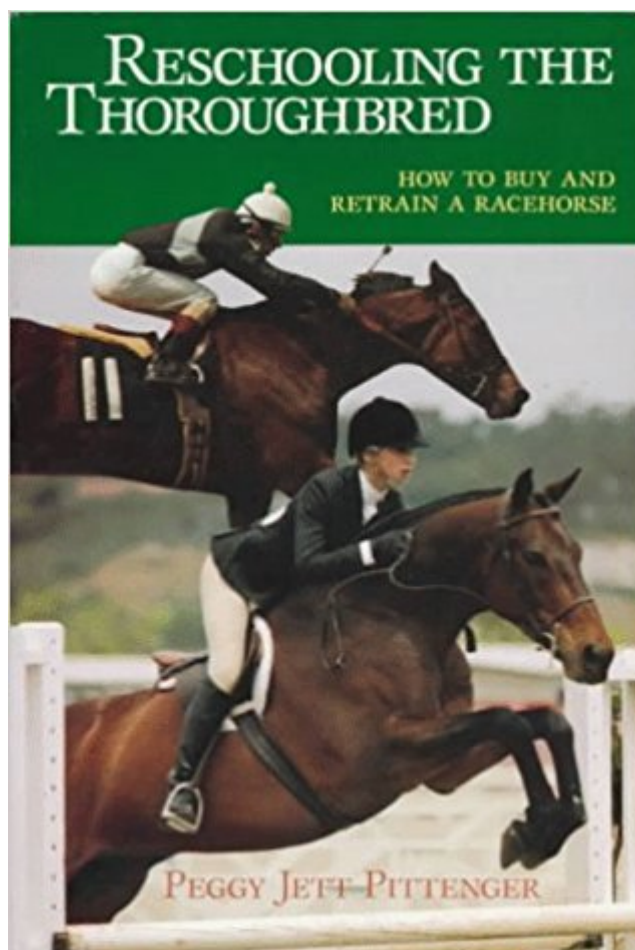


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Customer Reviews

I absolutely loved this book. I purchased an older version after my gerbil chewed up the library book that I hadn't had time to read. Later on, I was ever thankful about the gerbil incident...it caused me to find my dream job and my destiny with the thoroughbred breed. For the review about the person who thinks that he/she knows all about thoroughbreds and this book was not worth it, I strongly disagree...I know quite a bit myself having owned them and having worked with a relative of mine, Jenine Sahadi (who's trained several BC winners). She, too, found this book to be insightful and informative. Seems that the previous reaction's author was a bit jealous...or found the book too hard to handle because of her lack of knowledge (or his lack) of the breed itself. This is a delightful book that has been republished and updated 3 times. Be careful, however-retraining a thoroughbred is for experienced trainers only, not the inexperienced or even experienced riders. These horses have seriously hurt and killed many people, including myself. Those who seriously love thoroughbreds will enjoy this book. This is the best book on reschooling TBs I've found and one of my all-time favorite books, period. Before you train your next thoroughbred, either fresh off the track or fresh to start, take a look at this book and the stories of success, photos, and information. You deserve it, and so does your horse. Also, it's good for reschooling other breeds of horses off the track, too...lots of

valuable info for quarter horses and arabs off the track, as well.

I started riding TB's in Virginia as a 16-yr old. When I was 50 I bought my first TB off the track. He was an "old campaigner" with 5 years of racing, a very kind guy, but an extremely challenging project. Despite my obvious experience with riding in general and Thoroughbreds in particular I might have given up on him. I found this book to be very inspirational and helpful. I could better train him knowing how his life as a racehorse had been conducted. 7 years later, he's now a mellow 15-year, restored to soundness and a sense of purpose, happy in his work, large of heart, popular in the barn, and a big puppy dog. I wholeheartedly recommend this book to anyone who loves the breed and wants to give a racehorse a second chance.

I found the book to be very helpful. Brought up all the little points I wouldn't have considered (but are very logical) such as racehorses are used to having the rider given a leg up so it might react negatively to a usual mount. Forewarned is forearmed! The transition from racing to dressage has so far gone smoothly due in large part to the help I received from this book.

I assumed this book would give me good ideas for exercises, different training techniques, helping to get them bending both directions, biting, etc. I was sorely mistaken. If you have worked with horses (not just TBs or racers) for even as little as one or two years, then you already know the stuff covered in this book. This book is more for someone who knows nothing about a TB or the racetrack. For example: the chapter on "Teaching the ex-race horse to jump" was 6 pages long, and 3 of those 6 pages discussed how to use cavalletti (plain cavalletti, like how long, how high, how to build them, etc.) and the other 3 pages were on the same beginner level, i.e. don't get in his mouth, and don't be ashamed to use his neck for balance. Now, I don't think anyone has any business trying to train any horse to jump if they don't already know this. Not to mention the fact that the pictures are so dark that you only see black blobs and outlines of the horses. I returned the copy I bought.

This classic is the standard work on reschooling racehorses; from gaining an understanding of their life at typical tracks, to helping them make the transition to a new career - be it showing or hacking - this book is a must-own for anyone considering the adoption of a former racehorse into their equine family! (Fast shipping from the seller, too!)

A very nice older book with wise advice for selecting, rehabilitating, and retraining ex racehorses. Overall, a good addition to my library.

This book was *not* worth the money. It tells you basically nothing you don't already know about horses or TBs if you have been around them at all, and if you haven't been around TBs before, you shouldn't be trying to take one off the track: go buy a quieter horse. Waste of money...I sent my copy back. You'd be better off using your common sense.

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