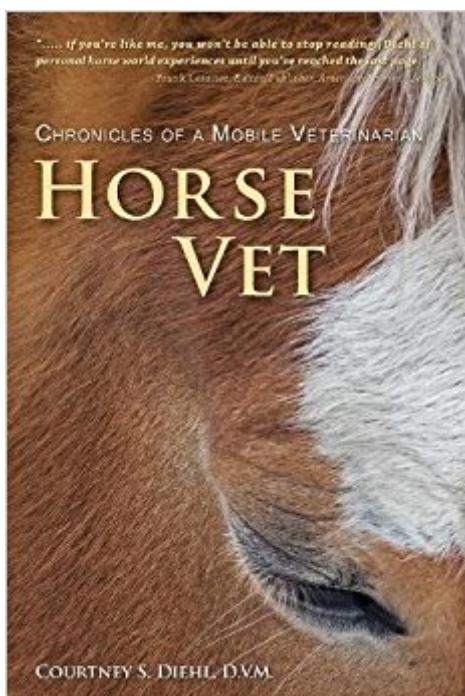


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Horse Vet - Chronicles Of A Mobile Veterinarian



Synopsis

Gunshot injuries. Breeding disasters. Controlling trainers, nutty horse owners, warm hearted clients and "laugh-out-loud-funny stories that you just can't make up"- Dr. Courtney deals with it all in this lively series of tales about the life of a mobile vet in the Colorado Rockies. In her stories from thirteen years as a mobile horse vet, whether running IV fluids on top of a mountain or squaring off against an unethical cutting horse owner who calls her "Little Lady," Diehl makes us laugh, cry and smile. It's a journey that brings the reader onto the farms and into the clinic and shows what it's really like to be a mobile veterinarian.

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Customer Reviews

Dr. Diehl wrote an absorbing account of a modern day horse vet, traveling from farm to farm and even back yard horses. Being a horse owner myself, and even living in Colorado, I really empathized with the author and some of her clients! Indeed many of them were 'clients from hell' as I know some horse owners can be real pieces of work as I have often observed fellow horse owners when they greet and deal with the vet when he/she comes to care for their horses, even if it's only to give the horse a routine vaccination. Things often got really tense if the vet was there to doctor a horse in the throes of colic or put sutures in the leg(s) of a horse who ran through a barbed wire fence! I never really fathomed what a horse vet experiences or endures working with humans and their horses or even farm dogs. Dr. Diehl definitely is a vet whom I'd call on to help keep my horse healthy and happy, and to treat her when ill or hurt as she is compassionate and caring, and also is a talented story as well. Recommend this book highly, especially if you are a fellow horsewoman!

My daughter wants to work with horses, so I got this book for both of us to read. We've had two horses, both Arabians, both suffered colic so bad that they had to be put down. I wish Dr. Diehl had been nearby. I hope that my daughter becomes as good an equine vet as Dr. Diehl. The stories in this book run the gamut from sweet to funny to heartbreaking. If you love horses, read this book!

Even after a successful career as a horse breeder, trainer, judge, and appraiser, I think the stories on laminitis and founder alone are worth the price of the book. [Kudos to Dr. Platt.] Tightly written with great dialogue. Eye-opening and entertaining for those who only scratch the surface of the horse world. Some equine pros may not take kindly to Dr. Diehl's reportage, but it might be worth their time to consider the "rest of the story." On the flip side, Dr. Diehl may have missed some of the wonderful trainers who always put the horse before the win. A must read for anyone thinking about a career as a large-animal vet. Well done - I enjoyed this quick read.

This was an interesting and well-written account by a mobile horse veterinarian. I could only wish that the author had included MORE stories in it. Her word-portraits of horses, owners, fellow vets, trainers and "witch doctors" was both knowledgeable and entertaining. I also learned quite a bit about specific equine ailments (laminitis, for example, which is approached in an amazingly commonsense way). I hope that Dr. Diehl will do a second book -- or perhaps the biography of Dr. Platt, a mentor whom she writes about here. Recommended for all animal lovers.

This book was a real downer. I understand Ms. Diehl wants to present a realistic view of a veterinarian's job, but is it all really that bad? I didn't even finish the last two chapters. Overall this book was more of a presentation of how bad clients can be more than anything else. I think there was one small section that gave an account of a humorous situation, but that was about it. It left me wondering why she stayed in that career.

Well written. Many summer vacations as a child were spent in the Eagle, Co area riding horses through the mountains. Dr Diehl's brief descriptions of the area took me back to simpler times. The book itself conveyed her love and compassion for horses as well as expressing her desire for integrity in her profession. She has my deepest admiration for her willingness to follow her heart and stand firm in her convictions. I look forward for another book by this author.

This book is about a young Veterinarian who is just starting out as a Mobile large animal vet. It shows the prejudices of the good ole boy net work towards a young lady vet who doesn't let their small mindedness stop her or get in her way. She shows you the cruelty of people towards animals and on the opposite end of that the bold determination of others in helping heal those who have been harmed almost beyond help. This book will pull your emotions from laughing to crying. Overall in the end you wish you lived in her Colorado town so she could be your hometown veterinarian. This is a feel good book for not only the horsey type but for all animal lovers and those in the animal care industry. I will be looking for more of Dr. Courtney Diehl books in the future.

Often funny, and many times heart wrenching, I learned a great deal from this book. I saw myself here & there; saw many of my trainers and farriers as well. Most disturbingly, I saw examples of the growing numbers of "pseudo-natural horse healers". PERHAPS some of what these "health care " folks do help horses. Mostly I suspect they charge a lot of money for "fad cures". I actually saw one well-respected woman whose printed receipts had a paragraph at the bottom just above your signature that stated "your horse may actually become far worse before he gets better" so a considerable period of time and several treatments may be necessary before progress can be made! It is so very difficult to know what to do when your beloved horse is hurt or sick. Thank you to all the good vets, farriers and care givers out there. And thank you God for these beautiful creatures who share their lives & love with us.

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