



## Children's Horse Fiction Book List

*Stories about horses from different times and situations and the humans who interact with them.*

### **All Their Names Were**

**Courage** – Sharon Phillips Denslow – In 1862, as William Burd fights in the Civil War, he exchanges letters with his sister, Sallie, who is also writing to Confederate and Union generals asking about their horses in order to write a book.

**JF Denslow**

**Away West** – Pat McKissack – In 1879, thirteen-year-old Everett Turner leaves a life of struggle on his family's farm and runs away to St. Louis, where he works in a livery stable before heading to the all-Black town of Nicodemus, Kansas.

**JF McKissack**

**Belle** – Elizabeth Mills – Emmy has just moved from the country and had to leave her beloved horse behind, but Belle, an American quarter horse on which she takes riding lessons, helps her to get used to the noise and bustle of big city life.

**Beginning Readers M**

**Black Beauty** – Anna Sewell – A horse in nineteenth-century England recounts his experiences with both good and bad masters. Illustrated notes throughout the text explain the historical background of the story.

**JF Sewell**

**Blackwater Creek** – Deborah Kent – Erika and her family moved from Hungary to California in search of gold, but in 1849, when they have trouble paying their rent, Erica goes to work tending horses for their landlord and forms a bond with one of her charges.

**JF Kent**

**Chancy of Maury River** – Gigi Amateau – After being abandoned, Chancey, an albino Appaloosa horse, finds a new home with Claire who needs him as much as he needs her, but as his eyesight deteriorates, he and Claire start anew as a therapeutic team.

**JF Amateau**

### **The Charioteer of Delphi**

Caroline Lawrence – Flavia and her friends go to Rome to celebrate the Festival of Jupiter at Senator Cornix's town house, where they befriend the young charioteer, Scopas, and quickly find themselves embroiled in a campaign to sabotage one of the rival racing factions.

**JF Lawrence**

**Cheyenne Medicine Hat** – Brian Heinz – A wild mustang mare tries to protect her band from capture and from a stalking cougar. Includes author's note about the history of North American wild horses.

**JF Heinz (Oversize)**

**Dreamer: inspired by a true story** – Cathy Hapka – Cale and her father nurse an injured horse back to health and dream of winning a big horse race.

**JF Hapka**

**Gabriel's Horses** – Alison Hart – In Kentucky, during the Civil War, the twelve-year-old slave Gabriel, contends with a cruel new horse trainer and skirmishes with Confederate soldiers as he pursues his dream of becoming a jockey. First in a trilogy.

**JF Hart**

### **Ghost Horses: a mystery in Zion Nation Park**

Gloria Skurzynski – Visiting Zion National Park with his family, twelve-year-old Jack encounters two mysteries, the strange behavior of a band of wild mustangs and the possibly sinister actions of his new foster brother, a Shoshone boy.

**JF Skurzynski**

**Harriet Bean and the League Cheats** – Alexander McCall Smith – Harriet helps her detective aunts, Thessalonika and Japonica, investigate cheating at the racetrack by disguising herself as a jockey.

**JF McCall**

**Horse Tales** – A collection of fourteen illustrated horse stories from different times and cultures.

**JF Horse**

### **Jigsaw Pony**

Jessie Haas – Twins Kiera and Fran have never agreed on anything but when their dream comes true and their father surprises them with a pony, they must learn to work together to care for their new pet.

**JF Haas**

**King of the Wind** – Marguerite Henry – Follows the adventures of the Arabian stallion brought to England to become one of the founding sires of the Thoroughbred breed and the mute Arab stable boy who tended him with loyalty and devotion all his life.

**JF Henry**

### **Meet Felicity: An American Girl**

Valerie Tripp – In Williamsburg in 1774, nine-year-old Felicity rescues a beautiful horse who is being beaten and starved by her cruel owner.

**JF American**

### **Misty of Chincoteague**

Marguerite Henry – Paul and his sister Maureen's determination to own a pony from the herd on Chincoteague Island, Virginia, is greatly increased when the Phantom and her colt are among the ponies rounded up for the yearly auction.

**JF Henry**

**Moon Shadow** – Chris Platt – Thirteen-year-old Callie is determined to save and raise a beautiful but sickly mustang foal after the filly is orphaned in a Nevada desert round-up.

**JF Platt**

### **Paint the Wind**

Pam Munoz Ryan – After her overprotective grandmother has a stroke, Maya, an orphan, leaves her extremely restricted life in California to stay with her mother's family on a remote Wyoming ranch, where she discovers a love of horses and encounters a wild mare that her mother once rode.

**JF Ryan**

### **Pony on the Porch**

Ben M. Baglio – When stuck-up Susan's stubbornness puts a horse in danger of his life, Mandy steps in to save him.

**JF Baglio**

**Racehorse in the Rain** – Ben M.

Baglio – Mandy is thrilled when her dad wins first prize in the Christmas raffle--he is going to own a racehorse for a day.

**JF Baglio**

**The Runaway Racehorse** –

Ron Roy – Dink, Josh, and Ruth Rose investigate the disappearance of a valuable racehorse that Dink's uncle and his friend, Forest Evans, have just bought and entered in a race at Saratoga. An A to Z Mystery.

**JF Roy**

**Sea Star: Orphan of**

**Chincoteague** –Marguerite Henry

– A wild colt rescued by two children is raised by a mare who has lost her own way.

**JF Henry**

**Stormy, Misty's Foal** –

Marguerite Henry – A foal, born in the aftermath of a great storm, and her famous mother help raise money to repair the storm damage on Chincoteague Island and restore the herds of wild ponies on Assateague Island.

**JF Henry**

**The Truth about Horses,  
Friends, and My Life as a**

**Coward** – Sarah P. Gibson – As she fearfully begins learning to ride and manage the horses she never wanted her family to own, Sophie Groves also begins to acquire friends on the Maine island she calls home.

**JF Gibson**

**War Horse** – Michael Morpurgo –

Joey the horse recalls his experiences growing up on an English farm, his struggle for survival as a cavalry horse during World War I, and his reunion with his beloved master.

**JF Morpurgo**