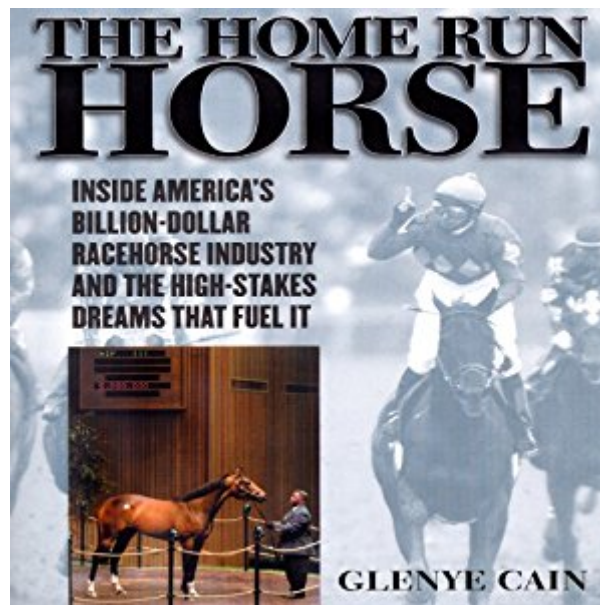




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The Home Run Horse: Inside America's Billion-Dollar Racehorse Industry And The High-Stakes Dreams That Fuel It



Synopsis

The home run horse, the runner that makes your fortune and changes your life, can come from anywhere. This book will explore the quest for the superior thoroughbred, who takes up the search for a life-changing horse, and why they do it with limited success.

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Customer Reviews

I had been looking for a book to explain the inner workings of the horse racing industry for a while, before stumbling upon this book. This book is nearly 10 years old, but still does a very good job explaining various facets of the industry -- from breeding to training to the importance of bloodstock/genetics in the auction ring. Each of the 10 chapters in the book covers a different aspect of the horse racing industry. The best chapter in the book for me was the last one. In that chapter, author Glenye Cain talks about owner Arthur Hancock III's improbable Kentucky Derby win with Gato Del Sol in 1982. Hancock sold Gato Del Sol to an owner in Germany several years after the Derby win, then was cajoled by his wife into relocating the horse and buying him back in August 1999. Hancock likened the move to tearing up \$25,000, but did so because he and his wife were worried about the fate of Gato Del Sol after reading about the recent slaughter of Exceller -- the only horse ever to defeat two Triple Crown winners. My other personal favorite chapter in the book was the story of Funny Cide -- a \$22,000 yearling that won the first two legs of the 2003 Triple Crown. The connections to Funny Cide clearly overachieved and caught a lot of luck in winning the Derby and Preakness with a horse that cost less than one percent of what some of the other yearlings with a better pedigree fetched at auction that year. Much of the information in the book centers about horses, races and personalities in the news in the late 1990s and early 2000s, so it is a bit dated

now. I don't hold the time factor against the book at all. The book is still a great read in 2013.

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