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A horse for keeps?

Samantha McLean has been around horses all her life, but she's never had a horse of her own. So she's overjoyed when Ashleigh Griffen and Mike Reese give her Shining, the half sister of one of the greatest race horses of all time, Ashleigh's Wonder. It's her job to turn the sickly, neglected horse into a winner, and she's got her work cut out for her. Shining is stubborn and difficult, and it looks as though she'll never race.

Then a little girl named Mandy, who cannot walk, falls in love with Shining, and the filly's training suddenly improves. But as Shining prepares for her first race, Mandy's parents make Samantha a stunning offer. Must Samantha give up on the only horse she's ever owned?

Wonder's Sister Details

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Stefanie says

Wonder's Sister was a fantastic addition in the Thoroughbred series. It starts out with Ashleigh's husband Mike coming home from an estate sale or foreclosure sale at a decrepit stable and bringing home a few promising horses, one of which turns out to be the half sister to Wonder. The poor three year old filly was unfairly mistreated and undertrained and Samantha McLean takes it upon herself to bring the filly named Shining back to the condition that matches her name. With Samantha's hard work comes the best reward, Ashleigh and Mike give ownership of Shining to Samantha and she decides to try and bring her into top racing condition. But it may be short lived as Mandy Jarvis, a little girl with braces on her legs, seems to develop a bond with Shining and Mandy's parents see an immediate change to Mandy's attitude and offer to buy Shining from Samantha so Mandy can also benefit from the positive change Shining seems to have on their daughter. Samantha must decide whether she herself needs Shining as much as Mandy seems to or to keep her and give her the chance to prove she can be a champion racehorse like her sister Wonder.

Rita Backe says

Ganske søt og koselig bok.

Heather says

Grade: A

Chris says

Wonder's Sister is one of the stronger early titles of the Thoroughbred series. Shining comes through as a lovely horse with real spirit, easily winning the reader's hearts with her sweet nature and the trust Samantha builds with her. Mandy and the Pony Commandos provide a great subplot, and the bond between Mandy and Shining is touching. Samantha has become more mature than some previous books, fulling accepting of Beth, comfortable with her and Tor's relationship, and taking on more adult responsibilities. It's also great to see Pride come home and to catch up with previous equine stars like him and Fleet Goddess. The balance in this book is excellent, setting a great foundation for Sammy and Shining to take the spotlight.

Heather says

Samantha becomes a full horse trainer and wins her 1st race with her one horse. I hope shining will be in more books. she has the same spark and her 1/2 brother wonder's pride. these books are always thrilling.

Kati Polodna says

My copy is tattered because I loved this story so much!

Ilana says

A great series for tweens that love horses and/or are interested in horseback riding or racing. Teaches about the struggles of working with animals and the benefits.

PinkLies says

Terrible.

I don't know how else to put it. Heart wrenching and illogical. Sets a bad precedent for the equestrian industry. Plus thoroughbreds are rarely suitable as therapy horses.

As a off the track thoroughbred owner myself I can verify how off base this is in so many ways. Does not live up to the expectation of Campell.

Claire (Cem) says

Ignoring the fact that Samantha was considering selling her 3 year old thoroughbred horse to a 7 year old girl, this was another excellent book. I love this series, even if it does push the boundaries of reality a fair bit!!
