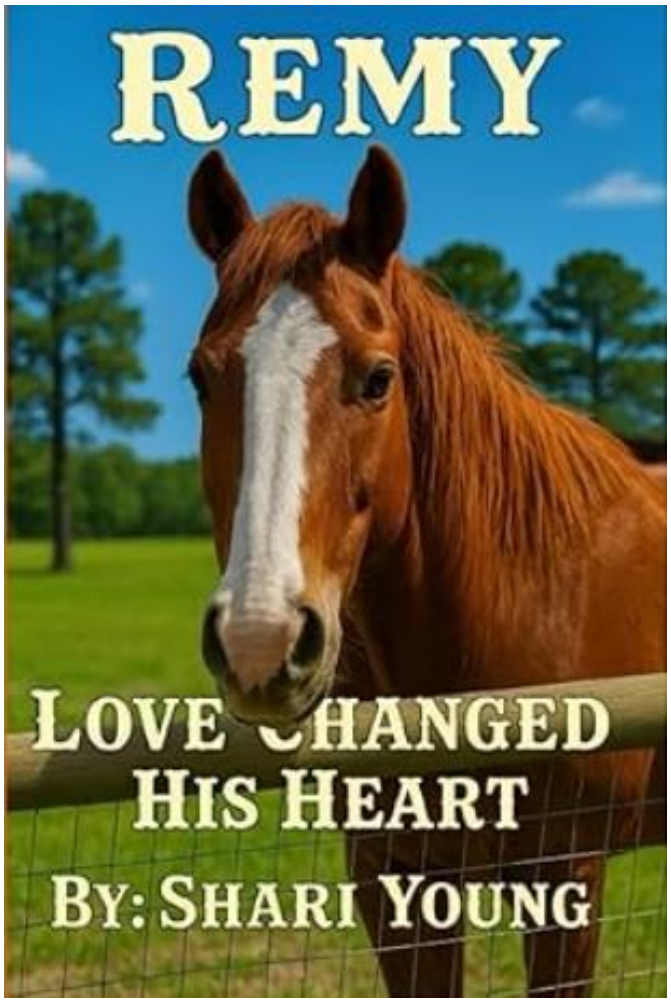
https://www.whole-picture.com/ponypowers



Author: Heidi and Savannah Melocco

Remy Love Changed His Heart

Author: Sharon Stone



On a horse rescue farm, Remy is a scarred, frightened survivor—abandoned, broken, and certain humans only bring pain. Then Faith steps in, refusing to let him live his final chapter without love. With quiet patience and countless small wins, she earns his trust and Remy begins to heal. But when he passes in her arms, the story takes an unexpected turn: one last appearance, one final message—and a haunting reminder that love may not end at goodbye.

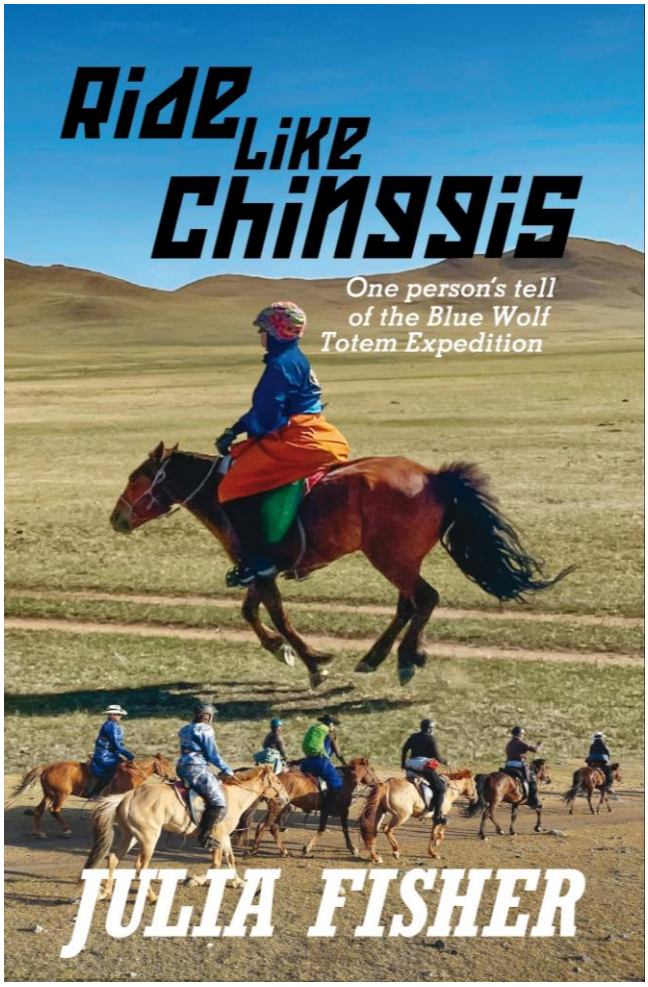


Author: Sharon Stone

https://www.facebook.com/people/Hope-Through-Remy/61578658082098/#

Ride Like Chinggis: One person's tell of the Blue Wolf Totem Expedition

Author: Julia Fisher



On April 30, 2022, 17 intrepid riders from all over the world climbed onto short and stout horses native to eastern Mongolia and set out on an epic trek; the Blue Wolf Totem Expedition. The expedition had been 3 years in the making, developed by the Veloo Foundation (a non-profit organization supporting disadvantaged children) in collaboration with Horsetrek Mongolia (a trekking company just outside the capital of Ulaanbaatar). Pooling their resources and ideas, they organized the biggest (greatest number of riders) and at that point, longest (3640 km/2250 miles) charity ride – completed on horseback, in history. Visiting cultural and historical sites and landmarks, deer stones, monasteries, deserts and lakes, reindeer herders and eagle hunters in the mountains, they developed a route for the riders. I was fortunate enough to be one of those riders. Follow along as I chronicle the adventure of a lifetime.

https://www.amazon.com/dp/B0HJ6TLWWN?ref=ppx_yo2ov_dt_b_fed_asin_title

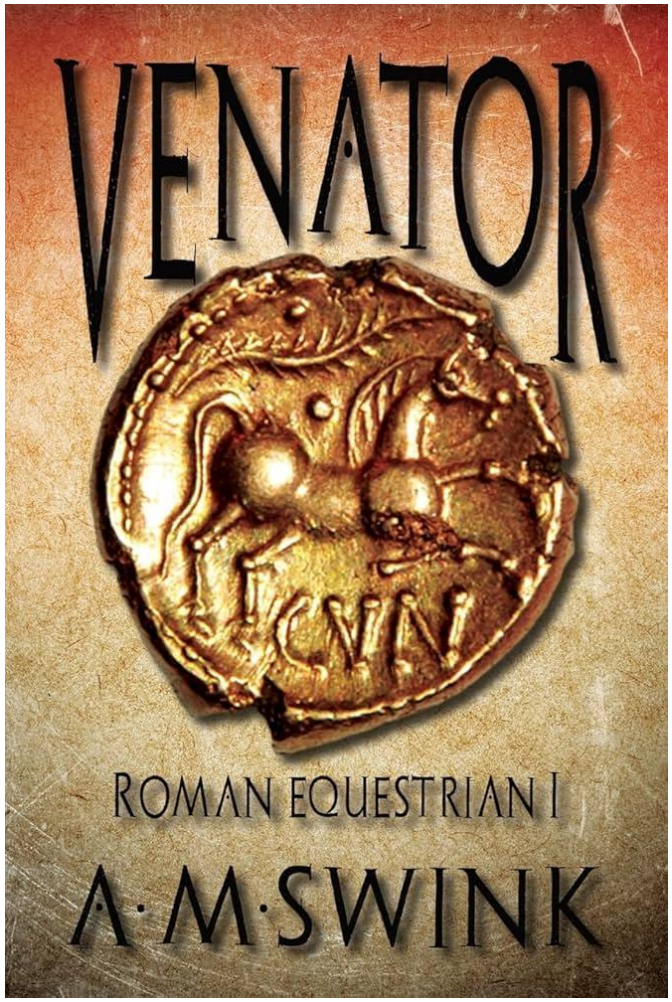


Author: Julia Fisher

Dr. Fisher, who is an instructor at the South Carolina Governor's School for Science and Mathematics, uses the book to give a raw, firsthand account of this test of physical endurance and spirit.

Roman Equestrian I Venator

Author: A. M. Swink



Decimus is a long-serving senior centurion who dreams of retirement in Rome. Luciana is a Cornovii princess devoted to the freedom and survival of her tribe. Connected only by a passion for horsemanship, the pair could not be more ill-matched. After a deadly conflict thrusts these enemies together, each is determined to fight their desires and triumph over the other. Who will ultimately control the other's heart?

But Decimus and Luciana are not the only ones on the hunt for supremacy; a desperate struggle over the province is beginning to simmer to a boil. There are whispers of mysterious Druids fomenting unrest among the western British tribes, whose inter-tribal divisions threaten to subsume them. The future of the Roman legions in the province is suddenly thrown into doubt as casualties begin to mount. Decimus and Luciana find themselves entangled within a web of characters, Briton and Roman, playing with Britannia's destiny to serve their own ends. The hunt for power is on, where only one side can emerge triumphant. But just who among these hunters will end up hunted?

https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61555959905053



Author: A. M. Swink

My book is the first in a historical romance series set in Roman Britain. Horses play a key role in bringing the protagonists together.

Show Strides Volume 7 - Building Trust

Authors: Piper Klemm & Rennie Dyball
Connecticut



The Show Strides series continues with volume 7! Tally and her friends work as junior counselors at the first annual Quince Oaks horse camp. But Tally's 7-year-old camper Misha has recently fallen off a pony and is too scared to get back on. Instead of riding lessons, Tally and Misha focus on unmounted lessons in order to build trust between Misha and her pony, Gelati. In Maggie's riding, she discovers an unexpected quirk in her horse Pete that will require her to trust him, too.

www.theplaidhorse.com

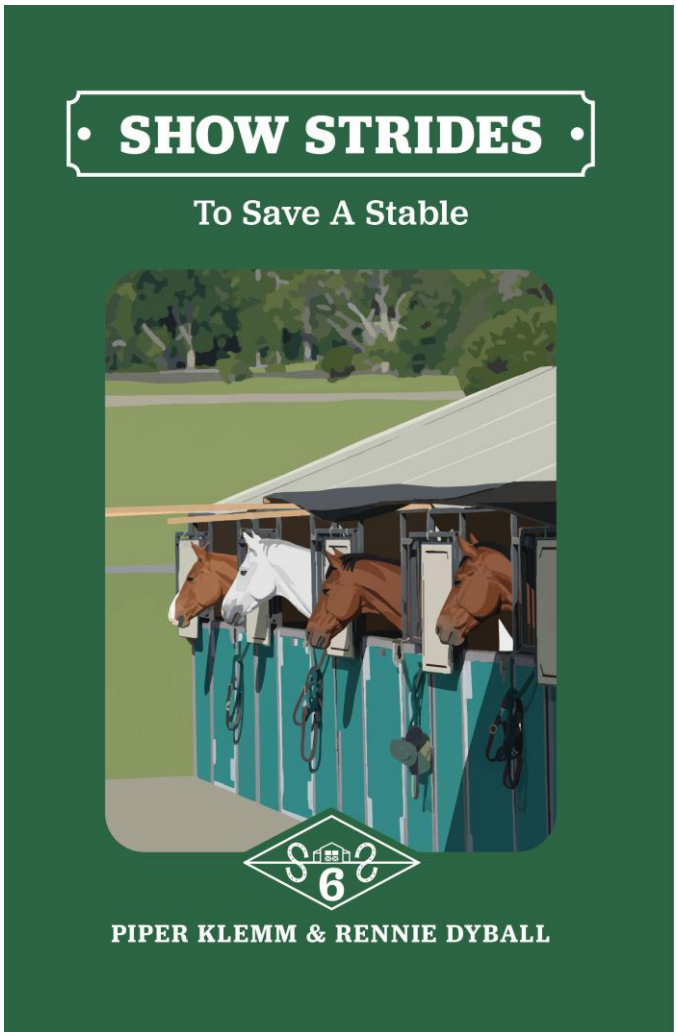




Authors: Piper Klemm & Rennie Dyball

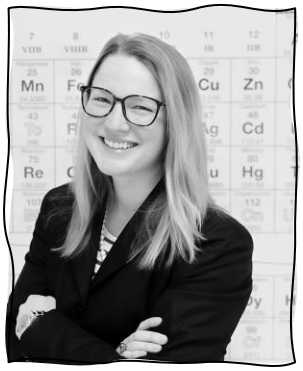
Show Strides Volume 6 – To Save A Stable

Authors: Piper Klemm & Rennie Dyball
Connecticut



The Show Strides series continues with Volume 6: To Save A Stable. Tally, Mac, Maggie, and Jacob are all crushing their goals in the show ring. But when a storm causes major damage to the Quince Oaks school barn, the future of the lesson program is at stake. The four friends band together to save the school horses' home. Can they do enough to get the school stable rebuilt? Or will the barn be torn down, leaving kids who don't own horses with no place to ride?

www.theplaidhorse.com

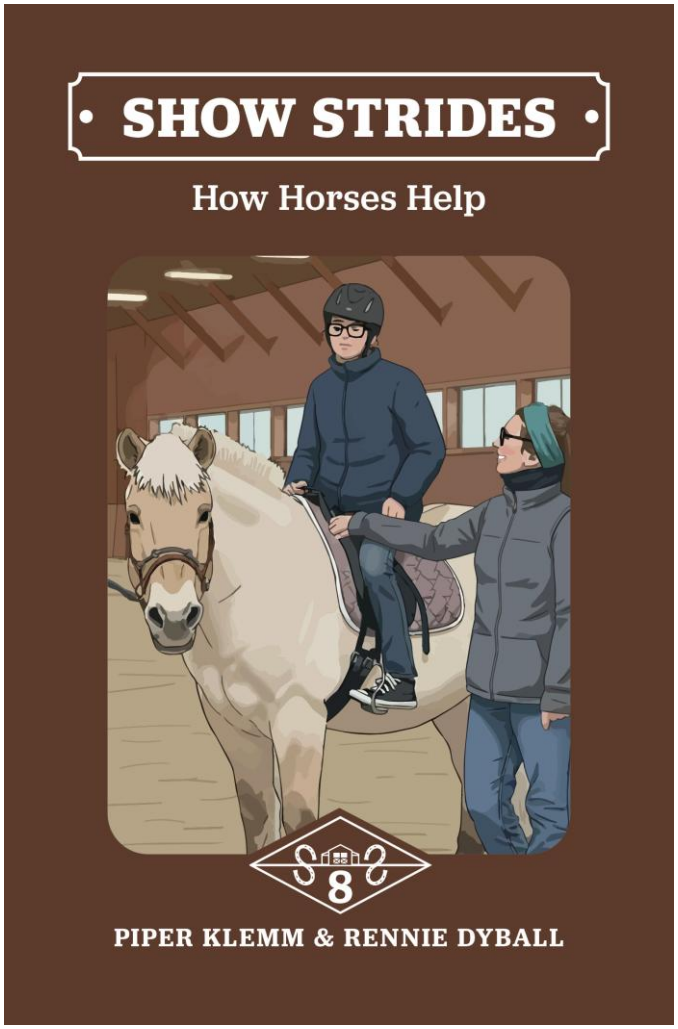




Authors: Piper Klemm & Rennie Dyball

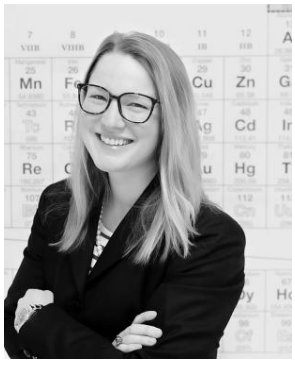
Show Strides Volume 8 – How Horses Help

Authors: Piper Klemm & Rennie Dyball
Connecticut



Tally and Kaitlyn are invited to volunteer at New Horizons Farm, an adaptive riding program where they learn about how horses work with people who have special needs. They get to know the instructors, riders, and horses at the program and learn just how much horses can help people—in ways they couldn't imagine. Meanwhile, back home at Quince Oaks, Ryan has an announcement for the riders that could change everything for Tally and her friends.

www.theplaidhorse.com

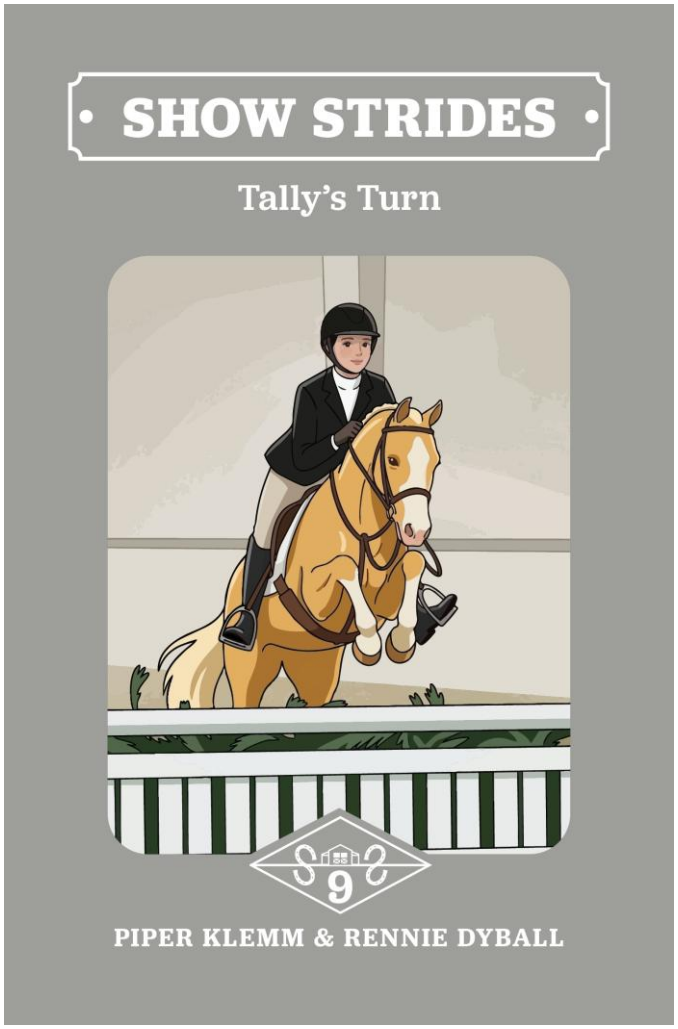




Authors: Piper Klemm & Rennie Dyball

Show Strides Volume 9 – Tally's Turn

Authors: Piper Klemm & Rennie Dyball
Connecticut







EQUUS LITERARY CORRAL
EST. 2013

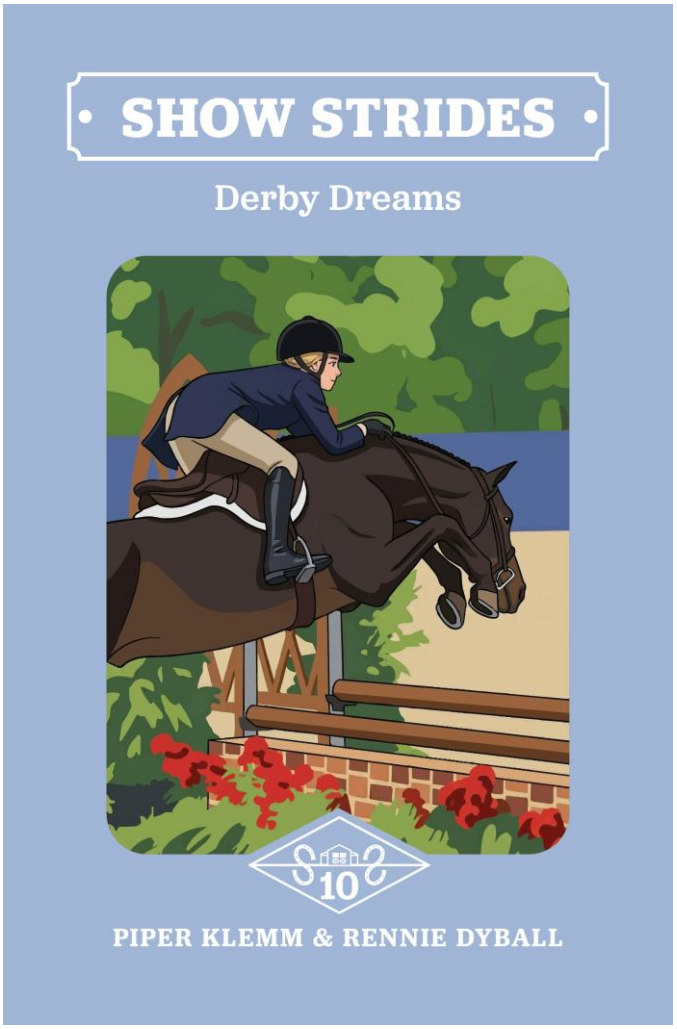
As Nona, the new trainer at Quince Oaks, gets settled in, she gives Tally a special opportunity. Nona's friend Emily Elek of Stonewall Ponies needs some extra help at a horse show, and Nona asks Tally to go. At the show, Tally gets to be a groom, an extra set of hands to assist the team, and even has the chance to take a lesson with Emily. But when a younger, greener rider is having trouble in the show ring with her pony, another junior rider will need to step up to help to school the pony and set up his owner for success. Will Emily ask Tally to step into the irons? And will Tally be up to the task?

www.theplaidhorse.com

Authors: Piper Klemm & Rennie Dyball

Show Strides Volume 10 – Derby Dreams

Authors: Piper Klemm & Rennie Dyball
Connecticut



Mac is getting ready for the national pony derby finals, so Nona decides to get her and her pony into top shape with some new lesson challenges—and the other riders get in on the fun, too. Meanwhile, Tally is getting to know two new horses at the barn, along with Nona's daughter, Viv. Mac really wants to do well at the final and earn a ribbon, but all three girls know she needs to focus on the journey. Can Mac stay in the moment with her pony, or will her dream of a top derby finish distract her from the ride?

www.theplaidhorse.com

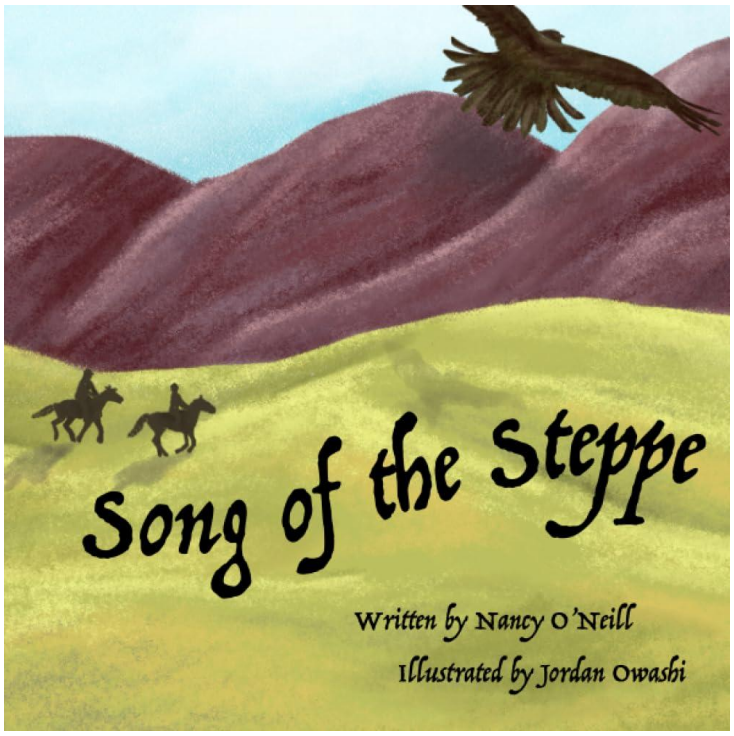




Authors: Piper Klemm & Rennie Dyball

Song of the Steppe

Author: Nancy O'Neill



Escape to the breathtaking scenes in Mongolia in this story inspired by a mother-daughter team of Mongol derby riders. From marmots to yaks, this story highlights the harmonious nature that exists under the eternal blue sky.

www.bellabeastofantir.com

https://www.amazon.com/Song-Steppe-Nancy-ONeill/dp/B0C79L7S9C/ref=sr_1_1

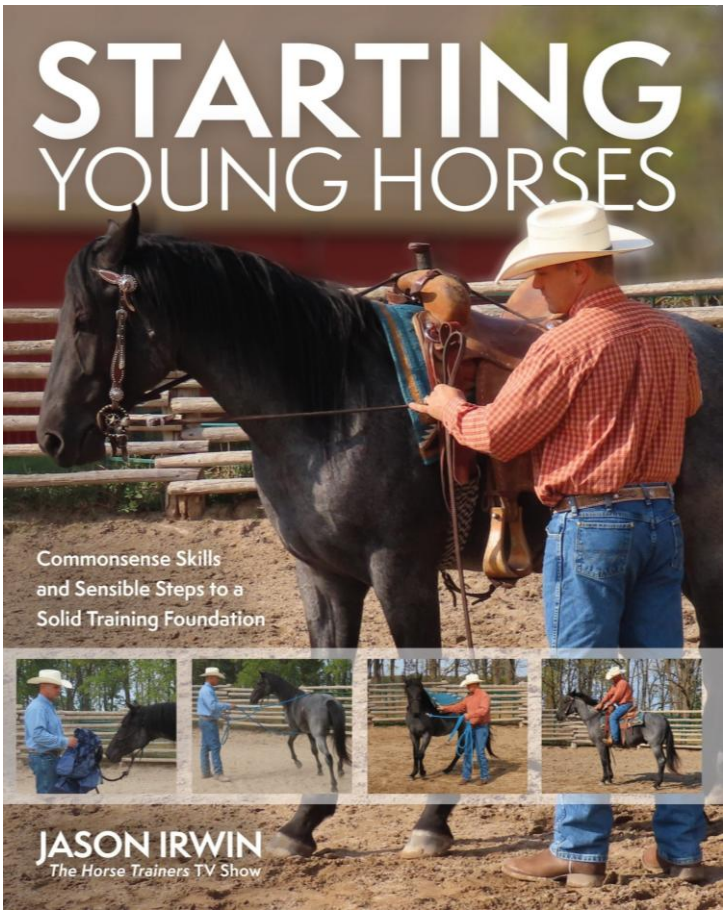


Author: Nancy O'Neill

Starting Young Horses: Commonsense Skills and Sensible Steps to a Solid Training Foundation

Author: Jason Irwin

www.thehorsetrainers.com



Starting Young Horses is a book that I wrote. This following is the description that the publishes uses for it.

With a straightforward system that any horse owner can follow, Starting Young Horses presents a comprehensive guide to navigating a horse's first years under saddle.

The most critical stage of training a horse is establishing a solid foundation for future skill development. By ensuring essential skills are in place, horses are physically and mentally prepared to respond to human requests and adapt to new environments, leading to healthier, happier horses, no matter their discipline.

https://link.amazon/B09oeGvUa



Author: Jason Irwin

Trainer and clinician Jason Irwin began starting horses as a kid on his family ranch. Through experience and a lifetime of studying horses and horsemen, he has developed a straightforward, safe, and fair-minded system for ensuring young horses have what they need to get along in a human's world.

Stevie and Harley Coloring and Puzzle Book

Author: Diane Hansen



Activity book based on the Stevie and Harley cartoons and books.

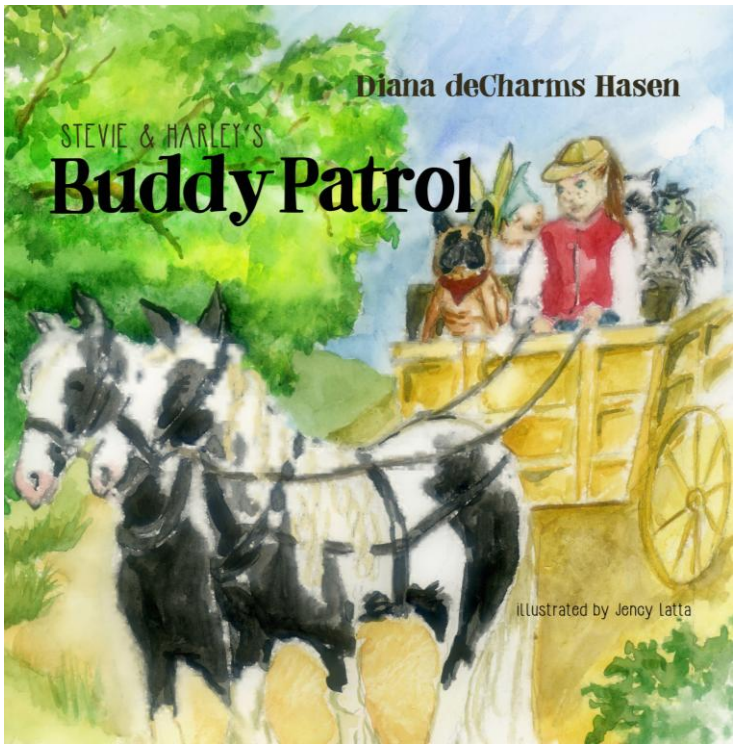
www.stevieandharley.com



Author: Diane Hansen
With Stevie & Harley

Stevie and Harley's Buddy Patrol

Author: Diane Hansen



Preparations for the forest festival are underway in the town of Burnt Aspen. Dharma offers to help the woodland folk pick up needed supplies in the village.
Stevie and Harley, Dharma's Gypsy Vanner horses, along with Wallace, her little dog set out on a journey that delivers trouble along the way. Will the group manage to escape danger?

www.stevieandharley.com

https://amzn.to/3UYKM3n



Author: Diane Hansen
With Stevie & Harley

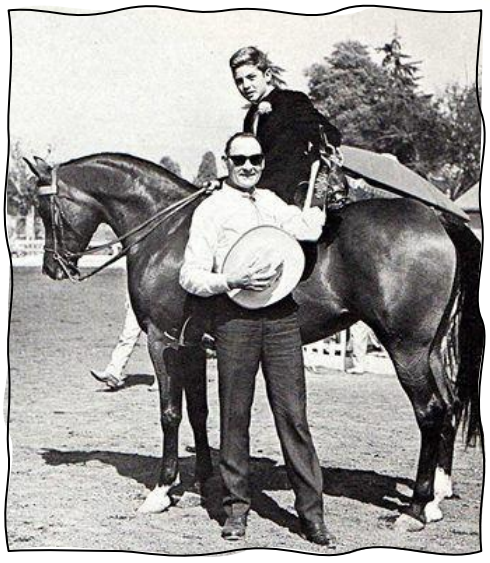
The Adventures of Khemosabi and Ruth

Author: B. Paul Husband

https://www.husbandlaw.com



Khemosabi was bred by Dr. Bertram Husband. Paul Husband, his son wrote a comic strip about Khemosabi as advertising. Karen Haus Grandpre was an animator at Filmation Studios, who illustrated the cartoon strip. While Karen was working on the cartoons, Husband's Hall of Fame Mare, Carinosa foaled a colt by Khemosabi who joined Karen's horse family, but not before making Paul promise that he would write a cartoon strip about Kharibe. The latter pages of the comic book are "Kharibe: The Khalifornia Stud“

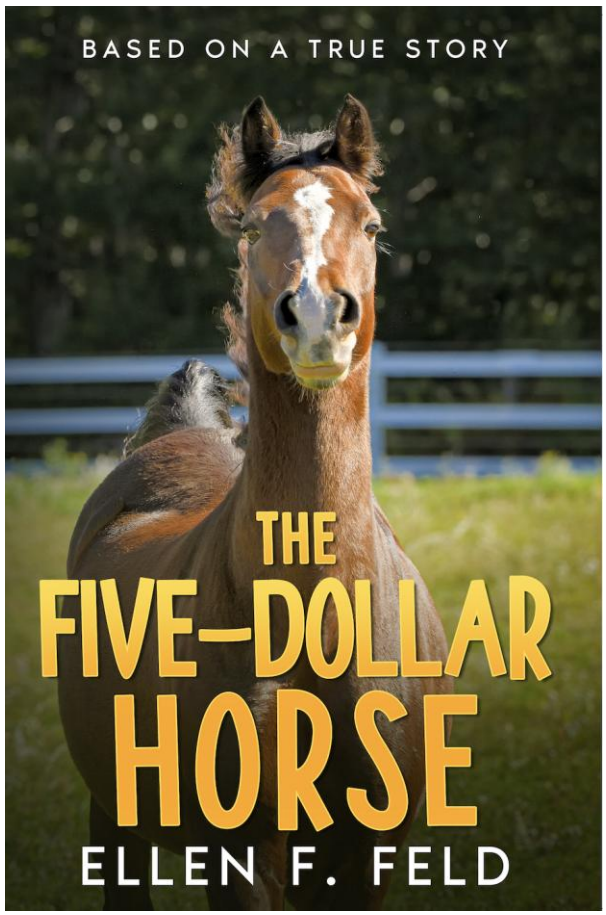


Author: B. Paul Husband

Mr. Husband’s law practice focuses on Equine, Tax controversies and Entertainment Law. In Equine law, Mr. Husband serves clients on a worldwide basis. He is a lifelong horseman, as a horse show exhibitor, a Large “R” Judge for 20 years in the Arabian division, and a breeder. As an attorney, he represents horse businesses before the IRS Examination Division, IRS Administrative Appeals and the U.S.Tax Court.

The Five-Dollar Horse

Author: Ellen Feld



A boy, a horse, and an impossible dream...

When the school bully started teasing Drew Anderson, the young boy found solace riding his mother's old horse, Rusty. Whether spending time grooming the horse or galloping through the pasture, Drew found that the stresses of school and the constant bullying faded when he was with Rusty. When it was time to retire Rusty, however, Drew felt lost without a horse to ride. That was until he heard about a national essay contest where the first prize was a horse!

Based on a true story, The Five-Dollar Horse proves that no dream is impossible if you work hard and never stop believing.

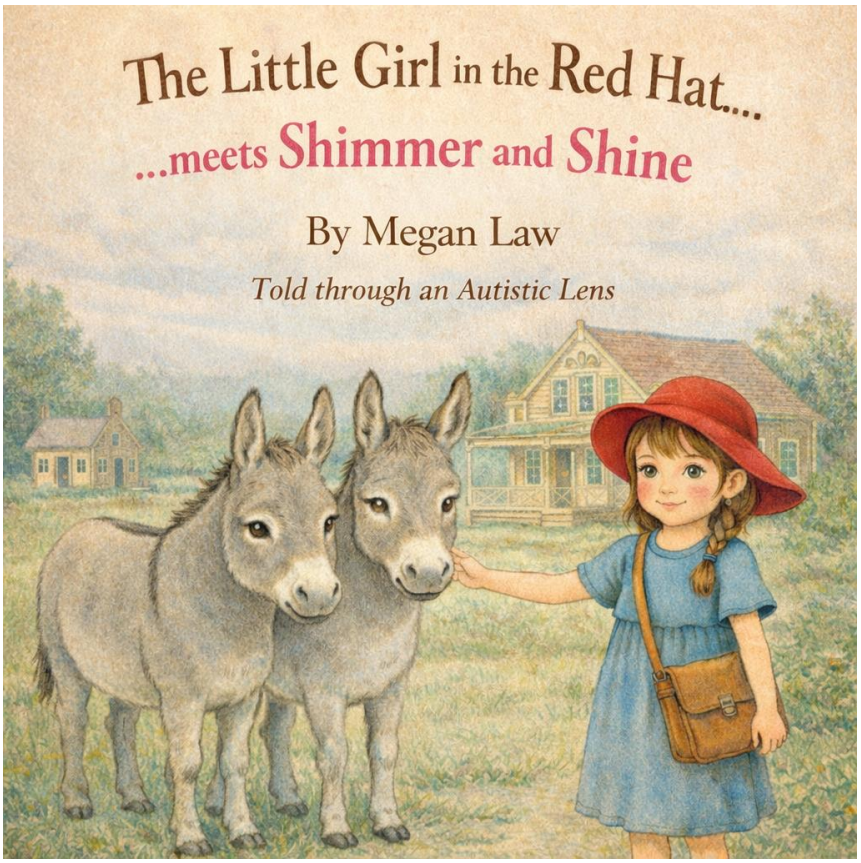
https://www.willowbendpublishing.com/



Author: Ellen Feld

The Little Girl in the Red Hat Meets Shimmer and Shine

Author: Megan Law



The Little Girl in the Red Hat is the first book in what promises to be a joyful lifelong journey of creativity, adventure, and storytelling - told through an autistic lens.

With the loving support and collaboration of her father, Robert Law, Megan's narrated tales have been thoughtfully transformed into beautifully illustrated children's books. Her stories reflect themes of wonder, kindness, perseverance, friendship, and courage - values she strives to live each day.

https://amzn.to/4gIq0wg



Author: Megan Law

Megan Law is a young author and imaginative storyteller from Slapout, Alabama. Diagnosed with autism at an early age, Megan experiences the world in a unique and creative way. While communication can sometimes be challenging, storytelling has always come naturally to her.

Sapphire Sky: From Mountain Princess to Island Queen
(Adopted by a Mustang Series)

Author: Julianne Neal

https://link.amazon/B03oHodRO



The silver grey wild filly was the leader of the little group of Mustangs who traveled to South Carolina from the Clan Alpine HMA in Nevada. They were on their way to The Wild Horse Summit, an event that would change their lives and help them find forever homes. When Mustanger Bruce told Charles about the special filly, little did he know that she would find her way to the big waters of the Atlantic Ocean and Seabrook Island.

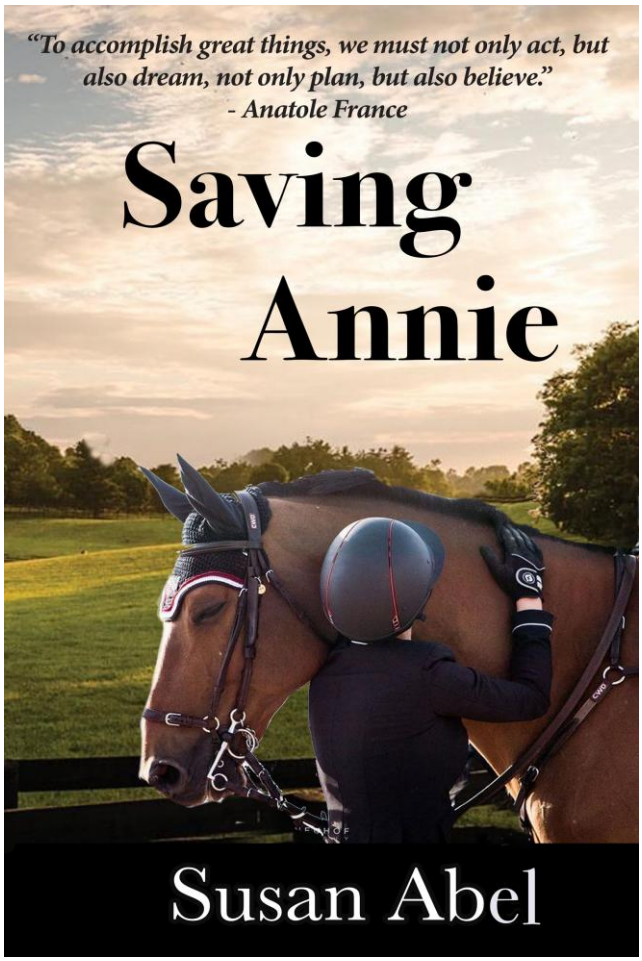
Sapphire Sky: From Mountain Princess to Island Queen is the second book in the series, Adopted By A Mustang.



Author: Julianne Neal

Saving Annie

Author: Susan Abel



JOSIE HAWKINS dreams of owning her own horse. But her mother, as single parent, can barely make ends meet. After cleaning kennels and picking vegetables for two years, Josie learns she still can't afford the horse of her dreams, a bay Thoroughbred. While riding along with a large animal vet, Josie gets the opportunity to obtain her dream horse…only it's a tiny, orphaned twin foal that is too weak to stand and is discarded by the breeder. Josie saves the filly who she names Annie. With the help of the vet, an old horse trainer and her best friend, Annie thrives. Years later, when Josie and Annie become a prize jumping team, a competitor tries to eliminate Annie from the competition. How far will he go to guarantee a win at the National Horse Show. Will Josie be able to save her Annie a second time.
Set in the Lexington, Kentucky area, Saving Annie is a story of will and determination intertwined with a sweet teen relationship, while educating its readers on the finer points of horsemanship (horse term glossary included).

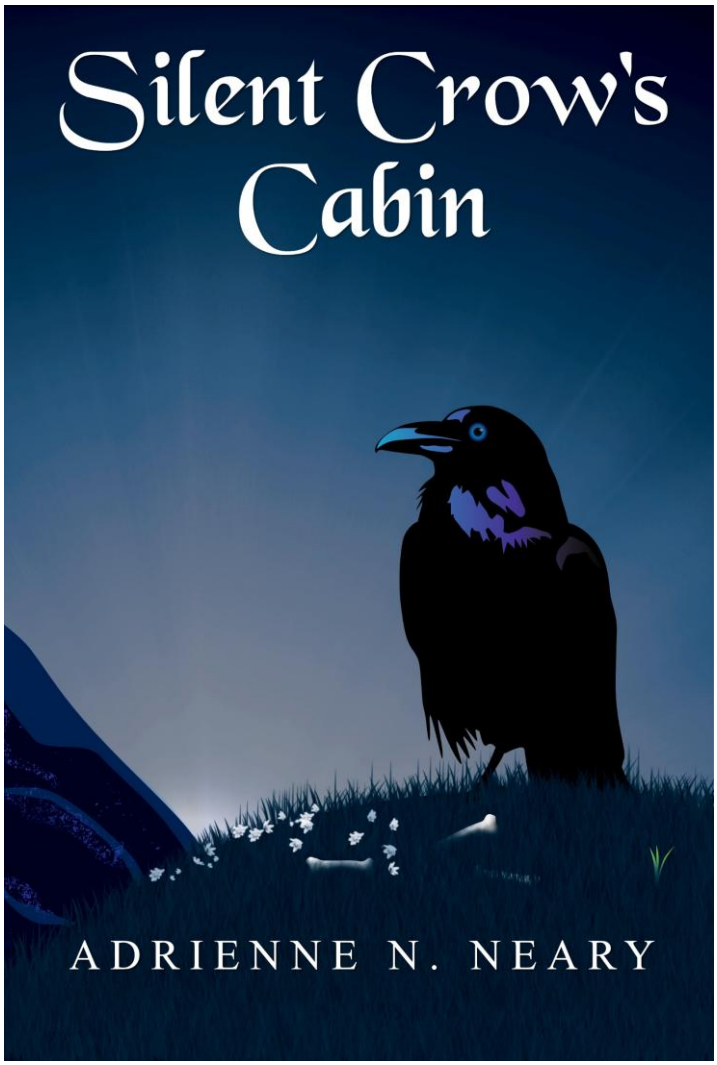
https://www.amazon.com/Saving-Annie-Susan-Abel/dp/B0H3PVNWYD/ref=sr_1_1



Author: Susan Abel

Silent Crow's Cabin

Author: Adrienne Neary



It's 2022 and Jesse Caldwell is a young man full of inner turmoil and rage. His problems can't be solved by using drugs or alcohol so he begins contemplating suicide as a solution. Circumstances and choices collide—some within his control and others not—and while his body is in a medically induced coma, Jesse is ushered into life beyond the physical. With a new perspective, he becomes desperate to find a remedy for his misdirected earthly self, and obtains valuable insights from surprising sources. When he returns to his material existence, he finds that he must overcome the relentless pressure of greed, lies and harmful behavior in order to express his innermost truths. Supported by a few caring people, his clever dog, Sheboo, and a wretched, dangerous horse, Jesse must figure out how to move into a new personal frontier or slip back into a life of pain.

https://amzn.to/4gKQWfZ

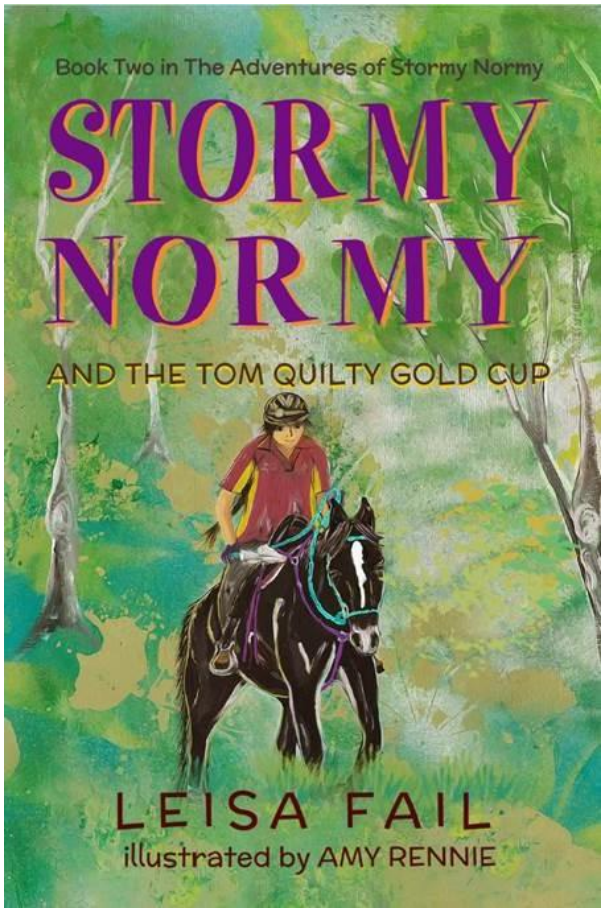
www.coherenthorsemanship.com



Author: Adrienne Neary

Stormy Normy and the Tom Quilty Gold Cup

Author: Leisa Fail
Australia



Set in the breathtaking Goldsborough Valley of Far North Queensland, this uplifting chapter book follows Stormy Normy, a lovable brumby colt, as he faces his biggest challenge yet.

When his rider Charlie sets their sights on the Tom Quilty Gold Cup, a legendary 160 km endurance ride completed in just one day, Stormy Normy must dig deep. Training is tough, doubts creep in, and others question whether he's is the right horse for Charlie. With Charlie's support and the power of positive thinking, he learns to overcome fear, build resilience, and believe in himself.

A heartfelt story, The Adventures of Stormy Normy: Book 2 is perfect for bedtime animal stories, early readers who love horses, or families searching for meaningful books about resilience and perseverance for kids.

https://www.amazon.com/Stormy-Normy-Tom-Quilty-Gold/dp/0648625923

https://www.facebook.com/LeisaFailAuthor



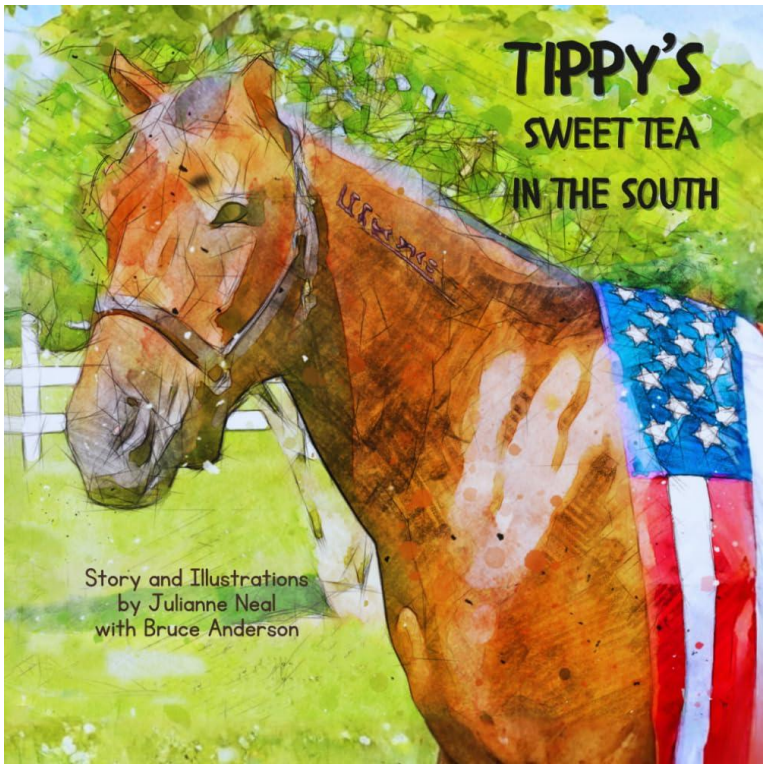
Author: Ellen Feld

Tippy's Sweet Tea in the South

(Adopted by a Mustang Series)

Author: Julianne Neal

https://link.amazon/B03yQucLj



The stocky bay Mustang was used to people; in fact a line of visitors passed by his pen on the walking trail every day in sunny California. This horse was different, so he was used to people noticing him. Not only was he missing most of his left ear, the deep scars around his face and down his back legs were reminders of the trauma he had been through in the wild.

From the Twin Peaks HMA in California to a Tennessee Adoption event, the group of Mustangs had been shipped a long way, but the little bay horse would travel even further before he accepted his new life and learned to trust.

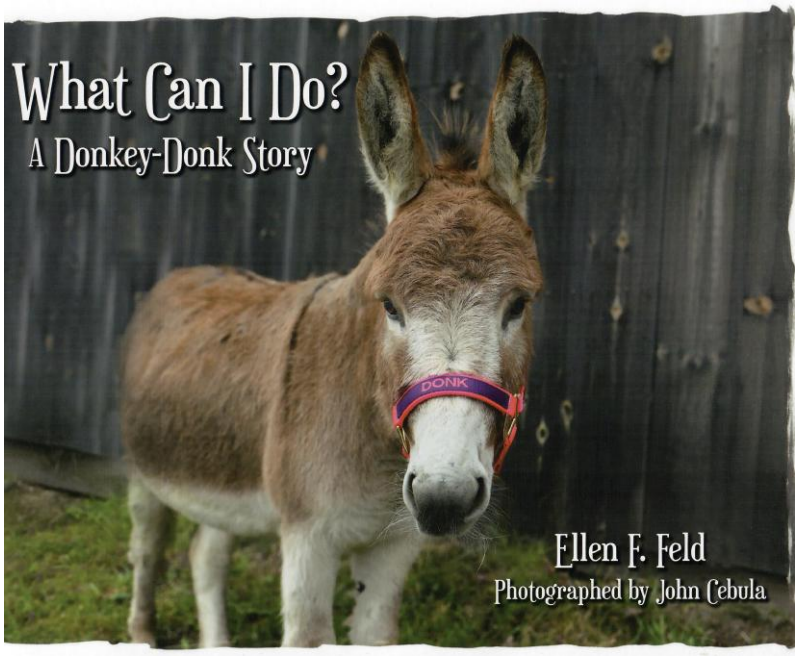
Tippy's Sweet Tea in the South is the third book in the series, Adopted By A Mustang. A Coloring Activity Book is also available for this title. 100% of the proceeds from the sale of the books, coloring books and activity pages in the series provide for the care of the Mustangs and rescue horses in the Wellness Through Mustangs® program.



Author: Julianne Neal

What Can I Do? A Donkey-Donk Story

Author: Ellen Feld



Donkey-Donk has moved to a new farm where all the horses and ponies have special jobs. But as much as Donkey-Donk tries, she just can't do any of those jobs. Will she ever find something that she can do?

Over twenty full-color photographs of "Donk" taken by wildlife photographer John Cebula help tell Donk's story.

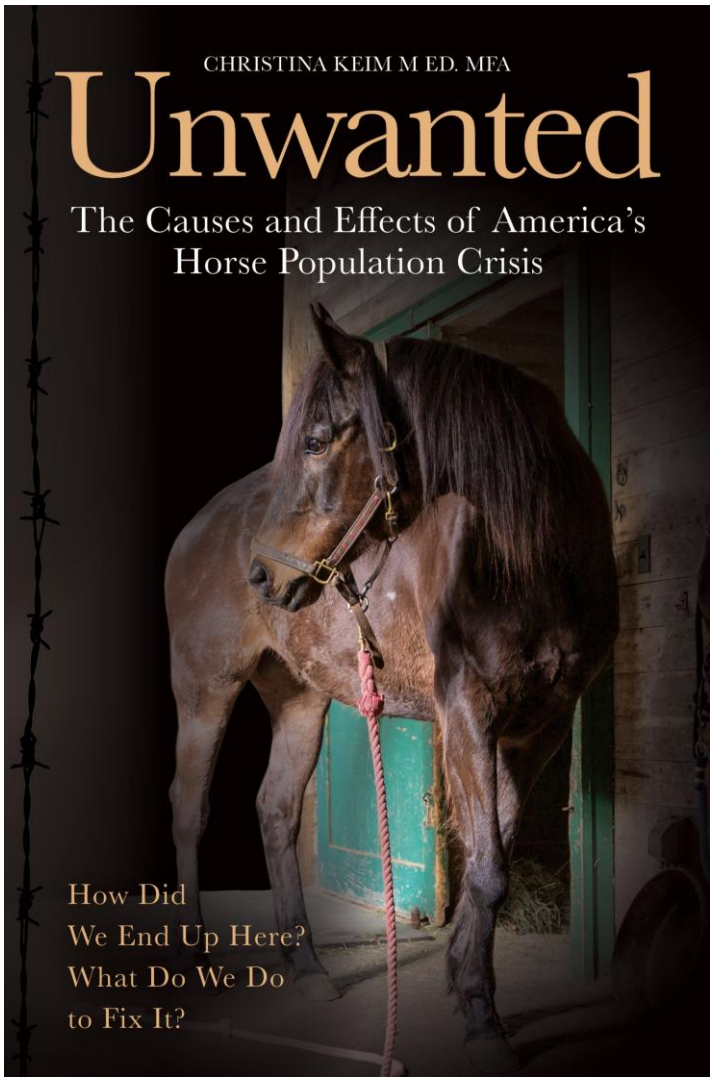
https://www.willowbendpublishing.com



Author: Ellen Feld

Unwanted: the Causes and Effects of Americas Horse Population Crisis

Author: Christina Keim



Insightful, compassionate, and deeply researched, Unwanted confronts the complex realities of horse neglect, slaughter, and rescue in modern America.

Author Christina Keim takes readers on a gripping journey through auctions, rescue operations, and policy debates to uncover the deeper systemic issues plaguing the U.S. equine population. From the emotional toll of neglect to the operational strains on rescues, Unwanted provides a holistic and humane perspective on why so many horses fall through the cracks. This book is a critical resource for equestrians, animal advocates, policy makers, and anyone concerned with ethical treatment of animals.

https://www.amazon.com/Unwanted-Causes-Effects-Americas-Population/dp/1646012364

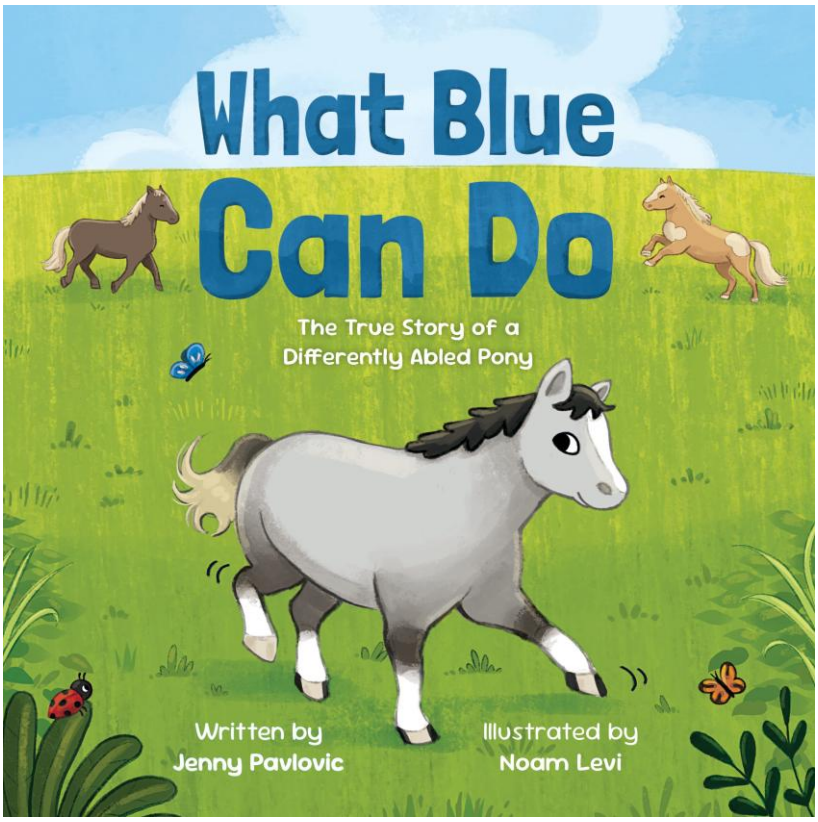


Author: Christina Keim

What Blue Can Do: The True Story of a Differently Abled Pony

Author: Jenny Pavlovic

https://www.amazon.com/dp/0984477276



This picture book, delightfully illustrated by Noam Levi, shares the uplifting true story of Blue, a pony who cannot give rides like other ponies — yet has extraordinary gifts that make her unforgettable.

What will happen to Blue?
Blue wobbles when she walks and sometimes stumbles, too. Blue waits...and waits...and waits...for a home because she cannot walk like the other ponies. Then one day a woman asks what Blue CAN do. Read the inspiring true story of Blue the differently abled pony, who has much to give, even though she cannot give rides.

Written by award-winning author Jenny Pavlovic, this debut title in the new Can-Do Books for Kids series has a message for each of us, and especially for those who feel challenges associated with being different and everyone who wonders, “What good is a horse you can’t ride?”
www.facebook.com/8StateKate/

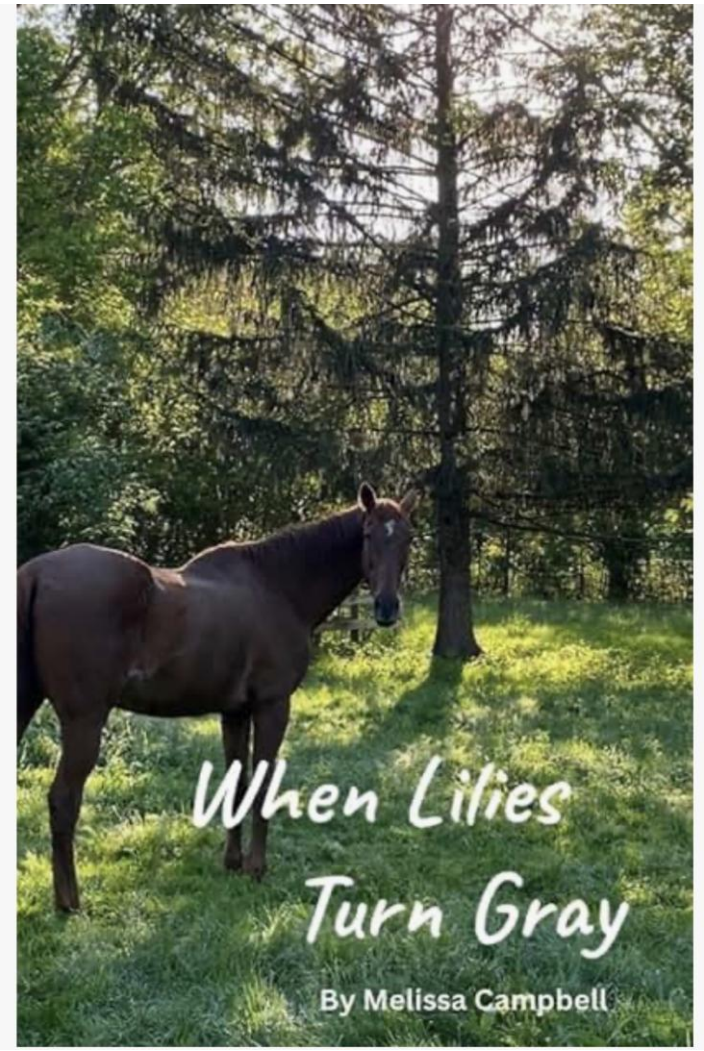
www.WhatBlueCanDo.net



Author: Jenny Pavlovic

When Lilies Turn Gray

Author: Melissa Campbell



In this heartfelt and deeply personal memoir, the author follows her lifelong dream of owning a horse-only to discover that love, when tested, demands more than she ever imagined. What begins as an exciting leap into the equestrian world quickly turns into a journey marked by devastating injuries, financial strain, and hard-earned lessons about trust, resilience, and advocacy.

Lila, a fiery and unpredictable Thoroughbred mare, is far from the perfect horse. But through countless setbacks-including life-threatening injuries, grueling recoveries, and heartbreaking betrayals-an unbreakable bond forms between horse and owner. As the years unfold, their story becomes one of survival, stubborn hope, and unconditional love.

Balancing a demanding teaching career, mounting expenses, and the realities of adulthood, the author refuses to give up-on Lila, on herself, or on the life she's fighting to build. Along the way, she discovers not only her strength, but also unexpected joy, second chances, and even love.
https://amzn.to/4gurCes

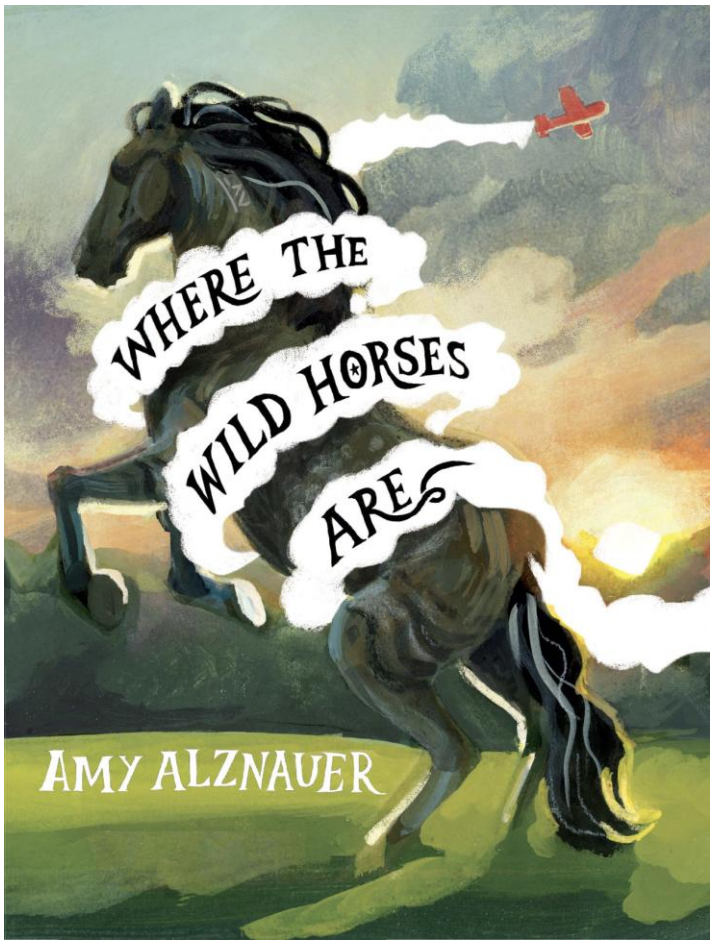


Author: Melissa Campbell

When The Wild Horses Are

Author: Amy Alznauer

www.amyalz.com



A brave girl and a horse no one believes can be tamed: it's a tale as old as time, brought to sizzling new life through Nash's one-of-a-kind voice. Amy Alznauer weaves cowboy bravado, growing pains, and Deaf culture inspired by life in her Deaf-hearing family into a debut middle grade novel that will lasso you tight by the heart.

Nash Eliza West has been horseless her whole life, and she has one shot to turn things around.

Twelve-year-old Nash is a self-proclaimed cowboy. She sleeps with her riding boots on, takes lessons at the local barn, and reads True Grit for life advice. There's just one thing missing— a horse of her own.

Enter the Extreme Mustang Makeover contest, a chance to receive and tame a newly-captured mustang for the summer. Signing up will guarantee Nash one hundred days with a horse; and if she wins, she can use the prize money to bring him home for good. It's the miracle Nash has been waiting for.

https://link.amazon/B02YHQypp

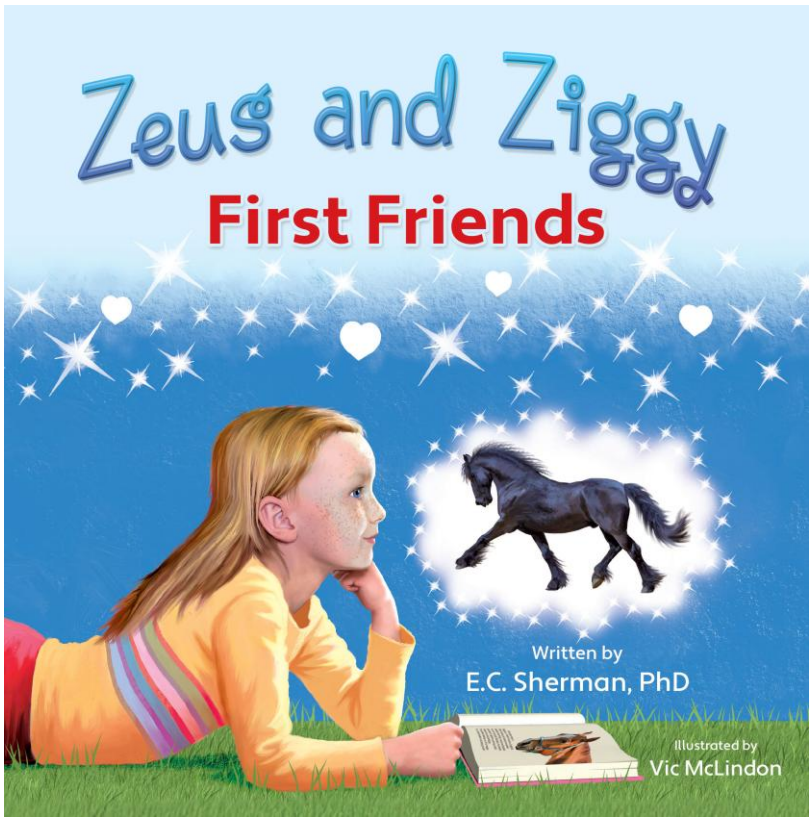


Author: Amy Alznauer

Zeus and Ziggy First Friends

Author: Eileen Sherman

www.ecshermanauthor.com



At Soft Whisper Farm, Ziggy is excited to meet their newest arrival-a Friesian horse named Zeus! However, before Ziggy can even th ink about riding, she needs to practice listening, understanding, and having patience with Zeus. This story is based on a real horse named Zeus and is a tribute to the Friesian horse and the amazing intuition they show when being introduced to new riders. Young riders will learn the value of establishing unconditional love, and what a true partnership really means.

https://www.amazon.com/Zeus-Ziggy-Friends-C-Sherman/dp/1779442165

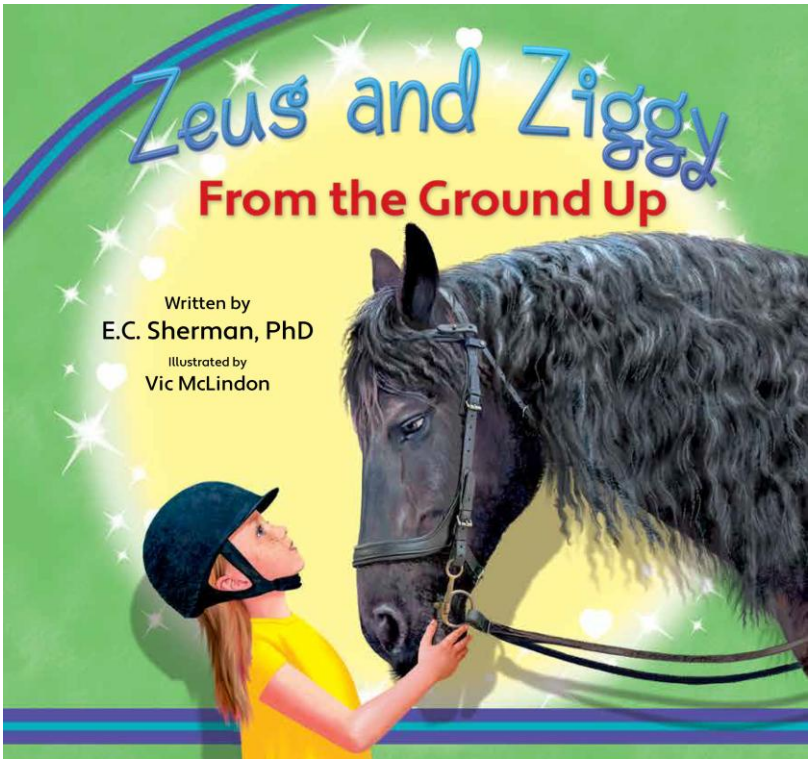


Author: Eileen Sherman

Zeus and Ziggy From the Ground Up

Author: Eileen Sherman

www.ecshermanauthor.com



While Ziggy is excited to ride her new horse Zeus, she quickly finds out that there are several other lessons and movements with Zeus she needs to practice on the ground before they can do any riding. How will she be able to move such a large animal in the direction that she chooses? How will she become a leader to this beautiful Friesian partner? Join Ziggy as she continues to build confidence, trust, respect, and patience with Zeus, as the two friends create an even deeper connection. This second book in the Friesian and Friends series is the continuation of the relationship between horse and human, encouraging young riders and those learning quality horsemanship to slow down, move more deliberately, and think before doing, in order to make groundwork fun.

https://www.amazon.com/Zeus-Ziggy-Ground-C-Sherman/dp/1779444990/ref=tmm_hrd_swatch_0

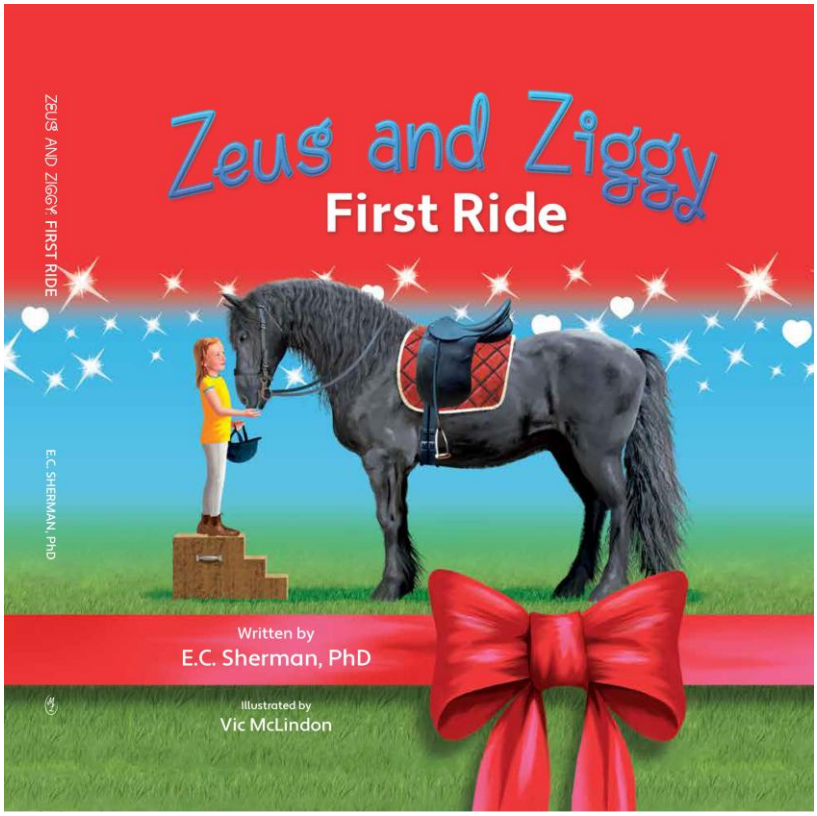


Author: Eileen Sherman

Zeus and Ziggy First Ride

Author: Eileen Sherman

www.ecshermanauthor.com



Ziggy is SO excited to ride Zeus. With the help and guidance of Ms. Rita, she's finally in the saddle and ready to go off with Zeus on more adventures. But there are still lessons with Zeus that Ziggy needs to practice helping her to become a rider with confidence, kindness, calmness, and respect at the two grow and learn together. As Ziggy learns to ride, listen, and trust, she discovers that being brave doesn't always mean being fearless-sometimes it means opening your heart, even when you are unsure of what comes next. This is the third and last book in the Friesians and Friends Series.

https://www.amazon.com/Zeus-Ziggy-First-C-Sherman/dp/177944723X/ref=tmm_pap_swatch_0



Author: Eileen Sherman