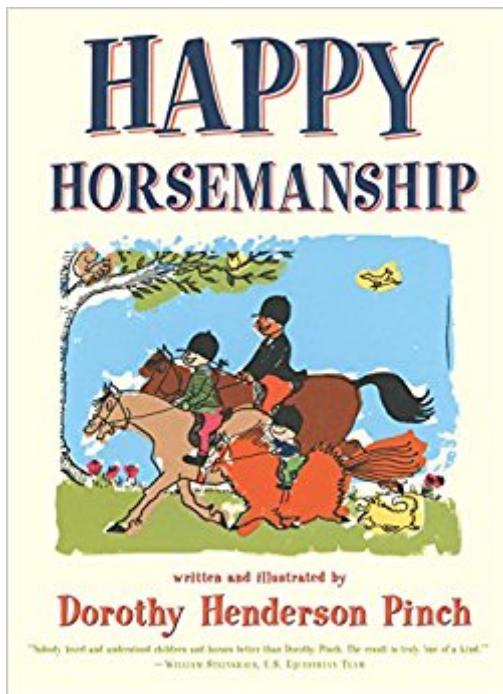


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Happy Horsemanship



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 "Equequine" 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

Col. Alois Podhajsky Former Director, Spanish Riding School Of Vienna Happy Horsemanship will be a great help to young riders. It explains the very basic rules of riding in an easy and clear way, and will teach them to be their horse's best friend. Dean and Louise Bedford Ex-Masters of Fox Hounds An excellent and charming primer, Happy Horsemanship should be read by all beginning riders.

Dorothy Henderson Pinch was a master of foxhounds, a regulation judge of the American Horse Show Association, chair of the Dressage Committee of the Radner, Pennsylvania, Hunt branch of the U.S. Pony Club, and the director of her own school of equitation. She died in 1966.

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!

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.

This is the best book for both children and adults. Many clear (and clever!) examples to help even the tiniest equestrians and the illustrations are just too darn cute. I'll take 26 copies, please :)

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.

Great books for kids just getting into horses or just taking lessons

Best book for children & adults alike. Ordered many used copies to give to young riders. All copies arrived in good condition

It is unfortunate that Dorothy Pinch isn't around to be thanked. This is such a wonderful book. I am a professional horsewoman, and I keep many copies in stock, I hand them out as gift to everyone from small children just starting out, to adults who have been around horses awhile. The author puts things into such simple and easy terms that everyone can appreciate the book. It is simple, accurate, and applicable to any kind of horseman/woman.

This book should be a required reading before riding and/or owning a horse!!!! Great gift for yourself or anyone who loves horses, even if they've been riding for a while. Such a classic book. I give it frequently to kids who express an interest in horses. Teaches you how your horse thinks, moves and lives and how the things you do have an effect on the horse.

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