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*From the Horse's Point of  
View John Wiley & Sons*

An eye-opening book leading equestrians into a brave new horse world, where we train horses

their way, not ours. For years, Andrea Kutsch filled stadiums with spectators as she demonstrated remarkable transformations in “problem horses” using the Natural Horsemanship training methods she'd learned from leaders in the field. But something was bothering her—a feeling that had been with her since her childhood days, watching Icelandics in a field and coming up through a traditional German riding system. Despite the strides made in improving the horse's

well-being through the worldwide adoption of Natural Horsemanship techniques, she knew that the methods were still missing something. They still trained horses looking at every situation from the human perspective and were dependent on a trainer's natural feel. This meant that, for the horse, there was stress involved in the training process. In addition, positive results gained by a professional often couldn't be replicated by a horse's owner; what the horse learned from one person

wouldn't transfer to others. Kutsch set out to find the next stage in the evolution of horse training. She studied the results of methods she used with thousands of young horses at The Lewitz Stud in Neustadt--Glewe, Germany, the renowned farm owned by European champion Paul Schockemöhle. This provided the basis for what she calls Evidence-Based Equine Communication™ (EBEC), a means of reading the horse and understanding the world

from his point of view. Here she introduces EBEC and how it can take our relationship with horses and their ability to perform as our partners to a whole new level. Inside find: Myth-busting popular assumptions related to typical gestures made by the horse, such as “licking and chewing” and “lowering the head.” Explanation of how ethograms can be used to map out equine body language and help us attain a clearer sense of the horse's true perspective. Discussion of

how the horse's physical and psychological needs must be met in order for him to learn, including what those needs are. Exploration of the difference between inter- and intra-species communication. Introduction to a new reward-and-punishment model that looks at operant conditioning from the horse's point of view. Identification of the need for non-violent communication on the part of the trainer as well as the training skills she must have when working

with a horse, and what these light look like not from our perspective, but the horse's. Certain to provide ideas for improving every interaction with horses, whatever your experience or discipline, From the Horse's Point of View is a conversation-starter for all those looking to take their horsemanship to a whole new level.

**Learning to ride as an adult** Brill Wageningen Academic

For over a quarter of a century, Colonel Alois Podhajsky was the

Director of the Spanish Riding School in Vienna, home of the famous white Lipizzaner stallions whose remarkable performances have thrilled audiences throughout the world. Now for the first time, Col. Podhajsky has set forth explicitly and in practical, instructive fashion the step-by-step methods of training both horse and rider that are used at the School and that are the applicable foundations of all good horsemanship, for their purpose is to develop the natural abilities of the horse and

to make riding a graceful, pleasurable experience. [The Complete Guide to Hunter Seat Training, Showing, and Judging](#) Xenophon Press LLC German rider and equine veterinarian Dr. Gerd Heuschmann is well-known in dressage circles—admired for his plain speaking regarding what he deems the incorrect and damaging training methods commonly employed by riders and trainers involved in competition today. Here, he presents an intelligent and

thought-provoking exploration of both classical and "modern" training methods, including "hyperflexion" (also known as Rollkur), against a practical backdrop of the horse's basic anatomy and physiology. In a detailed yet comprehensible fashion, Dr. Heuschmann describes parts of the horse's body that need to be correctly developed by the dressage rider. He then examines how they function both individually and within an anatomical system, and how various

schooling techniques affect these parts for the good, or for the bad. Using vivid color illustrations of the horse's skeletal system, ligaments, and musculature, in addition to comparative photos depicting "correct" versus "incorrect" movement—and most importantly, photos of damaging schooling methods—Dr. Heuschmann convincingly argues that the horse's body tells us whether our riding is truly gymnasticizing and

"building the horse up," or simply wearing it down and tearing it apart. He then outlines his ideal "physiological education" of the horse. Training should mirror the mental and physical development of the horse, fulfilling "classical" requirements—such as regularity of the three basic gaits, suppleness, and acceptance of the bit—rather than disregarding time-tested values for quick fixes that could lead to the degradation of the horse's well-being. Dr.

Heuschmann's assertion that the true objectives of dressage schooling must never be eclipsed by simple "mechanical perfection" is certain to inspire riders at all levels to examine their riding, their riding goals, and the techniques they employ while pursuing them. [Training Strategies for Dressage Riders](#) Trafalgar Square Books  
When it first appeared in 1949, this work was considered to be the most important contribution to classical training. Based on the methods of D'Aure,

Baucher and L'Hotte - the General's own knowledge and wisdom are evident in this systematic training system which takes horse and rider to the most advanced movements.

Academic Equitation J. A.

Allen, Limited

Jo holds a M.A. in Education with an emphasis in Equestrian Studies (1986) and a B.S. in Equestrian Studies with a minor in Education (1986- graduating magna cum laude). Both of her academic degrees are from Salem International University, West Virginia.

She also holds a Riding Master Diploma, 1975 from Meredith Manor School of Horsemanship where she was named to the Who's Who List for Outstanding Students in American Vocational and Technical Schools, 1975. As an administrator, Jo was formerly Dean of Meredith Manor School of Horsemanship, 1980-1985. She has a strong professional background in teacher education, program administration and curriculum development. While teaching at this

internationally known school for 10 years, she focused on the development of the jumping and teaching departments. As former Vice-President for the United States Combined Training Association, Jo served on the executive committee from 1987-1989 and the board of governors from 1984-1989. During her tenure, she developed the AHSA-USCTA Combined Training Officials seminars as well as carried out the educational seminars for the general membership

including beginning the USCTA Event Colleges. In 1988 she received the USCTA's Governor's Cup Award for outstanding contributions to the sport of Eventing. As an educator, Jo has provided equestrian education to riders and instructors, nationally, since 1975. From 1989 through 2002 she provided an on-going education program for horseback riding instructors focusing on improving their teaching effectiveness. She has also developed a working student program for

Shenandoah Farm of Staunton, Virginia on training and breeding, and advised Wetherbee Farm of Boxboro Massachusetts on developing their Fitness by Riding Program. As a rider, competitor and athlete, Jo has trained and competed through the Advanced Level in Eventing and the Prix St. Georges Level in Dressage. She earned her USDF Bronze and Silver Medal Rider Awards during the late 1970's. She has also been long listed during the 1980's for The Eventing Olympic

Team.

The Domestic Horse  
Xenophon Press LLC

The usual daily stress of modern living means adults, and very often even adolescents, adopt tensed-up and faulty postures, which have a particularly negative effect on the horse. Here is a modern riding manual with a completely new training concept specifically designed to counteract the problem: \* A perfect loosening-up programme, with relaxes and eases. \* Complex rider's movements are

separated into individual movements for ease of practice. \* These swinging circles can be practised in day-to-day situations as well on the physio-ball – the substitute horse. Erika Prockl is a teacher in further education and a certified riding instructor. Not having learned to ride as a child but as an adult, she has personally experienced the suffering of the adult novice rider, and learned from it. This “swinging” training programme was developed in co-operation with Eva Sogl, a well-

known high-level dressage instructor, and has been applied successfully for several years. This book should be required reading for every riding instructor and adult novice rider.

*The Ethics and Passions of Dressage*, Trafalgar Square Books

This unique text distils the latest thinking in various academic fields and its relevance to all equestrian sports and activities, highlighting best practice that logically emerges from a full understanding of the

inner workings of horses. In precisely the same way that a car mechanic's knowledge of vehicle performance can only be improved by an education in mechanical engineering, the efficiency of horse training can only emerge from deeper knowledge of the horse's ethology, physiology, mental capacities, learning processes and biomechanics. Training systems that align with such evidence-based knowledge ultimately result in optimal equine



welfare as well as safety for humans, not only because of gains in efficiency but also because they reveal the actual hard-wired needs of the horse in contrast with the human-centred narratives that have pervaded and polluted equestrian education for many millennia. This text represents another leap forward from Andrew McLean's earlier works that began with *Horse Training Mclean Way* (2002), *The Truth About Horses* (2004) and then *Academic Horse Training*

(2008). As a result of the burgeoning scientific revelations in Equitation science over the last decade or so, the time is ripe to put it all together in a practical text. This practical text consists of four volumes: first principles, in-hand training, under-saddle training, and addressing challenges. These volumes align with the peer-reviewed academic text *Equitation Science* (of which Andrew McLean is also co-author). The intention of this volume is to simplify the scientific

language of Equitation Science and show how it can be incorporated into everyday interactions with horses in husbandry, and all aspects of horsemanship.

*Teaching Tips for Horseback Riding* Auriga Books Originally published by Charles Scribner's Sons, 1931.

*Way to Perfect Horsemanship* University of Virginia Press DigiCat Publishing presents to you this special edition of "New Method of Horsemanship"

(Including the Breaking and Training of Horses, with Instructions for Obtaining a Good Seat) by François Baucher. DigiCat Publishing considers every written word to be a legacy of humankind. Every DigiCat book has been carefully reproduced for republishing in a new modern format. The books are available in print, as well as ebooks. DigiCat hopes you will treat this work with the acknowledgment and passion it deserves as a classic of world literature.

### **A Gymnastic Riding**

**System Using Mind, Body, & Spirit** Trafalgar Square Books  
Training Strategies for Dressage Riders is a unique guide to the art and technique of dressage, written by one of the most renowned equestrian trainers in the world today. It offers a complete training system for both horse and rider, paying special attention to how a rider's actions can influence a mount. The book provides practical, in-the-saddle advice on a wide range of dressage topics,

including: \* The art of classical equitation \* The development of the rider's seat and aids \* Developing the basic gaits \* Gymnastic improvement \* Horse insubordination \* Clinics and competitions judging Whether you want to prepare for dressage competition or simply improve your riding skills, this is a matchless guide. Classic Show Jumping Trafalgar Square Books  
The Ethics and Passions of Dressage, Expanded Edition calls the reader to a re-dedication to the art of riding and the

traditions of classical horsemanship. Charles de Kunffy challenges the reader to ask questions such as "Should competition challenge or reinforce classical horsemanship?" Furthermore, "What characteristics should be cultivated to transform the rider into a complete horse person? What are the individual's responsibilities to the preservation of classical horsemanship and academic equitation?" De Kunffy explains the true meanings of: non-

confrontational riding and training, "on the bit," engagement, the development of the correct seat, and the use of hands and reins. He offers valuable advice on seeking instruction in classical dressage training. In the chapter entitled "Succinct Principles," de Kunffy doubles his single sentences kernels of wisdom from the first edition. This monumental contribution to equestrian literature is embellished with even more carefully-selected images of

equestrian statues than the original edition. The Ethics and Passions of Dressage, Expanded Edition also includes additional chapters, recommended for the serious equestrian wanting to be simultaneously challenged and inspired. This book is sure to reaffirm the rider's dedication to an ethical approach to classical dressage. "If you want to express the utter joy, the drive, the energy that takes you forward on your journey with horses, it is

here in this book." -Sylvia Loch

### **Modern Horse Training**

Trafalgar Square Books

This book is on the USDF Instructor Certification Recommended Reading List. Kyra Kyrklund is one of the world's most talented dressage riders, and in this updated and revised edition of her very successful book she explains the unique system of training that has brought her repeated success with numerous horses, from the lower levels to Grand Prix. Step-by-step she guides the

rider through what she calls her basic "ABCs," revealing how she teaches horses to work hard, happily, while using the lightest aids possible. Throughout, she stresses the importance of an open and honest two-way communication between horse and rider--and above all else, a training system that is fair and enjoyable. Features three new chapters, including one on Kyrklund's famous horses, and many new photographs.

*Principles and Techniques of Horse Training and*

*Management* Parkstone International

Originally published in early 1900's. This well illustrated and informative book deals with every aspect of training in equitation. Contents Include: Work on the Lungeing Rein - Balance - Collection - Manners - Jumping - The Aids - Locomotion - Riding over Jumps - Road Equitation - Bitting - Faulty Carriage - Training Program - Suitable Tests etc. Many of the earliest equestrian books, particularly those dating back to the 1900s

and before, are now extremely scarce and increasingly expensive. Home Farm Books are republishing many of these classic works in affordable, high quality, modern editions, using the original text and artwork.

### **Dressage with Kyra**

Trafalgar Square Books  
With horses, we don't get a "do-over button," as much as we'd sometimes like one. We have to live with the choices we make, even when-looking back—we know there might have been a better

way to communicate, a different way to teach a new lesson, or another means to reach the desired end. In this smart, honest book chock full of valuable takeaways, gold medalist and renowned rider and coach Denny Emerson uses stories of the standout horses from his own riding career, which spans almost 70 years, to detail some of the things he wishes he'd known "then" that he knows now. With a candid willingness to share mistakes he's made over the years and clearly

articulated ideas on how others can avoid them, he commits himself and those reading to finding more conscientious ways to ride, train, and work with horses. From basics like aids and equipment to more specialized subjects, such as rider fitness, emotional control, and how to determine what success with your horse really means, riders of all skill levels can gain valuable, hard-won knowledge from his bite-size lessons in life and horsemanship. Perhaps most importantly,

Emerson insists that it is never, ever too late to change—for the good of the horse and for the good of oneself.

*Equitation Science* John Wiley & Sons

A multifaceted training system for riders and horses of all levels. Most books discuss the physical aspects of riding: horse position, rider position, use of aids, schooling exercises, and movements. Betsy Steiner, however, an international rider and trainer, believes that the physical is just one-third

of the riding equation, and that two equally important vital components—the intellectual and the psychological—are often ignored. Her approach to riding and training is to use the body, mind, and spirit, all working together to create a rich experience she call gymnastic training that addresses horse and rider as the three-dimensional beings that they are. This training system is geared toward maintaining proper form and alignment—crucial for

human and equine athletes alike. Progress is achieved by use of inventive gymnastic schooling exercises for the horse, and a tailored program of Pilates exercises enabling the rider to become athletic, lithe, energetic, and flexible.

Academic Equitation

Doubleday

The principles of Academic Horse Training apply to all horses and all training. Developed over decades by Australians Dr Andrew and Manuela McLean, and combining a

unique mix of zoology, psychology, elite level competition experience and international coaching, this revolutionary work is the first ever horse training system that is evidence-based (founded on objective, scientific research rather than opinion) and therefore ethical (conflict-free), sustainable (works for all horses) and efficient (accelerates learning to optimal levels). This book is an essential addition to the knowledge base of anyone interested in

training their horse more humanely. The evidence-based principles are proven and are used successfully by elite competitors through to pleasure riders throughout the world. Professionally produced and presented by Nicki Stuart, student of Academic Horse Training, equestrian journalist and coach. This beautifully designed, full colour book, stands apart from any other horse training resource.

[Notes on Equitation and Horse Training Dorrance](#)

Publishing

This fascinating 2005 book gives an insight into the behaviour of the domestic horse. Suitable for scientists, professionals and enthusiastic owners. [Schooling Horses in Hand](#)  
DigiCat

"German trainer Richard Hinrichs, an acknowledge expert on schooling in hand, presents his training program showing how schooling from the ground builds trust, obedience, and balance in the horse. He clearly demonstrates that in-

hand work is an excellent way of supporting and complementing work under saddle and can be especially helpful for riders striving to achieve the higher-level movements for dressage competition. Richard Hinrichs demonstrates how to use of reins, whip, voice and body language can encourage voluntary cooperation from the horse and allow him to develop his balance and confidence without the added complications of a rider's weight. The book is filled with clear

explanations and plentiful color photos of the necessary equipment and techniques for schooling in hand: aids and their application; work on the longe; long reining; suppling and collection; lateral movements--shoulder-in, travers, renvers, and half-pass; flying changes and pirouette; piaffe and passage; the Spanish walk; and airs above the ground--pesade, levade, courbette, and capriole. A through reading of this book will provide ample proof that there are many

different ways of training within the system of classical equitation" -- Dust jacket flap.  
*The Working Equitation Training Manual* Trafalgar Square Books  
 A new edition of a highly respected textbook and reference in the rapidly emerging field of equitation science. Equitation Science, 2nd Edition incorporates learning theory into ethical equine training frameworks suitable for riders of any level and for all types of equestrian activity. Written by



international experts at the forefront of the development of the field, the welfare of the horse and rider safety are primary considerations throughout. This edition features a new chapter on research methods, and a companion website provides the images from

the book in PowerPoint. The BHS Manual of Equitation Trafalgar Square Books First published in 1959, The Way to Perfect Horsemanship was immediately recognized as a classic work of equestrian literature. It offers insight into the psychology of the horse

as well as its muscular system and the mechanics of movement. It explains in detail the basic principles of training, the fundamentals of riding, and the effect of training aids. Everyone, from trainers to occasional riders, will benefit from this book.