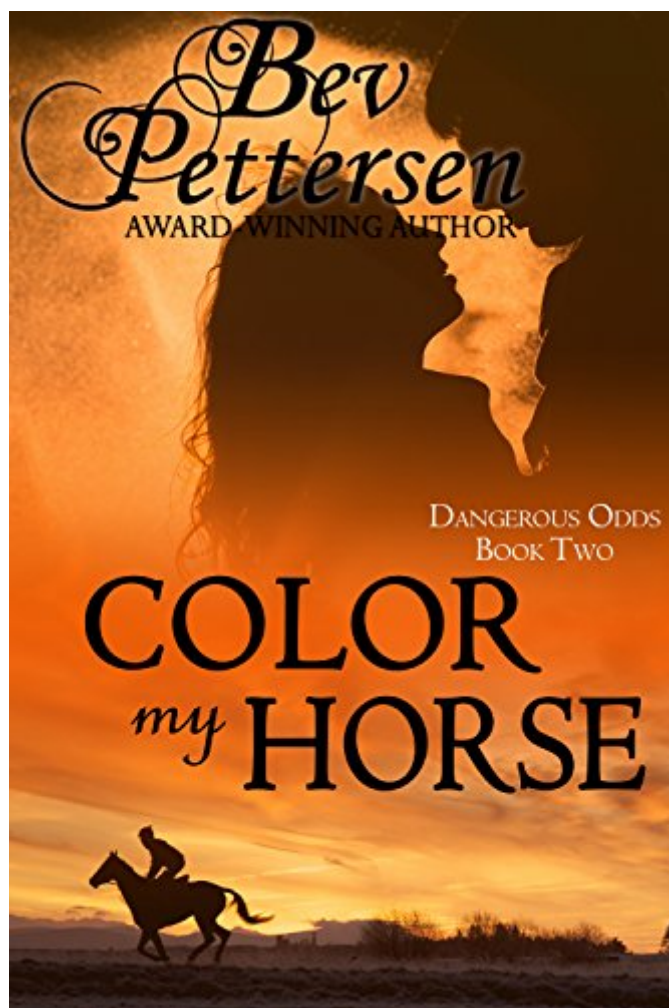


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# COLOR MY HORSE (Dangerous Odds Book 2)



## Synopsis

Jessica barely knows one end of a horse from the other. She's the last woman her sexy new boss needs...but will she turn into the only one he really wants? Romance Writers of America's Golden Heart Finalist Finalist Reader Views Literary Awards Best Romance A disillusioned heiress is catapulted from the glamorous world of Alpine skiing into the cutthroat trenches of Thoroughbred racing. The charismatic trainer's job now includes babysitting a manipulative owner's rebellious granddaughter. She's the last thing this horse-loving cowboy needs...but will he fall for her anyway? This lovely novel focuses on a real relationship filled with humor and warmth between the characters. This romance is fresh and the story is original, which will allow readers -- especially horse lovers -- to have a really good time." Romantic Times OTHER BOOKS BY BEV PETERSEN: Dangerous Odds Standalone Series: Jockeys and Jewels Color My Horse Fillies and Females Redemption Series: Riding For Redemption A Scandalous Husband Backstretch Baby Second Chance Series: Thoroughbreds and Trailer Trash Studs and Stilettos Millionaire's Shot Mustang River Ranch Series: Shadows of the Mountain Novellas: A Pony For Christmas Strange Behavior (Sydney Rye Kindle Worlds) Repent (Lizzie Gardner Kindle Worlds)

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## Customer Reviews

This romance offers a light, pleasant read thanks to Pettersen's witty style. I also liked the lively description of the animals involved, and the care that the characters show for them, as usual in this author's books. I was slightly disappointed by the male hero this time. I didn't like him so much because at the end he just acts as a fawning womaniser around Jessica, against his better judgement. The mystery is quite shallow and there are too many details about horses' races for my taste. I really liked how the author wraps up the story, though, and I closed the book with a satisfied smile.

The setting is the background of horse racing. This is behind the scenes with the grooms, riders, owners, etc. There are a lot of details and language so you can learn what is really going on. The hero of the story is a trainer. He is the one in charge of the horse and getting him ready for a race. This hero is one of the youngest in the field. His father was a trainer as well. There are a lot of unhappy memories regarding his father so he sets out to be as far from like him as possible. He has to be very careful around women, from employees to the owner's wives. He attracts the attention of all the females around. The heroine of the story is the granddaughter of a wealthy businessman. He is also a horse owner and his horse is being trained and is the favorite to win a big cup this season of the story. However, the granddaughter raised by her mother after her dad died and controlled by the grandfather is a bit of an immature spoiled, self-centered child. From her resume she did not go to college, just skied at a high level until she was injured. The grandfather wants her to go into his company as an employee--all tho I have no idea what position he had in mind as she had absolutely no education or training for anything but skiing. She wants to get out from under his control but she has no money and no job skills so she decides she will open a dog grooming service. Never mind that she has never owned a pet!!! I'm not sure of her age, from her actions I would place her in the 19-22 age bracket. However, she needs seed money. The grandfather agrees to loan her the money if she can get a job and hold it down for about 60 days. The catch is that he has decided she is going to work in the stables for his trainer. She has zero experience around horses, race or otherwise. But she agrees to the terms and shows up for work. The trainer has no choice but to hire her since her grandfather is one of his wealthy owners and he has the prize horse of the moment. So

he puts her to work thinking she will not last a week and that is exactly what the grandfather wants. She has other ideas and sets out to last the whole 60 days. Pretty good storyline so far. There is a bit of mystery as something is going on around the track, men with knives, an orphan boy that is stealing, lost phones, found phones, a body floating in a pond, a stabbing, etc.SPOILER - just my thoughts but I did not like the heroine. She was immature, acting like a young teen most of the time. She could be told nothing - she knew it all even tho she had no idea what was being told to her. Instead of just asking and learning she had to go off half-cocked acting like she knew what to do next. She was willing to risk the health and well-being of a horse rather than just admit to not doing something she was never told to do in the first place. But since she knew everything anyway it was just assumed she knew that! She had zero respect for other people's property, i.e. his jacket). Leaving the cinch loose was another example of risking his life as well as that of the horse and everyone around when the horse went crazy. Just childish and stupid. I really didn't like that he let her get away with this. Her biggest problem was being raised the little rich girl, she had absolutely no idea of the real world and what it was like to live in it. She takes an advance in pay to place a bet that she lost thinking she knew exactly how to win every race. Yeah, that is how the tracks stay in business. There is "something" going on at the track. You pick up on it from the very first. Instead of telling everything she knows and trying to get help, she either doesn't say anything, she is going to solve it, or she just gives piecemeal and leaves everyone hanging. Again, the arrogance of knowing it all. men with knives, the Mexican mafia and she is going to solve the problem. Right. she can't even take care of herself and she is going to handle all these ruthless guys. She just got on my last nerve.I did quit reading. She just did one dumb stunt too many for me. And typical of a guy thinking with his other head he let her get away with it all. The things I saw as negative he seemed to see as positives and he liked it. So, I gave up. I'm sure it is a good story if these things don't get to you like they did me! I always like Ms. Petersen's books. I was surprised that this one didn't do it for me. So, I would suggest you read and decide for yourself.

Color My Horse is a horse racetrack mystery romance that centered around one young woman and a horse trainer. I felt that there are not enough karma for the douchebags in this story, and the mystery was a little too drawn out and not quite enough tension to be a must-read.To recap, Jessica was a skier and suffered a major injury to her knee. Grandpa wanted her to join the family business, but she refused, and insisted on doing something else, such as opening her own animal shelter. Grandpa relented with a condition: she needs to go to work as a stablehand at his racing horse's training facility, hoping she'll go crying home after a few weeks and settle down. However, Jessica is

made of sterner stuff. The stable ran by trainer Mark had just suffered a death... Lefty had apparently drowned in the pond, but he was known as the town drunk and there's nothing suspicious. Mark did not want to babysit spoiled princess Jessica, but he had no choice after he had to fire stablehand Trisha the day before. Jessica learned to care for the gentlest horse, Buddy, and came to care a lot about the head trainer, Mark as well. Mark knew Jessica is off limits... she's his richest client's granddaughter, after all. But as she blossomed in the stable, things started happening. Who is the little brown-skinned kid that's picking pockets? Who is the Middle-Eastern guy trying to sabotage the horses? Why was Tricky Dick stabbed and his place tossed? Does the phone found by Jessica, presumably Lefty's, have anything to do with it? The mystery was revealed layer by layer and the stakes raised higher and higher, until the very end with a great confrontation where the evil was thwarted in the nick of time. I don't feel one of the real douchebags in the book got enough karma and having a gesture made at the end was not, IMHO, sufficient penance, even though it is appreciated. All in all, ANOTHER enjoyable book from the author.

A well-written book; kept my interest. Especially great for horse lovers! Sex scenes were a bit too graphic for my taste; I prefer more subtlety; but the romance was lovely.

Bev Pettersen has done it again with another great romance set in the horse racing world. A Dick Francis type horse racing mystery combined with lots of romance. Authenticity is on every page. I loved it. Color My Horse is only the tiniest bit related to her first book, Jockeys and Jewels, but the excerpt from book three, Fillies and Females takes a character from Color My Horse and makes him the hero. Can't wait for that book!

I decided to give this book a try and am really glad I did. I was not familiar with horse racing so I found it interesting learning about what goes on behind the scenes. As soon as I started reading I was drawn in by the characters and the stories they were telling. There was a blend of mystery and romance, with the characters facing their own demons on their paths to finding happiness. I was so drawn into the story that I didn't want to put it down, staying up late just to finish it. There was a nice blend of humor and heartbreak, intrigue and mystery. I will definitely look for more books written by Bev Pettersen. You do not need to be a horse fan to enjoy this book.

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