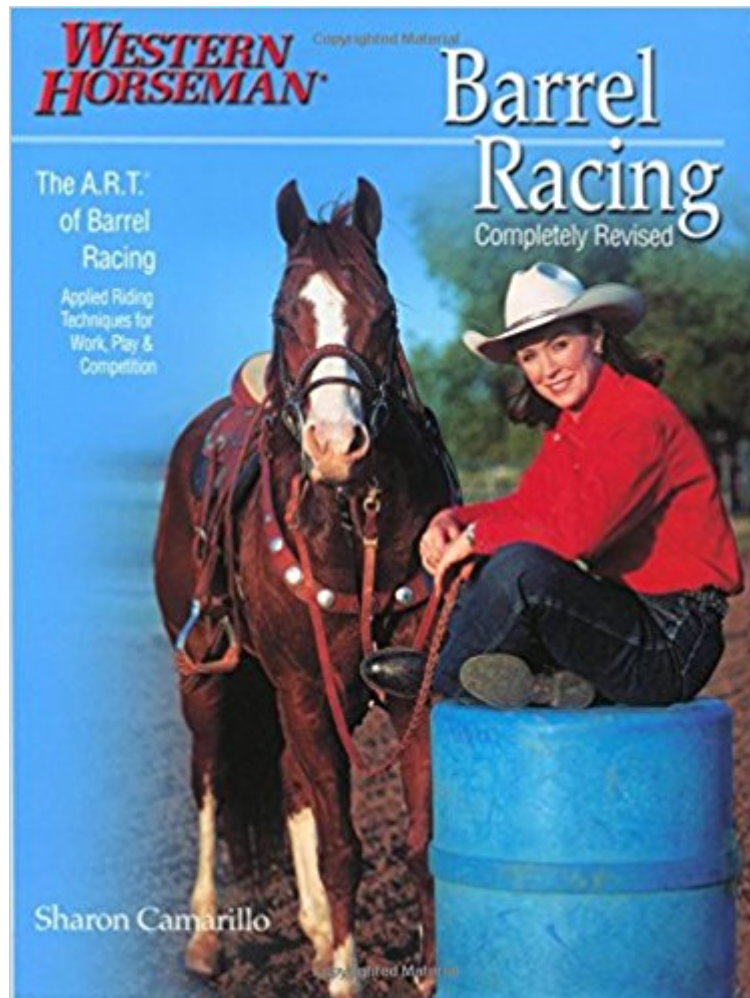




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Barrel Racing 101: A Complete Program For Horse And Rider



Synopsis

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- * **Selecting Your Champion Horse:** Choosing a barrel-racing prospect based on conformation and temperament; finding a qualified veterinarian to help you assess the prospects.
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- * **Conditioning and Exercising:** A comprehensive program for developing your horse's stamina and fitness, along with ways to avoid unsoundness problems.
- * **Getting Started in the Barrel-Racing Patterns:** How to set up the pattern correctly; techniques for training the horse, with an emphasis on rider position, balance, and using hands, legs, and voice as communication aids.
- * **Competing:** Locating entry-level local events, clubs, and associations; the "mental game of competing to stay focused; achieving teamwork with your horse."

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Marlene McRae, World Champion barrel racer, includes among her many trophies two gold medals won at the 1988 Winter Olympic Games (where rodeo events were included). She continues to compete and conduct clinics throughout the United States and Canada. She also produces videotapes on horsemanship and barrel racing. She and her husband, Doug, with whom she runs their World Champion Designs equestrian products mail order business, live in Ramah, Colorado.

Did not keep this book. Had intended it for a 9 year old, so it was way beyond her. Could be really

great for an adult.

This book is great. It actually tells me what I need to do and think of first. It helps that it is step by step. Also seeing what equipment to use and what kind of horse I need also helped.

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Good book to read, lots of insight from the author, focus's on different aspects of barrel racing other than just barrels. Not a guide but more of a reading book. She has some great suggestions and different perspectives.

Very informative, easy to follow and understand! My favorite barrel racing book I have read. She knows how to get her point across without confusion.

Good resource for my needs. This was a helpful resource for a presentation that my daughter is doing for 4H.

Great book....covers everything for horse and rider and from beginner to experienced person.....good buy.....

Barrel racing is one of the equestrian sports which lends to an exciting competition both for spectator and competitor, but few books cover barrel racing. Instructor and champion racer Marlene McRae has developed an entire program for the barrel racer and shares her arena tips for this audience; from selecting a champion barrel-racing horse to using equipment, beginning barrel racing patterns, and competing. A 'must' for all equestrian sports enthusiasts, Barrel Racing 101 is as entertaining as it is informative and highly recommended for school and community library Sports & Athletics collections.

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