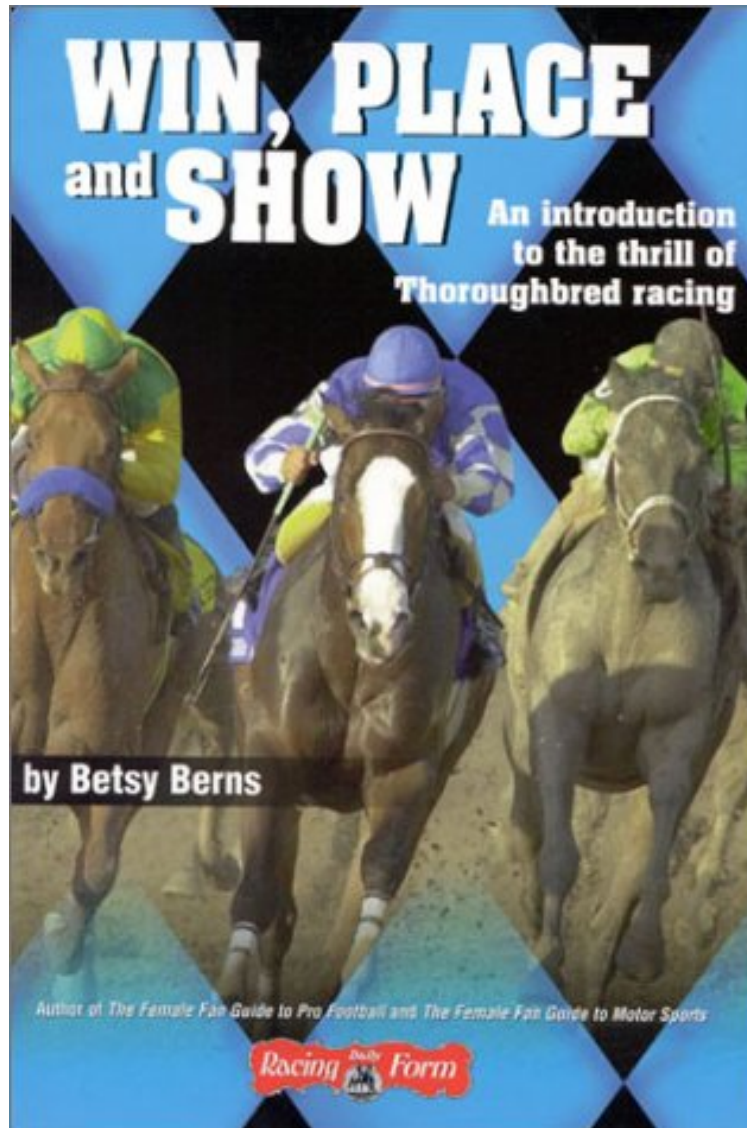


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Betsy Berns : Win, Place and Show: An Introduction to the thrill of Thoroughbred racing before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Win, Place and Show: An Introduction to the thrill of Thoroughbred racing:

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too. But I was disappointed that the author did not include my hometown racetrack (Golden Gate Fields) on the list of racetracks at the end of the book, and it is a very old and established track (been around forever). And that is where I was first "turned on" to the sport many years ago, but never really bothered to understand it until recently (when I purchased this book). Now that I've read this book, I will have more of an appreciation (and understanding) of the sport when I go back home for my annual visits. Also, would have liked some examples (in addition to the explanation) of "claims racing." I didn't quite get a good grip of that concept. The author was able to summarize "handicapping" techniques well enough for the novice, but I still plan on keeping my day job and leave the "handicapping" to the pros. All in all, a good read and interesting too. 15 of 18 people found the following review helpful. Unfactual facts and unhelpful hints about ThoroughbredsBy ealovittThis book has got the imprimatur of the "Daily Racing Form" on its cover, but I knew I'd made a mistake when I turned to the equine anatomy diagram on page 9 and discovered a horse body-part labeled, "leg or gaskin." Oh, oh. I just purchased a book about Thoroughbred racing whose author can't distinguish a horse's leg from its gaskin. Is it all downhill from page 9? Well, not quite... If you skip the first three chapters, the 'helpful hints' and the 'fun facts,' there are some interesting stretches in this book, usually when the author is interviewing a real expert in the Thoroughbred business. My favorite vignette came from trainer, Jenine Sahadi, who pours half-a-cup of red wine into her horse's feed to make it taste better, and to relax the horse. She buys her vino by the gallon at Price Club, so her Thoroughbreds are not likely to end their careers as maitre d's in some fancy French restaurant (although in France, they may end up as the plat du jour.) A couple of other favorite interviews in "Win, Place and Show" were with jockey, Jerry Bailey (read about the race where the starting gate was left on the track) and track announcer, Tom Durkin whose job is a lot harder than it sounds. If you don't believe me try to catch a race on ESPN when the sound feed from the track announcer fails, and the T.V. commentators have to call the race. As might be expected, the "Daily Racing Form" is mentioned roughly a zillion times throughout this book, and even has a whole chapter devoted to it ("Daily Racing Form: The Horseplayer's Bible"). As also might be expected, the most detailed information in this book concerns the handicapping of races and different forms of wagering. For some reason, there's also a chapter on "How to Throw a Great Kentucky Derby Party" that could have been subtitled "Assuming you have lots of time and money and very little taste"--a forty-foot cloth-of-gold pyramid? C'mon! The "Glossary of Racing Terms" at book's end is courtesy of NTRA Communications, and I think they need to do a little buffing up on some of them, e.g. 'black.' "Black: a horse color that is black, including the muzzle, flanks, mane, tail, and legs unless white markings are present." I finished "Win, Place and Show" almost as confused as when I began. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Not what I expected, but still a fun read. By Stephen MA nice read for fun. eBook edition would have done me better.

This is the most complete introductory guide to thoroughbred horse racing on the market today.