

Happy Horsemanship



Synopsis

For you to enjoy me (and for me to enjoy you, too) there are some important facts about me which you should know before you try to handle or ride me. I am a Horse. My name in Latin is Equus. From this name comes the word "equine" which means something to do with a horse, and the word "equestrian" which means one who rides a horse. • With this, Happy Horsemanship starts you and your child on a most wonderful journey. Told from the point of view of the horse, this little gem introduces every aspect of riding and caring for horses "from body to mind, from tack to riding position.

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Customer Reviews

Having instructed students and trained horses for over 35 years, it's still tough to find books good enough to recommend to people trying to learn about them. THIS book does it with flying colors. Everything is in here: safety, compassion, how-to handle a horse and ride, along with why things are done the way they are. Presented in a fun & light-hearted way from the horse's point of view. Very understandable. Even though the book was written in '66 it is superior to and far more practical than the tomes being written today that confuse an experienced horseperson, let alone a novice. Whether riding English (as illustrated) or Western this book tells what needs to be known. I bought it for my 13 yo niece just starting with horses & have recommended it to adults who have spent years with horses.

Excellent book for the beginning rider. Covers basic horse information in a fun and easy to read

manner. Mostly geared for the younger rider, it has information that parents of new horse owners/riders shouldn't be without. The pictures complement the text and are warmly funny. Highly recommended, I give it to all my younger students on their first lesson.

The illustrations are detailed and expressive. The text is accurate, comprehensive information. It is presented in an easy to read & follow format. As a Riding Instructor, I recommend this book to all first time riders and to all my children riders.

This is THE book for beginning horsemanship. Covers everything to do with horses, along with fun pictures and clever cartoons that will help the reader remember the tips and instructions. I received this book as a gift when I was a preteen. It absolutely prepared me for horseback riding lessons and owning my own horse. I just gave this as a gift to a teenager, and when we went on a trail ride - her first trail ride since she was very little - I could already see her applying some of the tips and info from the book. Highly recommend this book for all ages of anyone interested in learning about horsemanship.

Great book to give to any beginner or advanced horse-person, including my husband who has never spent time around horses (and now we own a miniature filly). The illustrations are adorable and make it an easy and fun read, and the book is told from a horse's perspective; this is great because horses can't use words to tell us what they want or need, and people should not have to guess what they horse is "saying." The relationships between horses and humans are built on non-verbal communication, so we use various tones in our voices, the touch of our hands, legs and seat, etc. to tell them what we want/need, and this book is helpful in letting us know what the horse will interpret (and therefore how they will react) from our cues. They let us know in various ways using their entire bodies; from directions of their flickering ears, their chewing or tight mouth, supple or choppy movements/gait, and it is vital that we learn how they think and behave, because the only way both horse and human will obtain a higher quality experience is to learn how to effectively communicate WITH each other. Horses make many decisions based on previous experiences, and some behaviors are hard-wired from thousands of years of evolution (i.e. a horse's flight response is to run from predators/danger; they are born with this instinct, it is not learned behavior; their ears tell us what they are focused on...they might be distracted, angry, annoyed, interested, bored, paying close attention to you, etc.). This isn't so much a book about training as it is about what is going on in horses' minds. We love our horses so much and want the very best for them, and this book is

helpful for achieving better communication with our equine friends. It takes patience and love to communicate non-verbally, and is entirely worthwhile to learn and pay attention to the details. Horses have a lot to say, and we don't want to add confusion by not learning their "language." Did I mention how cute the illustrations are?? They're the best part!

"Happy Horsemanship" is an excellent book for children and adults. It is written in plain english and easy to understand. Illustrations are cute, and easy to relate to. Dorothy Henderson Pinch mixed her knowledge of horses and children better than anybody else I know! This book isn't all serious, fact, fact, fact, it has lots of humor, so the book isn't boring and dull. I think parents, adults, and children will find it an invaluable addition to their home library

I read this book over and over as a child, even though I never had a chance to take riding lessons. Now that I have started learning to ride English, I remembered the lessons in this book and how simply they were explained. I don't know what happened to my original copy, so I had to purchase this later edition. I was pleased to find it was still in print. I highly recommend this book for beginning riders at any age. Henderson's own illustrations are whimsical and amusing. Although it's written for children, it's a classic for all ages.

One doesn't need to own a horse to enjoy the wealth of information and fun facts in this book! It is a delight to read - educational and entertaining. It helps the horse when the owner/caretaker puts into a practice a lot of the points in this book....

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