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The New Encyclopedia Of The Horse



Synopsis

In this superb expanded and updated volume, equestrian expert Elwyn Hartley Edwards traces the evolution of the horse, covering every major breed of horse and pony as well as the contribution the horse has made to civilization -- in the wild, at work, at war, and in sport and recreation. Chronicling the history of the horse, *The New Encyclopedia of the Horse* encompasses the early domestication of the horse. This expanded edition features new information on Western riding as well as classical riding styles, and current international sporting events. There are also completely new chapters on horse management, training, and equipment. **Visual Breed Guide:** There are more than 150 of the world's major breeds of horse and pony photographed in specially commissioned full-figure portraits as well as hundreds of action shots. The origin, history, and uses of each breed are explained, and each breed is brought to life by historical anecdotes and fascinating, little-known facts. Outstanding specimens of familiar as well as obscure breeds are featured, including Dutch Warmbloods and Camargues, Icelandic and Timor Ponies, Morgans and Shetlands, Andalucian and Lusitano, and the Cutting Horse. **Brand New Chapters:** The new sections on horse management, training, and equipment explain the basics of the proper care of the horse. Information is also included on farriers, feeding, grooming, horse behavior, training techniques, and which equipment to use, including saddles, bridles, and bits. Truly encyclopedic in scope, this is the essential reference for every horse lover.

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Customer Reviews

I am very new in horses. Living in a small city my whole life, I never had the opportunity to own a

horse, or even be around them much. But I have always loved them, and know that someday I will have one when I live in an appropriate area. So I want to take my time from now until then to do as much research as I can on horses so I am prepared. Going to book stores, I do not have much luck finding books that are informative. Most of them focus on one small category of horse ownership or history, or just focus on photos. So I came online and looked through all the horse books on and read reviews. This book got great reviews and multiple times referred to as the best horse book that exists. So I figured I'd take a chance and order it! I was not disappointed! This book covers EVERYTHING! It has a 2 page spread dedicated to each breed and includes their history, size comparison to humans, temperament, etc. with beautiful photos of each breed. It also has so much general information on horses including evolution, veterinary care, grooming, showing, etc. If you are looking for one big horse book that covers all topics and breeds, I very highly recommend you go with this one!

I bought this book because I was a beginner ready to buy a second horse and try a new breed. I picked out a fox trotter based on the smooth ride, and went and bought one, so the book worked well for me. Each breed has a 2 page write-up devoted to it, with a large picture and a couple small ones, plus a map of origin. Almost every picture is color. Interspersed throughout the book are many short articles on a myriad of subjects, with 2 or more color pictures on every page of the book. 450 pages, 9 3/4" x 11 1/2".

This is a very beautiful book with lovely photos of horses. You can learn so much from this book and about all different types of horses. This book also tells about horse sports and how they started to give you more of an understanding. Great for horse lovers.

This is a fabulous work. The book is large every page is like 2 pages of a regular size book. Great photos on all of the major breeds. The history section in the front is very informative. I read it cover to cover over time and this is the book I refer to when I want to show a breed to a friend.

As an illustrator, I have to say that if you're looking for a good photo reference for horses this is perhaps the BEST guide you could ever ask for. The breed section alone is well worth the investment, and the photographs provided are just exquisite. Once again DK publishing has come through with a gorgeous guide book, and I for one am tremendously grateful they did.

I love this book! It has so much info! It tells about lots of breeds, and they're all mixed through the book. I'm glad that it tells about my favorite breeds as well as others that I've never heard of, or I don't know a lot about. This book has over 400 pages, but it doesn't cover horse care. My local library bought it for \$40, but I don't know how much it costs here (). Get this awesome book, it covers so much, including the Spanish riding school and a horse called Coogenhogan. This book is high on my wishlist, and it's a wonderful book. I would like to know about the revised edition, if there is one. Buy this book, no matter how much it costs!!!!

When I wouldn't even loan my copy to my adult daughter who has a late blooming interest in all things horse, I was hoping this edition would be good enough. I haven't seen it yet, but the report is "It really looks just like yours." A book to browse, read, re-read, and share. Not a "how to" book for horse owners, but a very readable history and explanation of where the breeds came from and how they were used, with gorgeous photos and illustrations.

We purchased this book for our horse loving 10 year old grand daughter. She has marked the pages with sticky notes to show us certain horses. She has not put it down. It was a real hit.

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