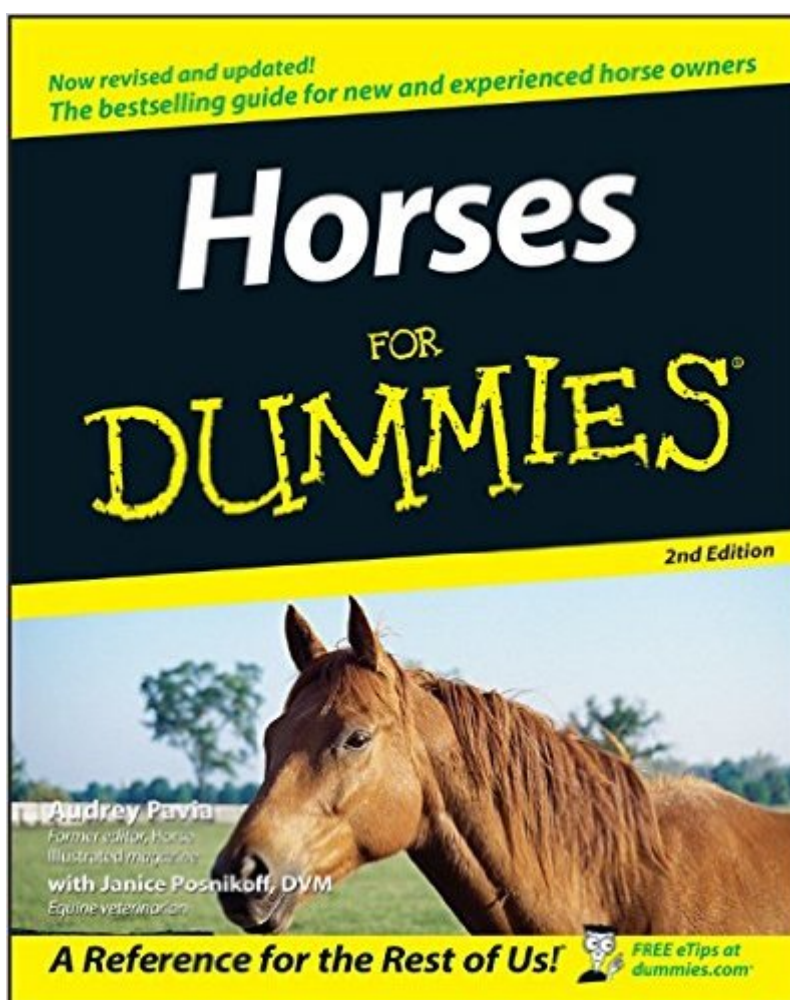


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# Horses For Dummies



## Synopsis

Features new full-color photos and online resources Train, care for, and have fun with your horse If you're crazy about horses, this hands-on guide is all you need to giddy up and go. Featuring updates on breeds, boarding, nutrition, equipment, training, and riding, as well as new information on various equine conditions, this resource shows you how to keep your horse happy - and take your riding skills to the next level. Discover how to \* Select the right horse for you \* Feed, groom, and handle your horse \* Recognize common horse ailments \* Have fun in the saddle \* Get involved in equestrian competitions

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## Customer Reviews

As I've gotten back into horseback riding, horse care, etc., after many years and am now starting over again... this book provided me with all the information I need to get started and covered every possible subject of horse care for the beginner. I found it to be reader-friendly, informative, and it is responsible in that it covers all the basics in not only riding and enjoying your horse or lesson experience, but also touched on all the topics of horse care, tack care, tacking up, mounting, tips on buying one's first horse, etc. It's a must read for those who are either getting back into riding, looking into purchasing or leasing a horse, or for the first time equestrian enthusiast. Buy the book...you won't be sorry!

I was honored to be able to review an early copy of this book -- and proud to give an endorsement quote. I'm a lifelong horse-lover, and I used to ride a great deal. (I have a once-broken bone to prove it from a jump I went over without the benefit of my horse!)Horses are complicated -- to

understand, to buy or lease, to care for, to equip, to train and to handle. Audrey's book does a wonderful job explaining it all, and her love of these marvelous animals comes through on every page. If you dream of horses, this is a book you must have!-- Gina Spadafori, Universal Press Syndicate pet-care columnist, author of "Dogs For Dummies" and co-author of "Cats For Dummies" and "Birds For Dummies."

Lots of great info for the newbie. Whether you want to sound intelligent talking to other small equestrian's parents or preparing to bring your own magnificent beast home.....this book is for you. My biggest disappointment is that my Kindle edition did not include the color photo section.

My husband & I decided to buy horses on a whim, but we knew we'd have to do a lot of learning before we were ready to buy our first horse. Out of the many (many, MANY) books we bought, this book clearly stood out. It taught us ALL the basics, and was a wonderful reference guide for all our questions as we got through the first 3 years, going from boarding to moving out to our own land. This book is a MUST HAVE for beginners, and worth more than the asking price. When I lent it to my cousin, I counted the days (actually YEARS) until she gave it back - once a month there was something I wanted to look up quick! For more advanced horse people, or casual rent-a-horse riders, this book may be too basic. It covers everything from care, to buying, to everything about owning a horse. Not advanced concepts, or anecdotes, or riding styles, etc.

My husband and I bought an old farmhouse on 22-some acres this summer and to our surprise and dismay, two horses were left on the property when we took possession. We decided to keep them but neither one of us has ever owned a horse before so we were really flailing. I joined an online horse forum but after lurking for a few days I formed the opinion that the horsey set is about 90% condescending, opinionated control freaks who make everything needlessly dramatic and complicated. Meanwhile the horses just do their thing and I was having a hard time accepting that they were going to be especially high-maintenance, as I was warned over and over again. We aren't riders so these horses are more like very large pets to us. I wondered to myself if there was such a book as "Horses For Dummies" and lo and behold, came through once again. They are not especially difficult to take care of, just expensive. Lucky for us these two are good-natured and used to human contact so they cooperate with our bumbling and fumbling around with halters, grooming tools, etc. pretty patiently. I do wish there was more information on interpersonal relationships though. One of the horses is young (about 4 years old) and has not been gelded so he does try the

alpha male bit with us humans. Again, lucky for us, the older horse is clearly the alpha between the two of them and he keeps the younger horse in line. The young one is not mean or aggressive, just playful. He responds well to firm correction but I have had to look elsewhere for tips on this as there is not much information in the book.

My daughter absolutely loves horses and we were offered a great deal on a horse and boarding. I bought this book because I knew absolutely nothing about horses or training and wanted to get an idea of what we would be in for and how to get our daughter started. This book was so easy to follow and understand. It was also witty so it wasn't like reading a mundane manual. After reading the book I actually realized buying a horse, even with a great deal, would not be the best idea for our family. I would definitely recommend this book to any beginner in the horse world.

I loved this book and it's very helpful! It explains everything in a way anybody could easily understand, yet it's not boring! I would definitely recommend this book to anybody thinking about buying a horse or anyone who just wants to learn more about horses!

As someone new to horses, this was a pretty easy resource for me to use to have a basic knowledge of horses. I really think it would be beneficial if other new horse people would read this book as a basic horse handling primer. Enjoyed every chapter, every topic. A must read.

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