

The Horse God Built

Lawrence Scanlan

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horse than anyone, and no one understood him better. Travelling through the American South, hanging about the tracks and the barns of thoroughbred racing, Scanlan reveals a skilled and much loved black man of the old South, who had a consuming fatherly passion and dedication to "his" horse. We see the racing world through the eyes of a man who died in poverty, his standing-room-only funeral packed with friends and family—yet unattended by the other principals in Secretariat's life. We hear colourful backstretch anecdotes about Eddie and Secretariat from coworkers, jockeys, trainers and owners, all contributing not just to one man's story, but to a portrait of a powerful bond between human and horse.

The Horse God Built Lawrence Scanlan, 2024-05-01 This amazing and heartwarming story of Secretariat and the African-American man who knew him best is detailed in all its equine awesomeness (Maxim). Most of us know the legend of Secretariat: the only two-year-old ever to win Horse of the Year, in 1972; winner in 1973 of the Triple Crown, his times in all three races still unsurpassed. Yet while Secretariat will be remembered forever, one man, Eddie Shorty Sweat, who was pivotal to the great horse's success, has been all but forgotten—until now. In *The Horse God Built*, bestselling equestrian writer Lawrence Scanlan has written a tribute to an exceptional man that is also a backroads journey to a corner of the racing world rarely visited. As a young black man growing up in South Carolina, Eddie Sweat struggled at several occupations before settling on the job he was born for—groom to North America's finest racehorses. As Secretariat's groom, loyal friend, and protector, Eddie understood the horse far better than anyone else. A wildly generous man who could read a horse with his eyes, he shared in little of the financial success or glamour of Secretariat's wins on the track, but won the heart of Big Red with his soft words and relentless devotion. In Scanlan's rich narrative, we get a groom's-eye view of the racing world and the vantage of a man who spent every possible moment with the horse he loved, yet who often basked in the horse's glory from the sidelines. More than anything else, *The Horse God Built* is a moving portrait of the powerful bond between human and horse.

Moderator-topics, 1908

The Big Red Horse Lawrence Scanlan, 2010-10-05 The world of horse racing is brought to life by Larry Scanlan, following the career of Secretariat and looking at the relationship between the horse and his beloved groom. Scanlan introduces young readers to the hierarchy of the track, from the hot walker to the owner to Secretariat, the fastest horse of the twentieth century. Secretariat was good - and he knew it. He didn't tolerate fools, and his groom knew just how to handle him, with lots of love and a firm hand. Eddie Sweat loved that horse, knew every muscle in his body, knew how to calm him down, and knew when to hold firm. He drove him to races and flew with him to his ultimate home, the stud farm. Following Secretariat from the time he was born to the time he died, Scanlan presents a fascinating and engaging look at the partnership of Secretariat and Eddie Sweat - and at the racing world in general, complete with fun trivia facts about Secretariat.

The Foundations of Japan John William Robertson Scott,1922

Commercial West ,1910

A History of American Sports in 100 Objects Cait Murphy,2016-10-11 Beautifully designed and carefully curated, a fascinating collection of the things that shaped the way we live and play in America What artifact best captures the spirit of American sports? The bat Babe Ruth used to hit his allegedly called shot, or the ball on which Pete Rose wrote, I'm sorry I bet on baseball? Could it be Lance Armstrong's red-white-and-blue bike, now tarnished by doping and hubris? Or perhaps its ancestor, the nineteenth-century safety bicycle that opened an avenue of previously unknown freedom to women? The jerseys of rivals Larry Bird and Magic Johnson? Or the handball that Abraham Lincoln threw against a wall as he waited for news of his presidential nomination? From nearly forgotten heroes like Tad Lucas (rodeo) and Tommy Kono (weightlifting) to celebrities like Amelia Earhart, Muhammad Ali, and Michael Phelps, Cait Murphy tells the stories of the people, events, and things that have forged the epic of American sports, in both its splendor and its squalor. Stories of heroism and triumph rub up against tales of discrimination and cheating. These objects tell much more than just stories about great games-they tell the story of the nation. Eye-opening and exuberant, *A History of American Sports in 100 Objects* shows how the games Americans play are woven into the gloriously infuriating fabric of America itself.

Kendall, Our "God-made Chief"--"A Singer of the Dawn" A. M. Hamilton-Grey,1929

The Chosen Few Andrew Rule,2025-09-23 Who are the greatest Australian race horses? And what qualifies them for this honour? Racing enthusiast and award-winning writer Andrew Rule has the answers. They are the greatest Australian and New Zealand racehorses of all time, the giants who transcend the sport, who broke records and captured hearts. But which are the best of the best? Is it Carbine or Malua from the nineteenth century or Tulloch or Phar Lap in the twentieth? Winx or Black Caviar in our own time? Perhaps it is impossible to compare incomparables outside their own eras. Andrew Rule was too big to be a jockey, too small to be a mounted policeman. But all his life he has watched horses and horse people and has written about both. About people who are not always admirable and about horses who so often are. The horses he names in *The Chosen Few* include the sprinters, the stayers, the freakish all-round competitors who could do everything. But he also teases out myths and mistakes, pulls focus on racing's history and ponders the tantalising list of 'coodabeen' champions whose careers were cut short. The result is a collection of stories about beauty and bravery, speed and greed. 'Irresistible for lovers of horse racing; essential for anyone interested in the eminence of the horse in Australian history and the human heart.' Don Watson 'I've read many books about champion racehorses, but this is one of the very few written by a champion writer.' Gerald Murnane 'To not only choose, but write entertainingly and informatively about Australia and New Zealand's top racehorses of all times, is no small ambition. Andrew Rule's writing is a flat-out gallop of detail and description, as he defeats all possible obstacles on his way to the winning post. Rule gives us the history of 10 magnificent horses, including the

much-beloved Phar Lap, Wink and Black Caviar. The Chosen Few is full of characters, both four-legged, and two-legged. What I love most about this book is that it shows, with diamond-edged clarity, how much horses bred to run fast, love it. These great horses were given the chance to truly shine, and our history is the more colourful for their presence on the planet. I can highly recommend this book for anyone who loves horses or racing.' Candida Baker 'Household names of the turf brought vividly to life by horseman and writer Andrew Rule.' Gerard Whateley

The troubadour: selections from English verse. Ed. by P. Gibbs Philip Gibbs, sir Philip Armand H. Gibbs, 1900

National Harness Review ,1914

The National Live-stock Journal ,1878

National Live Stock Journal ,1878

The Book Review Digest ,2007

The Dog by the Cradle, the Serpent Beneath Erika Ritter, 2009 It is no secret that we humans have a special relationship with the animal world. According to statistics, 63 per cent of all households have at least one pet. In 2004 alone American pet-owners plunked down \$36 billion worth of pet product expenditures. More money was spent in 2004 on pet food than on baby food. In a recent survey about attitudes fully 70 per cent of respondents identified the family pet as a "member of the family." On the other hand, millions of cows and chickens are unceremoniously slaughtered each year to feed our unappeasable lust for Whoppers and McNuggets. The world waits breathlessly transfixed on the latest news of a single whale foundering in the surf. Meanwhile millions of tons of fish are hauled from the ocean by commercial fishermen. As Erika Ritter explores in this fresh, fascinating and eye-opening new book, at the heart of this relationship is a paradox "a relationship that is almost schizophrenic in its absurdity: we humans are animals, too. How to account for how and why we have developed this odd relationship with our "fellow" animals. Through interviews conducted around the world with philosophers, scientists, farmers, poets, pundits and commentators, Ritter makes her way through this strange maze of human contractions about our animal brethren to produce a work that reveals as much about "us" as about "them."

Animal World ,1910

Encyclopaedia of Religion and Ethics James Hastings, John Alexander Selbie, Louis Herbert Gray, 1916

The Public ,1908

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