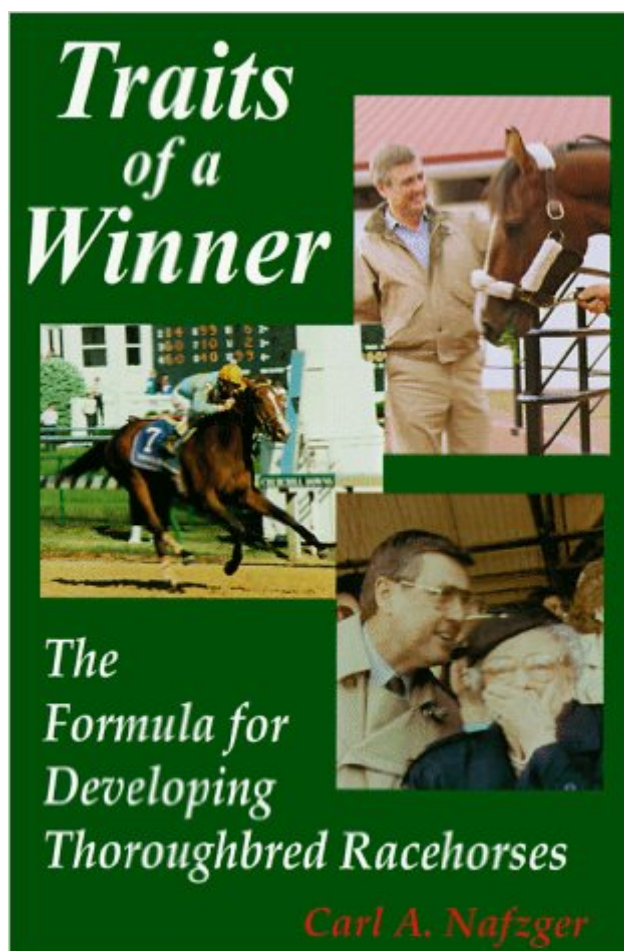


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Traits Of A Winner: The Formula For Developing Thoroughbred Racehorses



Synopsis

Thoroughbred trainer Carl Nafzger took 84 year-old Frances Genter's gawky yearling, Unbridled, and turned him into a Kentucky Derby winner and Breeders' Cup Champion. Millions of television viewers were touched as Nafzger hugged the frail first lady of the turf and declared, "You've won the Kentucky Derby! I love you!" Now Nafzger gives you his methods for developing champion Thoroughbreds in his book, *Traits of a Winner: The Formula for Developing Thoroughbred Racehorses*. In it he explains the four traits every champion racehorse must have and how to find those traits and develop them. Nafzger explains the key elements in successful Thoroughbred ownership. He tells you what to look for in a racing prospect, how much you should spend and how to bid during an auction. Nafzger gives you the key elements to breaking young horses so they reach the racetrack fit and ready to go to work. Once at the track, Nafzger tells you how to get "inside the horse's mind" and design a training program specifically for the individual. Nafzger shares his secrets for winning. He tells you when you should hire the best jockey and when you shouldn't, how to shoe your horses so they remain sound, and how to feed for optimum performance. You will learn how to ship into races so your horse arrives ready to race, how to campaign the Derby prospect, allowance runners, older horses and claimers.

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Appropriate for thoroughbred racing fans, aspiring trainers and new owners. This book is the product of years of shedrow wisdom. Includes stories and anecdotes about Nafzger's experiences as a trainer including his Kentucky Derby and Breeders' Cup Classic campaigns with Unbridled. All

is used to illustrate his formula for a successful racehorse. The text is quite readable. There are a few printing errors, but the book is adequately constructed.

This is a book by a very conventional trainer about the training and care of Unbridled to win the Derby and Breeder's Cup. Mr. Nafzger sets out the training program of Unbridled, and for his stable, and as such the book gives a valuable insight into the methods of one successful trainer. I think Mr. Nafzger is to be congratulated and thanked for putting all this in writing. If you want to know how the majority of your trainers at the race track operate, this book is most instructive.

Easy to read. The story flows very well. It educated me to understand the key steps to make it to the top. Mr. Nafzger is a confident and honest man. It is a wonderful book for me to improve the quality of my thoroughbred stock. I have even hired Mr. Nafzger for my horses! (TWYLA'S STAR, ZUMBROTA'S TIGER & KRIDER BOY) Enjoy a book written by a Derby Winning Trainer! Someone who has accomplished what he is talking about. I've always believed opportunity most often visits the prepared mind. Let this book get you prepared!

this book is so awesome. carl nafzger is a well renown trainer who can do wonders with a horse. this book tells just how good he really is. i recomend this book to other horsemen and horse racing fans all over the world!!

Carl Nafzger goes a great job going over the aspects of race horse training in a manor even a person not involved in racing can follow. Great Book for all horseman and wanna be horseman

I now have a much better understanding of what it takes to develop a race horse. This is the first book I have read that really explains every thing in great detail. I would recommend this as a must read for any one interested in the horse racing business.

Carl's treatise on Thoroughbred training deserves another look now that he has won the Kentucky Derby again (2007) with Street Sense. Carl and Wanda are a class act, he isn't desperately entering horses in the Kentucky Derby so his owners can have cocktail party conversation like so many of the his contemporaries seem to be doing now. Carl lets the horse bring them to the Derby, if he's worthy.

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