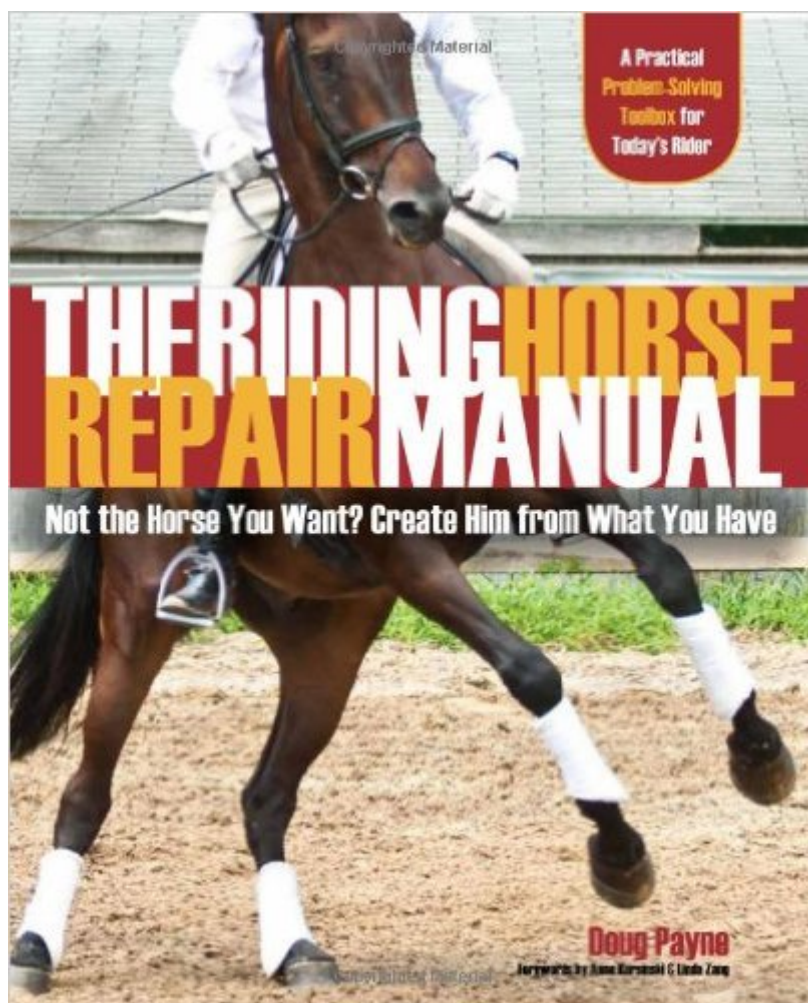


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# The Riding Horse Repair Manual: Not The Horse You Want? Create Him From What You Have



## Synopsis

Contending that nearly all horse behavior problems result from incorrect or inconsistent training, this work highlights the potential behind the world's most promising equine model citizens and partners. The guide emphasizes systematic reconditioning while encouraging patience and proper skills in riders, providing a comprehensive plan for addressing issues such as bucking, bolting, rearing, spooking, lack of confidence, jumping issues, and more. Featuring a clear, accessible outline, this is the definitive solution to implementing consistent training methods, allowing riders to take full advantage of their horses' unrealized abilities. Suggestions for starting young horses, detailed case studies, and strategies for future success are also included.

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## Customer Reviews

This book has all the elements of a stellar reference: great writing and excellent photo illustration. The layout is eye-catching without being too busy and the photos are absolutely perfect for the topic (Doug smiles throughout all of them, even with horses that are spooking and bolting, and this is one of the things I take away from this book: through it all, keep smiling). But I must talk about the writing: it's very VERY good. Doug illustrates with words that are every bit as good as his photos. Topics are concise yet very readable and, best of all, understandable. The photo captions are the same, going into specifics for each photo and mentioning rider position as well as horse body language. What I take away from this book is a sense of empowerment when it comes to dealing with horses.

This book is great for all levels of rider. The photos are very helpful in supporting the written explanations of problem solving with horses. I bought it for my daughter, who events, but I really wanted to keep it for myself, once I opened the wrapper. There was one problem I looked up in the book before I rode my OTTB. Doug Payne gives a clear description of exactly the same problem and a simple solution (with his reasoning behind it). I tried it out during my ride, when the problem showed up, and Doug's solution worked great. I'm an adult ammy so I am pretty excited when tips like that work for me right away!

The Riding Horse Repair Manual by Doug Payne is well worth owning, especially by amateur riders but also by professionals. Why? First, it is well written -- grammatically correct, careful in word choice, clear in sentence construction, and, quite often, funny! Second, as the title suggests, there are many, many training/riding issues addressed with analysis of possible causes and clear discussion of corrective strategies, riding aids, and exercises. These issues range widely from horse disposition questions to horse -- and rider -- bad habits to common ways that horses/riders perform less well than they could and should. Third, the book has a good index and many photographs of Doug's riding -- illustrating how to ride (as well as not ride!) in developmentally successful ways. All of these recommended strategies/exercises are described and explained clearly. Fourth, Doug asks us to look honestly at ourselves, as riders, as potential causes of some horse problems; there is even an Index entry, "Riders," that helps you look at yourself in the mirror! Finally, Doug's book will be helpful to you even if very few of the many problems he addresses enter your riding life. This is because Doug's narrative is so clear about the essentials of how horses should go -- and therefore how riders should be thinking, making choices, and riding -- that reading any of it will sharpen and improve your thinking and your riding. Most highly recommended.

I am a horsewoman and competitive English style rider (at lower levels so far). I have two of my own horses and I have been training them for about 4 years and 1 year respectively. All horses have bad habits or areas they need help - this is a great book to expand your knowledge.

The author knows his stuff. Almost any problem you might encounter in training, is covered in this book. Easy to understand. And Payne is a fan of the OTTB. Believe me, it makes a difference

This is the book I've been looking for!! I have 2 riding horses - one I just bought that rears and my

other green horse that bucks like no other! What to do?? This is the first book I have read that gives very good practical information - breaking down their behavioral triggers, how to cope at the second it happens and then, how to resolve these issues! GREAT book!! Now I am off to ride....cross your fingers!

Well written, with excellent color photographs throughout the book. This is the type of book some of the old riding masters would have produced if they had access to computers and digital photography.

this book is really for the hunter jumper rider. I didn't feel that it offered any new advice or suggestions for a spooky horse not in an arena. Did like the way the book was written and also really liked the author's own revelations

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