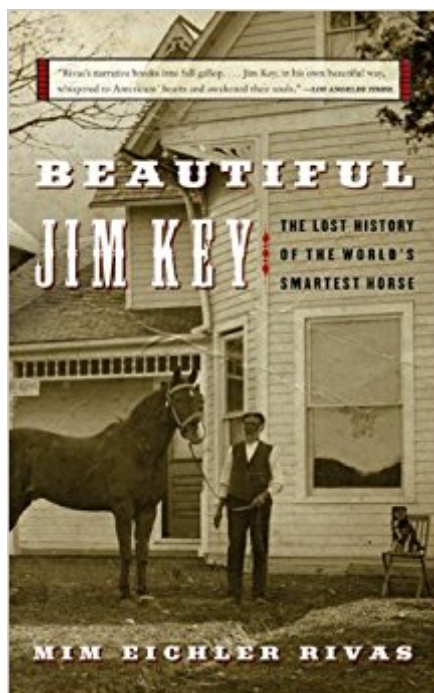


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# Beautiful Jim Key: The Lost History Of The World's Smartest Horse



## Synopsis

Beautiful Jim Key -- the one-time ugly duckling of a scrub colt who became one of the most beloved heroes of the turn of the century -- was adored not for his beauty and speed but rather for his remarkable abilities to read, write, spell, do mathematics, even debate politics. Trained with patience and kindness by one of the most renowned horse whisperers of his day -- former slave, Civil War veteran, and self-taught veterinarian Dr. William Key -- Jim performed in expositions across the country to wildly receptive crowds for nine glorious years, smashing box office records, clearing towering hurdles of skepticism and prejudice, and earning the respect and admiration of some of the most influential figures of the era, from Booker T. Washington to President William McKinley. This is the remarkable true saga of a truly exceptional animal -- and the no less exceptional man who led him to greatness.

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“If Beautiful Jim Key were alive today, he’d have a movie deal.” (People)  
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“A charming story about an equine superstar. . . . a winsome tale.” (Chicago Tribune (Editor’s Choice))

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Horses are so good for the human soul. This book reinforced my beliefs of their intelligence and pure, loving hearts and superior intellect and capacity to feel , love and experience emotion so much like human emotions . They are a special gift from God and should be treated with kindness and care. I wish there were more information on this special and intelligent horse. Thank you for writing this. It touched my heart and made me feel even more deeply for them than I already did.

*Beautiful Jim Key* was a wonderful book on many levels. It was a joy to learn about a man and a horse that I had never heard of before. The good that they did for all animals of their time had to be unrivalled by anything else being done. They helped in getting the ASPCA to be as successful as it became. I can not understand how this story was lost in history.

This book was unbelievable but true. Anyone who loves animals and especially horses will love this story. It is one of my favorite books.

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This is a wonderful story! My daughter-law-gave it to me for Christmas. I loved it so much I ordered more copies to give away! Fascinating story well worth reading and sharing! I hope they do make a movie based on his life!

It was an amazing story, made even more amazing because it's a true story. The only complaint that I have about the book is the detail that the author went into about things that were not relevant to the story.

this is a truly inspiring story of a man and his horse and what can be achieved through time and patience.

A very interesting account of a most wonderful horse. Very well written and fascinating photographs. A must for horse lovers and absorbing from page 1.

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