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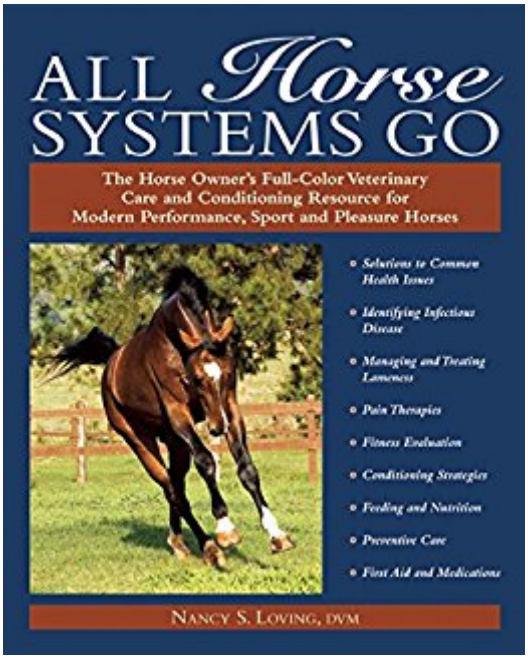

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Synopsis

A ridden horse is an athletic horse, and just as a human athlete needs to gauge his diet, condition his cardiovascular and respiratory systems, and take meticulous care of his muscles, bones, and ligaments, so too must the rider maintain these systems in her horse. Now, for the first time in one, full-color comprehensive book, Dr. Nancy S. Loving, noted equine veterinarian and dressage, event, and distance riding competitor, addresses the singularly challenging needs of keeping the working horse in working order. With chapters devoted to cardiovascular, respiratory, neurological, digestive, and reproductive health, as well to the hooves, bones, joints, tendons and ligaments, muscles, and skin, Dr. Loving provides a thorough understanding of the intricacies of the equine body. However, this is not just another veterinary manual. While diseases are indeed clearly explained, and relevant diagnostic tools and methods of prevention and treatment are offered for various ailments, Dr. Loving sets her book apart by diligently applying her scientific knowledge to the practical needs of every pleasure, sport, and performance horse ownerÃ¢â ¬â •whether you simply hack with friends or compete at the highest level. Over 500 color photographs and 4,000 index entries suitably enrich this consummate text. Whether used as a study guide to better understand your equine athlete or as a quick-find reference when you notice a mysterious new swelling on his near foreleg, All Horse Systems Go is the integral ingredient to ensuring your horse can perform to the very best of his ability, whatever his task may be.

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Customer Reviews

Before I bought this book, I perused books at the library to make sure I was getting the best for my money and one that I would use on my ranch for years to come. THIS IS THE BOOK! Not over the top and hard to understand, great illustrations and explanations. My equine vet will even refer to it when he comes to the farm. I recommend this book for any size equine establishment. Two thumbs up!

There’s a lot of good information here. In some cases, such as thrush, the author discusses prevention but not treatment.I was quite disappointed to see that I paid $60 for a book which has a publisher’s price on the inside flap of $45. I feel pretty stupid now. Google it and you can find the paperback version for as low as $35 new, and the hardback for $80. So I overpaid by about $20, but I still like the book.

I was very happy to receive this book. I own a Tennessee Walker named Indian Star and she came down with a bad skin disease called "scratches" on her lower left hock and require antibiotic and cool water treatments on the leg.I had a friend at the ranch where I board who is studying to be a vet, and she recommended this book as good reference for your horse’s health and firstaid and she this book was used a textbook in her college courses.I went on to obtain a used copy,and was thrilled when I received it. It looked practically brand new, arrived earlier than it was scheduled to, and is a very valuable source in prevention and diagnosis of almost all of the health problem you could have with your horse.I would highly recommend this book to any horse owner as a must. I am thankful to for having it available as used at a price I can afford.Sue Druckenmiller

Every horse owner should have a copy of this book. And with the price being less than a vet’s farm call, it will pay for itself many times over. What I really appreciated about the book was that it isn’t so technical that you need a medical degree to understand it, yet at the same time it is very thorough and the pictures, wow the pictures! For example not only are you told how to care for a deep wound, but how it should look at various staging of healing. How many times have you treated a wound and called the vet daily wondering if it’s healing o.k. or getting worse?The only thing that I was a tad

disappointed in was most of the hoof shots showed shod horses and I am practicing natural hoof care and barefoot trimmning. But if you want a book on Barefoot Hoof Care, you should order a book specific to that topic. This book, it covers everything else you will ever wonder about with your horse and health related problems.I don’t call many of my 1000 books a "bible" of whatever subject, but this is my "bible" of horse health.

I checked it out of local library and showed it to an eqine massage therapist and she thought the pictures were excellent and the text was outstanding.. The horse I was riding at the time came up lame and we were able to diagnose the tendon injury from the pictures even before the vet came out and confirmed it! Every horse owner should invest in a copy..well worth the money.

I generally have about 11 rescue equines on any given day and I’ve referred to this book over and over again. It’s full of great information and has saved me some money when I wasn’t quite sure what something was. Well worth the cost of the book... not suggesting that this book is a good replacement for quality veterinarian care but it’s helped me on some things that didn’t require a licensed vet but I may have called them anyway if I hadn’t had this book on hand.

I was truly overwhelmed by this book. It was much more than I expected. The illustrations are clear and very helpful and abundant. The text is concise without being overly technical. It has helped me understand what my Vet is explaining and also how to explain problems better to my Vet. This books covers an enormous amount of ground. Unlike a lot of general health books written about horses, it does more than just touch upon a health issue, it provides useful information and is reinforced by the illustrations. Probably not a true beginners book but it is easy enough to get through for anyone serious about horse keeping and seeking relevant information. It is the best general horse health book I own.

This is a superb vet book and a great value. Awesome research and information. It’s a steal for the price for what you will learn. Along with this book I bought Equine Behavior by Paul McGreevy which is the best book on behavior and training I have ever read. Both of these books are a must for the horseman’s library. My only complaint about this book is that the hoof section did not address the barefoot horse and and was focused on shoeing.

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