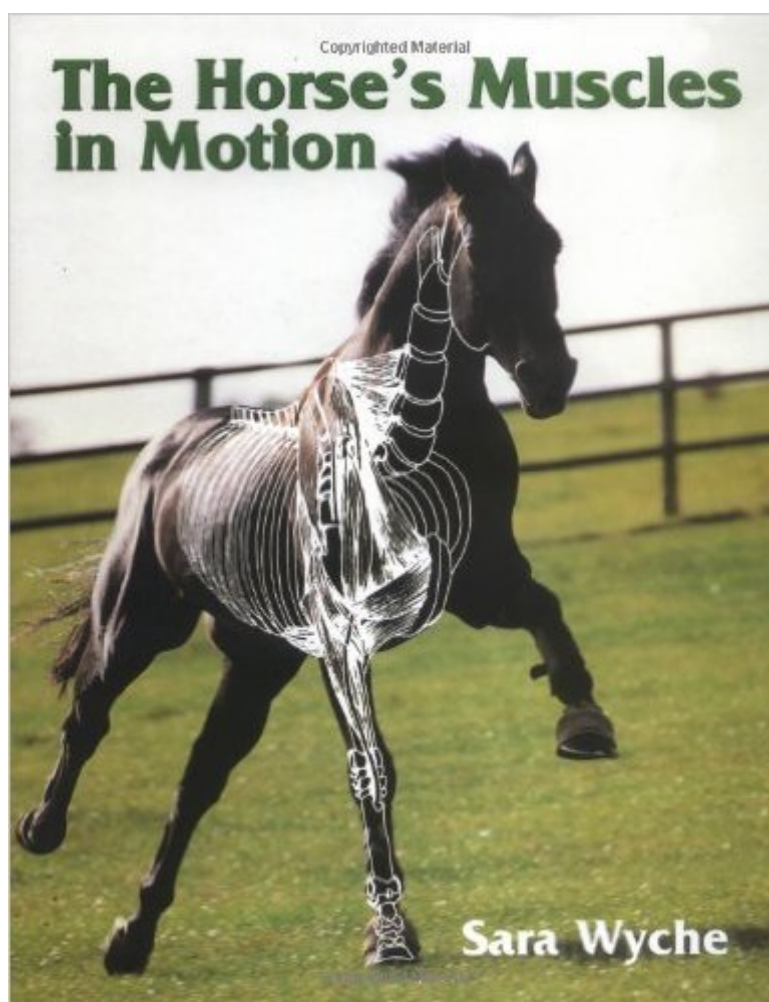


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The Horse's Muscles In Motion



Synopsis

This book aims to show how the horse's muscles work and explains how this knowledge can be put to good use in riding, whether in competition or for recreation. Using her own careful anatomical drawings, Sara Wyche studies the skeleton, the action of the muscles, and the role of the nervous system before applying this information to various riding situations. The demands placed on the horse's systems in dressage, jumping, eventing, racing, and even polo are all examined, with advice on how good riding practice can help avoid problems. With the knowledge of the horse's anatomy gained in this book, the rider will better understand what is being asked of the horse, and how to achieve it with sympathetic riding and horse care, making this an essential manual for all riders.

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Customer Reviews

I got this book to go along with another one to aide me in studying for an equine massage therapy course I'm about to take. This book not only has fantastic discriptions of exactly why a certain muscle is so important, but also has some really good illustrations and basically breaks down a certain joint and/or muscle in a mechanical way to really show how they work together. Great book and very decent price.

Originally purchased this book as a preparation for an equine bodywork class and now carry it around and refer to it quite a bit. If you want to understand which part of the horse's anatomy is

used for which purpose and even how to ensure the anatomy stays sound; if you'd like to explore where different parts (bones, muscles, ligaments) are located, what they are called and how they interrelate with the rest of the anatomy, this book is an invaluable resource. The drawings are intentionally 'mechanized' to show how the horse's anatomy WORKS. This book, in my opinion, is a valuable tool for anyone who works with horses on any level or who has a serious interest in the wellness of their horse.

Initially when I opened the book I felt put off by the old-fashioned (60's era) line drawings of the horse muscles and bones: they are nowhere near as colorful and sophisticated as the computer graphics in most shiny modern textbooks. However the author makes a point of saying that there are more realistic images of horse muscles, but she has chosen to use simpler, mechanical drawings to guide the eye to the important features of anatomy and movement. As I started to read the book, I was surprised at how understandable these drawings made the range and types of motion. She outlines the shapes of bones at the joints, then layers on top of these the ligament features, then tackles the muscles that attach to the bones. This book would be invaluable to novice equestrians who want to learn about horse conformation and anatomy.

This book is of value for the horse owner or enthusiast to gain an understanding of the mechanics of movement for the horse. It will help those who may have concerns that could be answered with this knowledge. It is of limited use for an artist looking for good muscle in motion illustrations. If you are an artist looking for more information on this subject and you have already acquired adequate reference material you may want to add this to your collection but the price is a bit high for that purpose. If you own a horse and want to understand what is going on with the mechanics in movement this book may very well be worth the price.

This is an excellent reference book to assist you in helping your horse. I am a massage therapist and many of the muscles in people are also in horses. This makes it very easy to follow. I am not sure how easy it would be without this knowledge. If you are interested in massage for horses you should have this book.

I haven't gotten to look through it all that much yet, but so far I like what I have read and seen. I do wish the pictures were a little more realistic and not just from the "artist's point of view", she has a little side note included on this matter which I appreciate her honesty but I was kind of hoping for

better pictures and diagrams as I'm taking a massage course in a month and am using this as study material!

Book returned as a disappointment. From the front & back covers, I expected illustrations that were anatomically correct. They are crudely drawn & poorly printed with little definition or refinement. An illustrator Wyche is not. As to content it is an expensive summary. There are far better.

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