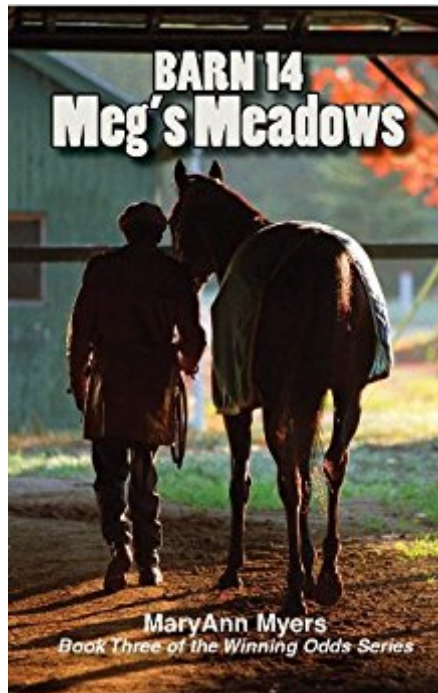




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Barn 14 - Meg's Meadows (Winning Odds Series Book 3)



Synopsis

There isn't a racehorse fan alive that doesn't know Ben Miller. He's the man who changed the course of history in modern Thoroughbred racing. He brought the fans back. He instilled integrity in the sport. He enacted strict policies to ensure a racehorse's wellbeing. He lives by the creed that no Thoroughbred will ever be forgotten and believes every racehorse breeder, owner, and trainer should be held accountable. To Ben Miller it's all about the horses and it always has been.

• Simon Fitzgerald " Nottingham Downs State Steward Barn 14 - Meg's Meadows is the long-awaited continuation of Favored to Win and Odds on Favorite. Book Three of the Winning Odds Series takes you to the backside of the Sport of Kings and into the shedrows of Thoroughbred racing. What is Dawn seeing as she stares down the road between the barns? Where's Tom? Is that Ben? What is he doing? Where's Randy been? Junior, it's time you grow up. Lucy, don't cry. Matthew, fight, you can do this. Where will the old-timers go? Hillary? Why is someone trying to put Nottingham Downs out of business? How can newspapers print lies? Mim, what are we going to do? Bestselling author MaryAnn Myers has done it again. As with her previous page-turning novels, drop what you're doing, settle back, and enjoy the ride. The bugle sounds. The horses wait. The starting gate rings. "And they're off!"

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Customer Reviews

I've enjoyed this series, but this book showed some sloppiness on the part of the author. Here are a few examples: There is an extended question as to if a mare is still pregnant or had slipped her foal. This remains a question while several days pass in the plot, although a main character is an equine vet living on the farm where the mare is. Yo, doc- ultrasound? One horse is described as being the offspring of the great Forego. Impossible, because Forego was a gelding. Another horse is described as a son of Turn To. Turn To died in 1973, decades earlier than this colt would have been conceived. A 1 1/4 mile race is described as being run in 1:44. The world record for that distance is 1:57 4/5, set by the great Spectacular Bid in 1980.

This is a 5 star book (and series) all the way. MaryAnn Myers continues her Winning Odds Series with more from our friends Dawn, Ben and Tom and the entire rest of the family. When I say family I am serious about that because the author writes this series and continues to build in more characters and increase what we know about each person -- but -- everyone has a family connection. Still set primarily at Nottingham Downs, we find ourselves spending more time at Meg's Meadows (The Home Farm) in this story. The racetrack and horse racing part of the series is once again fabulous. Never one to shy away from issues needing to be discussed in horse racing, MaryAnn Myers takes on the next topic that needs to be discussed. She also keeps us engaged in the story of the racing careers of the horses, trainers and the inner workings of the racetrack. What elevates this book, and in fact the entire series and related book (Shipping Out in the Morning), is that the author presents real world situations that we have all encountered and she walks us through positive solutions to these issues. Not everything is easy or solved in a few words or pages and there are plenty of tears shed by our friends in the book. We live with the characters as they find the path through problems such as being young and lost in life, overcoming pain and injury, learning how to love and be loved, realizing that home is a good place to be, navigating old age, and working too hard and too long while missing the important parts of life. An enjoyable story that I highly recommend.

I am reading the book right now and it has a human touch to it. By that I mean you can relate to

everything that is happening as if you are part of the workforce there and taking part in the day to day activities of life. Some books keep you at a distance because you know this stuff would never happen in the real world. This book is different. I like it and I recommend it.

as I said.. gonna read them all... cause they are fun and I like the characters.

I have enjoyed each of the books in this series and count on reading more!!! MaryAnn Myers puts you right in the barn with all the characters and you become involved in the daily lives of all. She brings the true aspect of the racing world to light with details of how it really is for the families of the backside and the community that takes care of each other in the elements of racing life. There is a message here to tell of the compassion and concerns for the industry as well as the lives of many that make it what it is. The "retirement" homes for both trainers and horses is so needed and the control of medications as suggested by her is of great importance to the survival of the industry. I will be looking forward to another book and the continuing saga of Nottingham Downs and the wonderful characters she has entailed in this story of life on the backside!!!

Reading MaryAnn's books are like going home and visiting with the people you know the best and love the most. Barn 14 - Meg's Meadows brought all my favorite characters back home again and the "cozy", "comfortable" feeling continues throughout the book. With an eye on detail and character development, MaryAnn's books are the kind you start and never want to put down! These aren't just horse racing stories, they're stories about people, family, conflict and the resolution of conflict with the best interest of those involved as paramount. I'm one who is hoping her Winning Odds Series continues because her characters are family I love to visit! Linda Myers, Author of Stoney the Pony's Most Inspiring Year: Teaching Children About Addiction Through Metaphor

This whole series has been a very good read! Excellent characters, plot, writing, information included about the ins and outs of horse racing--just a fine example of an author who writes about people and animals and their relationships. You won't be sorry if you read all three

I love all of MaryAnn's books and this series is the BEST! The background of Thoroughbreds and racing is spot on...she has lived her research. The authenticity of the material keeps the reader informed and entertained. The whole cast of characters keeps you rooting for them, crying with

them and simply falling in love with Ben, Dawn, Randy, Tom, grandparents, grandsons, children and of course...the horses! I really wish there was a racetrack like Nottingham Downs and owners like Ben and Tom. All MaryAnn's books can teach these big tracks how it 'should be done' in a perfect world! So sit down, fall in love, cry and rejoice with this book and the rest in the series: Winning Odds. I wish I lived with them all at Meg's Meadows!

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