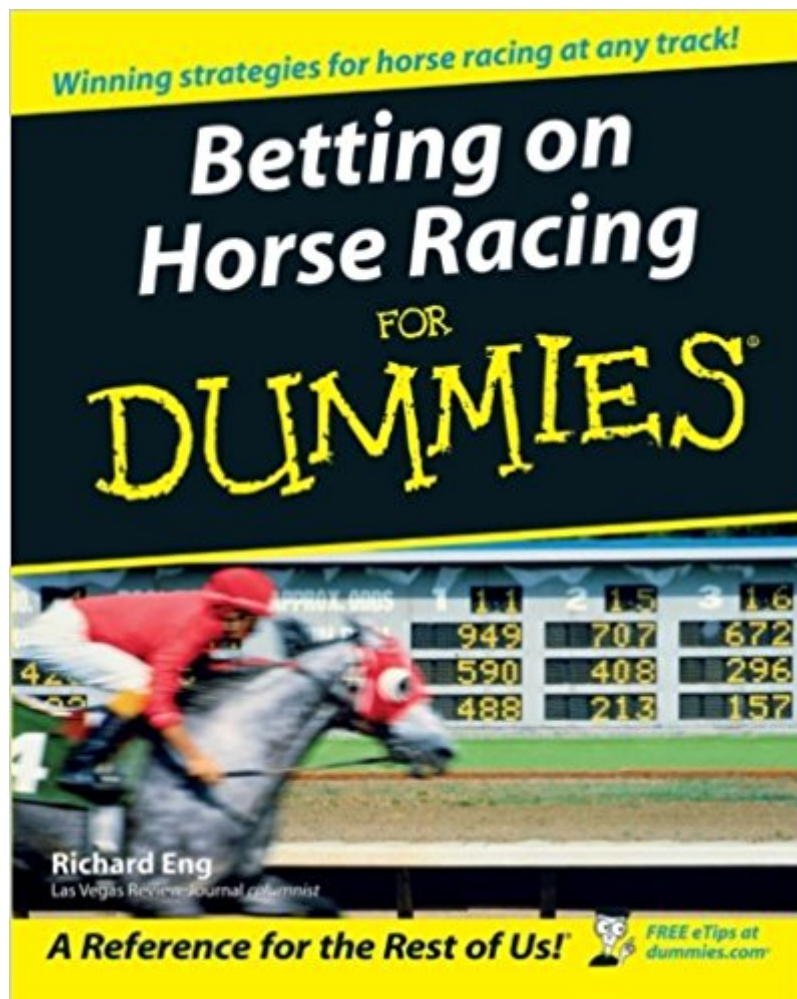




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# Betting On Horse Racing For Dummies



## Synopsis

How to enjoy a day at the races-and bet to win! The last two years have seen a record number of Americans tune in for climatic Triple Crown races featuring Smarty Jones and Funny Cide; in 2004, television viewership jumped a whopping 61 percent over the record set in 2003, and the Belmont Stakes race itself drew a record crowd of more than 120,000! This easy-to-understand guide shows first-time visitors to the track how to enjoy the sport of horse racing-and make smart bets. It explains what goes on at the track, what to look for in horses and jockeys, how to read a racing form and do simple handicapping, and how to manage betting funds and make wagers that stand a good chance of paying off. Complete with coverage of off-track and online betting, it's just what anyone needs to play the ponies-and win! Richard Eng (Las Vegas, NV) is a racing writer and handicapper for the Las Vegas Review-Journal, a columnist for the Daily Racing Form, and the host of a horseracing radio program in Las Vegas. He was formerly a part of the ABC Sports team that covered the Triple Crown.

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Cash in big on multiple races and horses Make well-informed bets and gain the winning edge Hoping to win at horse racing? Whether you're betting at the track or online, this easy-to-follow guide helps you improve your odds, explaining everything from the different types of racing and planning wagers to handicapping and managing your funds. You'll understand the ins and outs of the racetrack; and even see how to pick the next Kentucky Derby winner! THE DUMMIES WAY® Explanations in plain English "Get in, get out" information Icons and other navigational

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betting on horses for dummies is one of the best books i have gotten.. i am new to horse betting so i want to learn everything i can about it.. and this book does just that..it explains in detail the different bets you can make, how to read the odds, different horse tracks, what you should look for in the races leading up to the triple crown, race lingo, a tear out cheat sheet to take to races with you and many other things that you will want to know..this book will help you when you looking up things online and on youtube.i am so glad i decided to get this book. it really has helped me learn a few things i want to know before i get my bets ready for the triple crown and many other races..i had no idea how exciting horse betting was until i got a job in a casino that has a horse track.. i started just betting the kentucky derby 3 years ago.. of couse i had help from a friend who bets the races all the time.. now 3 years later i really wan to get into it.. AP winning the triple crown last year really did it for me..now am looking at other casinos near me that has a horse track, i started reading up on the horses the owners the trainers the jockeys and even the bloodlines of the horses.. so this book really is going to help with everything. it really is a must have for people new to horse racing..

If I was to rate this against other handicapping books then I would lower the rating, but I review it against what it is intended to do for the reader. It's a great primer into the world of the Sport of Kings, and will give the weekend warrior some great ideas just to have fun at the track. If you want to delve deeper into the sport then it provides a very substantial base to build off of. Since there is no Holy Grail of handicapping from this book you'll just have to strike out on your own.

This really is a good book for a Horseplayer.No matter if you are starting out with Horse Racing, or have been at it for years, the author really knows his stuff. His experience in Vegas combined with years of knowledge are packed in this book, and delivered skillfully. There are back stories you can skip (he clearly marks these) and tips and core information he flags to your attention. Everything

from the lore of Thoroughbred Racing to modern Exotic Betting is covered for you clearly and precisely. I am very surprised. I've been at it for decades and read it on a whim. I'd recommend it to any level of Horseplayer from Novice to Expert. I actually learned more than I ever thought I would.

Pretty good book with loads of information! I read it from cover to cover and put what I learned from the book to use at the track. Won several races! If you're new to handicapping or need a refresher, this book is a must on your shelf!

I wholeheartedly recommend this book! We went to Churchill Downs in Louisville Ky and were in the "Millionaires Row" for an evening of racing, so I figured I should have some knowledge of how to bet and how to read and interpret the racing forms etc. I ordered the book a week before we attended the event. I had never been to the races and have always wanted to do so, and I wanted to be able to enjoy the whole experience and be comfortable with the surroundings etc. and not be intimidated with the process. This book was fantastic! I didn't need to be an expert but wanted to be comfortable at the track and that is what happened. By the end of the evening I was helping my friends and people I just met with their bets. It was so much fun. I told everyone that I learned from the book "Betting on Horse Racing for Dummies".

Bought this book as a joke for my girl friend who has become interested in horse racing. Couple weeks later we went to the track & she bet in five races and won (W,P,S) five in a row. Maybe beginners luck, maybe the well laid out and informative book... who knows, maybe it's a gift, but she's one every time we've gone this summer

I found this book to be very useful in terms of helping me build handicapping skills. Eng explains things in a pretty simple manner and provides examples in graphics to make his ideas clearer. I got this in Kindle edition and I plan to return to it often to review various pieces of advice. It's definitely not going to be a one and done kind of read because there are many variables discussed here, and reviewing them often will be the key to taking advantage of Eng's valuable advice. I would say to anyone getting into handicapping should start with this in order to familiarize yourself with a wide variety of aspects in horse racing.

This may very well be the best introductory book on horse racing ever written. It truly touches on just

about every aspect of handicapping, betting and watching the races. It's clear that the author has a lot of passion for the game. Many people talk about Tom Ainslie's book, but I think that this is the one that can get any person started. If you pair this with Steve Davidowitz's "Thoroughbred Handicapping", and watch Jerry Bailey's "Inside Track", and then read Steven Crist's book on exotic wagering, you will truly be on your way to being a very good handicapper and bettor. Will that make you a winner? Perhaps. Luck is always a factor, and the house always has an advantage. In parimutuel wagering, the house would be the track, the owners, the jockeys, the trainers, the grooms and anyone else with direct, continuous contact with the horses. Any of them can take a piece of the action at any time, and it can be very difficult to defend yourself as a horseplayer, particularly if you are doing it on a part-time basis. If you can understand the game, and develop some good pet angles that occasionally work, then you can be competitive and have a ton of fun. But beware-the game is an intoxicating mix which can easily become addictive to anyone over time. Best of luck.

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