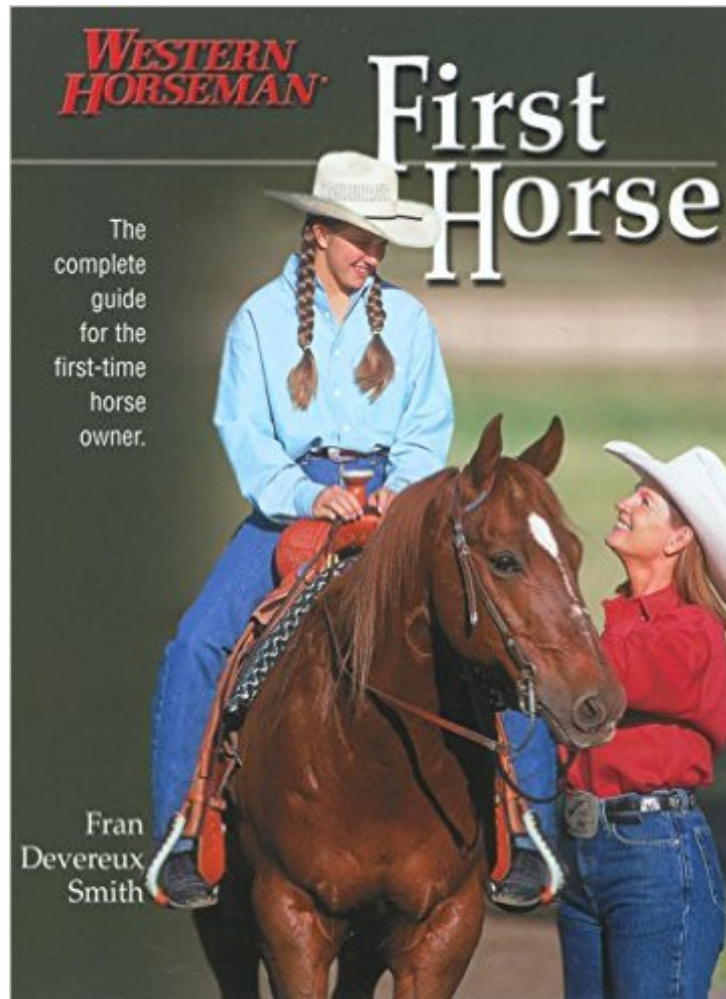


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# First Horse: The Complete Guide For The First-Time Horse Owner



## Synopsis

A veteran riding instructor offers authoritative advice on purchasing, handling, and caring for a horse, providing the foundation needed for a lifetime of happy horse ownership.

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## Customer Reviews

First Horse by horse training expert Fran Devereux Smith is a straightforward and comprehensive instructional and informational guide specifically designed and written for the "first-time" horse owner. Covering everything from the basics of riding; to proper care and feeding; to accurately estimating horse-care costs, and much, much more, First Horse is a "user friendly" reference for anyone seriously considering becoming the owner of a horse, whether as a riding animal for pleasure or for work.

I have been shopping for my first horse and feel like I am far more equipped to the task than before reading the book. Granted, I have a friend who trains horses (and riders), and she's a great resource, but it's my money and time that will be invested and so I need to know as much as possible beforehand. The only downside is that English riding (which is my interest) is barely mentioned, but seeing as how it's published by "Western Horseman," that's only to be expected. I really liked the emphasis on safety and the fact that the younger (or more inexperienced) the rider, the older and more experienced his or her first horse should be. I'll keep this around for years as a

helpful reference!

I borrowed this book from the public library along with many others on the same subject. After reading through it rapidly, I decided to buy it right away. I plan on studying it in details. We do live around horses and ranches. I do ride horses on trails; I love being around horses, I love riding them but they still remain a bit of a mystery to me. The local rancher or cowboy took care of them, got them ready for me. As a friend and perfect "dude" neighbor, I just sat in the saddle and went along on the ride. Not anymore! Now, little by little, I will be able to gain an understanding and knowledge of horses. I will know better how to deal with horses, how to deal with tacks. When confused by a behavior of a horse, or by an happening on the trail, I can go back to this book and find the answers to my typical "dude" questions. I am looking forward to study this book. It is very well organized; the language is clear; it relates exactly to what I see and experience around me. It will be a wonderful addition to our library. I do know I am not ready to purchase my first horse right now, but, thanks to this book, I know there is hope that a year from now I could become a horse owner!

covers the basics very well. I would recommend to any new horse owner. Get it, you won't be disappointed or overwhelmed by complexity.

Great book full of very useful info, good for the first time buyer or just as reminders through the years ,or someone like me who's getting back into horses at the age of 63.

This is an excellent guide for the young horse owner. Our daughter just got her first horse and this guide will teach her much about caring for her horse.

What a fantastic book for a refresh or first time horse owner. Lots of great information. I highly recommend this book.

I love this book! We used before we bought our horse and continue to consult it now!

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