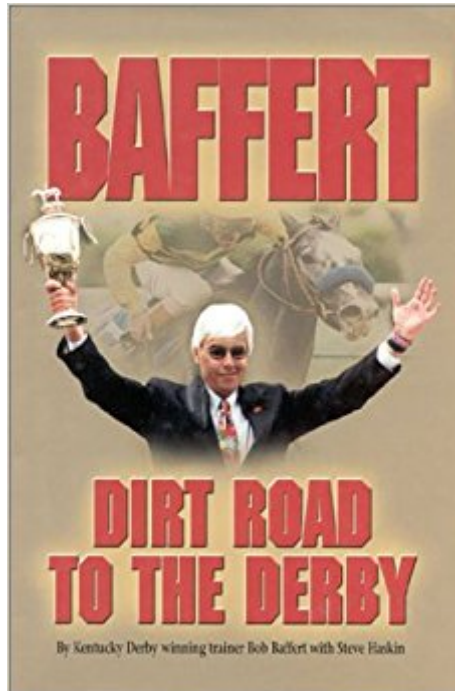




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# Baffert Dirt Road To The Derby



## Synopsis

Baffert offers a frank-and frankly funny-portrayal of his border town roots and rapid rise to the top of the Sport of Kings. A riveting and revealing tale of what it takes to become America's No. 1 trainer.

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## Customer Reviews

Baffert has trained 2 Kentucky Derby winning horses

Winning the Kentucky Derby two years in a row has made Bob Baffert the most visible trainer in America. His wit and silver-haired good looks have made him the most popular. Luck and charm have played a role in Baffert's meteoric rise to the top. But he also is acknowledged as a consummate horseman. In his candid and often hilarious autobiography, "Dirt Road to the Derby", Baffert recounts growing up in a tiny Arizona border town, where he peddled eggs after school and started riding his families Quarter Horses. His early exploits as a jockey provide a fascinating glimpse of racing at the "bush tracks" of the Southwest, complete with shoot-outs and rigged races. After college and a fitful start as a Quarter Horse trainer, Baffert finally hits the big time in that sport. But his real adventures begin when he strikes up a friendship with Mike Pegram, who bankrolled his entry into Thoroughbred racing. After losing the 1996 Kentucky Derby by a whisker, Baffert vows to return. The very next year, he achieves celebrity when he wins the Run for the Roses with the modestly bred Silver Charm. In 1998, he does it again with Real Quiet, who cost him just \$17,000. The Charm and a cast of other good horses take Baffert to the peak of his profession. He is in demand as a trainer by the richest and most influential people in racing. "Although I always wanted

to be the best, I never dreamed of getting to where I am now," he writes. "I was just some kid from Arizona who couldn't even put a halter on a horse. To dream of attaining what I have would be like someone dreaming of becoming president." Despite his success, which includes winning two Eclipse Awards as outstanding trainer, Baffert retains his sense of humor and fun-loving ways. "Dirt Road to the Derby" will make you laugh out loud. Hold on to your hat and enjoy the ride.

Being from Tucson I wanted to read this co-written autobiography by Bob Baffert. I didn't realize it was written in 1999 and was about the two derbies that he'd won at that point, not the more recent two including last year's Triple Crown. He has a great sense of humor and it's a fun read. He needs to write one which includes his path to the Triple Crown!

Five star seller, just as advertised, fast shipping, great price. THANKS!!!!

I love Bob Baffert! I've always cheered for him and wanted to see him win a Triple Crown. This year he did it and it was thrilling. I completely enjoyed the book and I hope there's a sequel now that he and American Pharoah have won the Triple Crown. High marks for the book and the man!

the person I bought this for...loved it.

A quick but interesting read about the colorful guy that recently won horse racing's triple crown. Even my husband who hardly ever reads anything enjoyed the book!

Hall of Famer has a long history in the Thoroughbred business. A fun read.

the book arrived and was just as described.

A good read about one of the top racehorse trainers in America today. It was interesting to read how he rose to the top to win the Kentucky Derby.

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