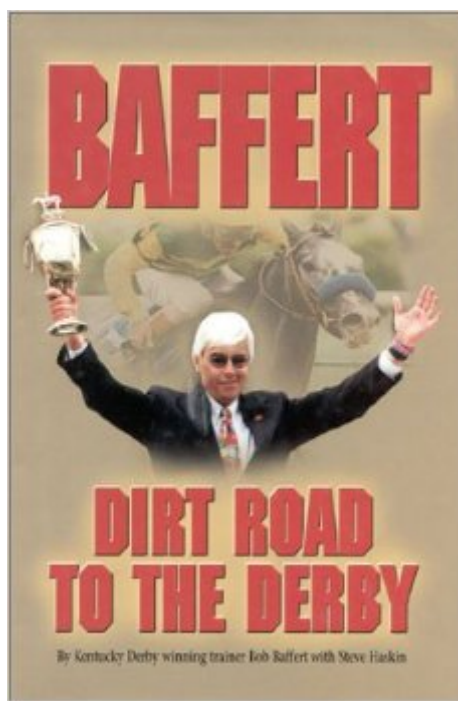


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# Baffert Dirt Road To The Derby



## Synopsis

Baffert offers a frank-and frankly funny-portrayal of his border town roots and rapid rise to the top of the Sport of Kings. A riveting and revealing tale of what it takes to become America's No. 1 trainer.

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## Customer Reviews

Just finished Baffert: Dirt Road to the Derby. If you like Bob Baffert you will enjoy this book. If you are in love with thoroughbred racing you will enjoy this book. Steve Haskin writes awesome articles for The Blood-Horse. I think he is the best turf writer alive today. I would never have guessed that he had anything to do with this book. There isn't any Steve Haskin in this book and that may be good because that means this book is Bob Baffert. Also it isn't written like most biographies I have read. It rambles back and forth in Bob's life with interesting recollections that may not be interesting to a person not into thoroughbred horse racing.

I love Bob Baffert! I've always cheered for him and wanted to see him win a Triple Crown. This year he did it and it was thrilling. I completely enjoyed the book and I hope there's a sequel now that he and American Pharoah have won the Triple Crown. High marks for the book and the man!

The exploits of Bob Baffert will leave any genuine racing fan laughing. I'm an Australian horse racing fan and I loved this book! Didn't stop giggling the entire way through and couldn't help but read aloud passage after passage to my partner (much to his chagrin). This condensed version of Bob Baffert's life up to (and past) the Derby isn't earth-shattering, content-wise, but it is very

entertaining.

This book was enjoyable to read. I liked learning about the ordinarily extraordinary life and times of Bob Baffert. It's a book full of experiences and some tips to learn from.

The BAFFERT book is an easy read and actually gives you a bit of a feel for the man, the horse racing industry (mostly thoroughbred), and its players thru 1999. It sometimes seems the book is meant to be cathartic, as Bob fairly candidly relates a number of mistakes (as well as good decisions) he has made with horses and clients over the years; still the book helps you to appreciate the little boy personae so evident in the successful man who's central to nearly every major horse racing event today. Although the book was published in 1999, a number of the people and horse bloodlines are still relevant as I write this review in April 2006.

Thank goodness the author didn't fill this book with a bunch of useless data...there's plenty of that in most other books on thoroughbred horse racing. My favorite parts were when Mr. Baffert opens up and tells the stories of his misadventures growing up and the adventures of today. Another reviewer complained that the author used the "I" too much, but considering that "BAFFERT" is in the largest type on the dust jacket, I would expect the book to be about him. Please write another book, and fill it with some more humorous stories. I really enjoyed the few you shared with us in this one.

Bob Baffert is one of the greatest trainers out there today! He takes care of his horses & is SO funny! He's my favorite trainer & if it hadn't been for him & Silver Charm I might not have ever gotten to to racing like I am now! I would love to be a Jockey & ride for Mr. Baffert one day or even be one of his rival trainers! Who knows! ^\_~

A quick but interesting read about the colorful guy that recently won horse racing's triple crown. Even my husband who hardly ever reads anything enjoyed the book!

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