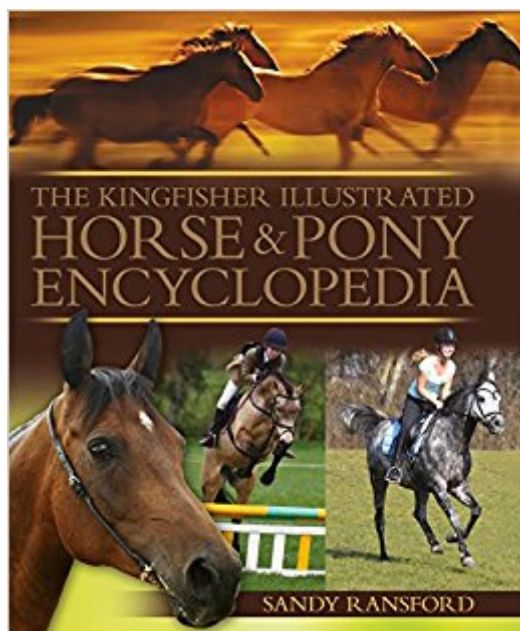


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# The Kingfisher Illustrated Horse And Pony Encyclopedia



## Synopsis

The Kingfisher Illustrated Horse & Pony Encyclopedia by Sandy Ransford is a fantastic gift for children who dream of having a horse or pony of their own. There is a clear introduction to the horse followed by chapters explaining horse and pony care, riding lessons, and breeds. The encyclopedia is packed full of gorgeous photographs of horses and ponies -- showing how they look, what they do, and where in the world they are found. And of course every horse lover wants to ride, and The Kingfisher Illustrated Horse & Pony Encyclopedia takes the novice rider from first mount to cantering and galloping.

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•This revision is virtually identical to the 2004 edition, except for updated websites and some minor changes in the text. Every photograph is the same, but they have held up well and do not look dated. They actually have more "pop" here in terms of clarity, contrast, and brightness, and will provide hours of enjoyable browsing or an opportunity to find pertinent information. The first section focuses on the horse itself—breeds, life cycle, domestication, and anatomy. The next section covers many areas of horse management, including feeding, housing, grooming, health care and first aid, and equipment. The third section examines the various aspects of riding, both western and English, although the majority of the photos feature English saddlery. This striking book would be an asset to any collection, but if you have the earlier edition, purchase it only if there is a real need for a second copy.  
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Author Ransford is a full-time writer who has written more than 30 books for children. An expert horsewoman, she owns a horse and two ponies. This volume has suggested grade levels of three through eight. The opening sections contain general information on horses and then describe various breeds--hotblood horses, coldblood horses, warmblood horses, and pony breeds. The remainder of the volume covers keeping, feeding, grooming, health care, and riding in chapters that are detailed and precise and convey the serious level of commitment necessary to all aspects of care and riding. The lavish color photographs, some of which are taken from the author's *The Kingfisher Illustrated Encyclopedia of Horse and Pony Breeds* (2003), are indispensable visual aids to descriptions of housing, saddling, mounting, and so on. Photographs of youngsters handling animals will appeal to the targeted age group. The text is supported by a clear table of contents, a glossary, and an index. Younger children may have difficulties with some of the text. Terms, such as gymkhana, are not defined in context, although they may appear in the glossary. An attractive, thorough book such as this one should satisfy horse lovers. It is a good choice for both school and public libraries. Sharon E. Cohen Copyright © American Library Association. All rights reserved --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

I wish that I had owned this book when I was a young girl. It is a beautiful book full of great information about the care (and yes, feeding) of horses and ponies. It has other interesting information and pictures of horses, too. I'm so happy I added it to my library of books about horses.

Got this for my 8 year old daughter, who LOVES horses, for Christmas. It is a wonderful book with a lot of information. My son has a Kingfisher Encyclopedia for his favorite sport, so I knew what kind of product this would be. It certainly did not disappoint!!! It's not really for younger children though, I think it's better for kids that can at least read fairly well independently.

Nice for reading horse lovers of all ages

Grand daughter just joined 4-H, and she has to learn everything about horses. I think this will really help her learn about all aspects of horses. The pictures are great also.

My 11 year old daughter received this at Christmas and absolutely loves it. It is packed with

information. Her best friend, a fellow horse-lover, was coveting it so we bought it for her birthday in January. A big hit!

Gave this to my niece for Christmas - she is a horse lover to say the least - she doesn't have a horse, but that doesn't keep her away from liking them apparently. She was EXCITED to say the least about this book when she opened it - and I've check in since then and she is still enjoying it.

It was a good reference book, however, I feel that there was not quite enough effort spent on the breeds. There are so many more than are listed in the book. Also, the exercises and equipment seemed to be geared more towards English riders than Western.

I gave it to our great niece who loves horses. She looks at it constantly. It's a very nice book and can be enjoyed by horse lovers of all ages.

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