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# The Complete Book Of Foaling: An Illustrated Guide For The Foaling Attendant (Howell Reference Books)





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## **Customer Reviews**

Of the books I have read, I probably could have gotten by with only this one to guide me through the foaling process. Dr. Hayes has created a very well written book for anyone to read ... from the layman to others in the veterinary field. The book is quite well organized, with each section covering different crucial stages of foaling, from knowing when she's going to foal through the first 12 hours. Photographs are appropriately placed in order to educate the reader about what ever physical aspect of foaling, from signs, to birth positions, to milking the mare. Personally, I found the organization to be quite a nice touch. There are lists and charts at the end of the book to help you organize the information you've just read. Some issues aren't entirely talked about ... each veterinarian has their own opinions, and Dr. Hayes has her own about vaccines and worming and the such. As always, take the more medical aspects of foaling over with your own veterinarian and decide on what you feel is best.

First, this book is very well written and very, very informative. The problem for me was, I read Blessed are the Broodmares by Phyllis Lose first and that book didn't miss a thing! Although The Complete Book of Foaling is a great book, too, and is longer in length, I prefer Blessed are the Broodmares.

I would like to thank the author of this book for saving the life of a mare and a beautiful bay filly foaled on 3/28/2002. The foal was presented upside down and was unable to be delivered without corrective action. My veterinarian was on vacation and I knew that we were on our own. I remembered reading about this particular dystocia in The Complete Book of Foaling and I grabbed the book and had my assistant read the instructions on how to correct the presentation to me while I carefully followed them. I am happy to report that we were able to correct the presentation and deliver the foal without further incident. This book contains a practical, hands-on approach to foaling and is a must for every foaling attendant. Buy this book. It saves lives.

I got this book about one month before my daughter's mare foaled. I found it to be very informative and well written. I must have read it all the way through twice, and read other sections many more times. When the foaling time came I knew what signs to look out for and was confident, with what I read, that I knew when and if the vet needed to be called out. There were sections covering what to look for in the foal several days following the birth so that if the foal was in trouble very little time would be wasted in calling the vet. I would recommend this book to any first-time broodmare or foal owners. Although I think no book will calm the nerves of an expectant horse owner, it will explain the process enough so that when the blessed event does occur you could more enjoy it.

I got this book when I bought my first broodmare. I did not know what I was doing but this book took me step by step throught the process from before the birth to the end and beyond. I even had it in the barn with me on the expected night! I predicted the correct night by using this book and only had to spend one night in the barn. This book comes with my highest regards.

This is the best work I've read on foaling. Dr. Hayes completely covers every aspect of foaling. The book is far more than I could have hoped for. A must read.

I bought this book because I am a little rusty on my foaling ability (its been a few years) The book was very very thorough and had a lot of illustrations and pictures. Unfortunately in black and white however... Its a good book to get back in the swing of things although it is outdated. I have heard "Blessed are the broodmares" is a very very good book as well. That will be my next purchase! I like this book and would recommend it in conjuction with another book, Alone however as I said it is a bit dated and would need supplementation

WONDERFUL book. I highly recommend this book regardless if your a beginner at foaling mares out or have lots of years under your belt. Can't say enough about this book.

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