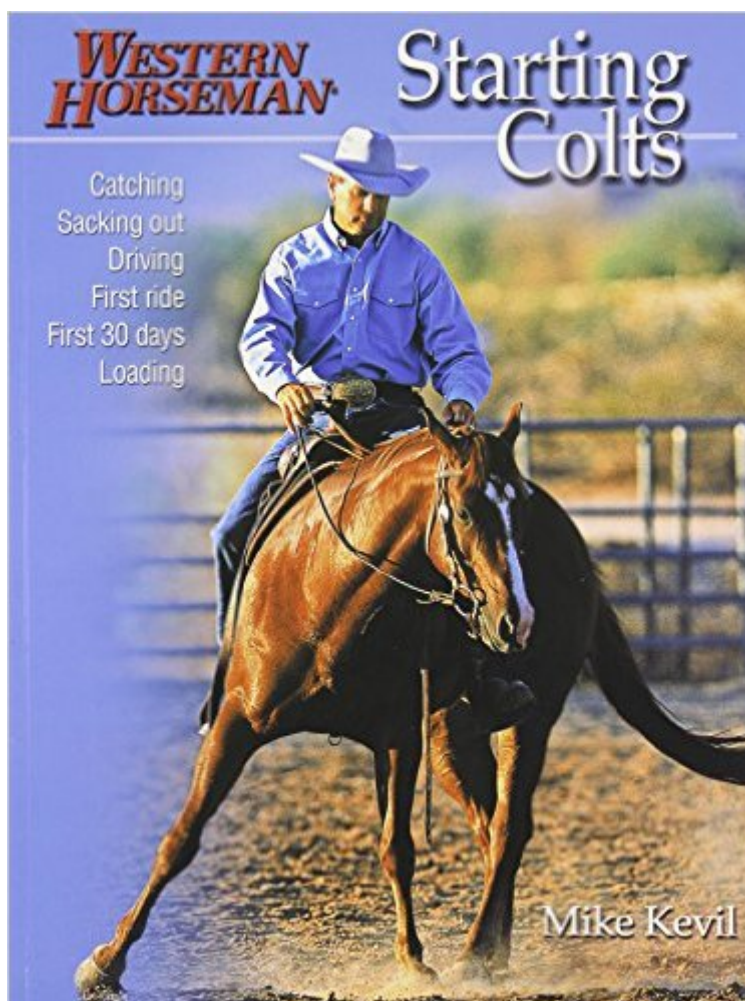


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# Starting Colts: Catching / Sacking Out / Driving / First Ride / First 30 Days / Loading, Revised



## Synopsis

You can use different words to describe Mike Kevil--horse whisperer, psychologist, magician, behaviorist--but he prefers just plain old horse trainer. "Whatever the current fad," he says, "all we're really doing is training a horse. It isn't magical, mystical, secretive, or even difficult for the most part. Most anyone can do it; but to do it well takes knowledge and practice. A few basic skills and a good work ethic are all you need to get started." Kevil gives the reader all that and more in this practical guide to mastering horse-training skills aimed at both the expert and novice horseman and -woman. His philosophy is simple: Stimulus-Response-Reward, then Repeat. You apply a stimulus until you get the desired response, then you stop the stimulus and reward the horse. In the pages of *STARTING COLTS*, Kevil offers readers an understanding of how to apply and cease the stimulus in the best and most humane way possible. He emphasizes safety and going slowly with young horses. Patience and a steady approach build confidence in both the horse and trainer. Chapters include facilities, equipment, catching and leading, tying up, longeing, sacking out, first saddling, introduction to the bit, driving, first ride, first thirty days, developing the mouth, thirty to ninety days, and trailer loading.

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This book has given me the knowledge to start my colt off myself saving me hundreds of dollars on professional training. The step by step process and the pictures are very informational. I like that there are pictures to show what exactly they are doing. The author shows that not all horses are a

"dream" to train and shows that some do protest to what is being done. It is a true representation. I recommend this book to someone who has been afraid to try it themselves. It can really help you to become proficient from the start and help build the respect and bond you need from your horse.

This book is well organized, taking the reader (and student) through Kevil's method of training young horses in clear concise steps and easily understood writing paired with step by step photos. What I find most useful are the tricks he includes for keeping the trainer and the horse as safe as possible through the process. This book is fairly priced for the quality, useful information it contains.

This is a good book for starting a horse from scratch. You can find some better methods with more current trainers like Clinton Anderson, but Mike Kevil's methods also work without being harsh to the horse.

excellent book. straight forward and easy to understand. For the beginner this book is a must. this is one of the best books on the market in my opinion. well worth the purchase.

Mike goes into training clearly. He is a good trainer. Has his own way to train, but it works for him. It is a good resource book. Recommend that you have prior experience with horses and do not use this as your only resource to train by though. But the book was very well written. I read it from cover to cover.

I was just overjoyed with the amount of information in this book. It is easy to read and easy to apply and has helped me learn what i wanted to know. Mike really knows what he is talking about. This book is a great addition to anyones library.

my friend loved the bit, she found it filled with information that was well needed . I never read it before, i just ordered it and sent it.

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