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In the attic of her parents' home, champion rider Ashleigh Griffen discovers an old diary she had kept as a girl at Edgardale, her family's first breeding farm. Ashleigh is transported back in memory to the year she turned eleven - reliving her love for Stardust, a beautiful chestnut mare, and for Black Night, the spirited colt whose birth she witnessed.

Ashleigh remembers her terrible sadness when Black Night was stolen by horse thieves, and how hard she worked to find him. Painfully she recalls the devastation she felt during her struggle to save the horses she loved from a deadly virus that swept through the Edgardale stables. And Ashleigh relives all the happiness and tragedy of knowing Stardust - her very first horse, who was taken from her much too soon...

## **Ashleigh's Diary Details**

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## **From Reader Review Ashleigh's Diary for online ebook**

### **Ashley Reif says**

It is wonderful to be taken back to the first breeding farm Ashleigh lived on.

There are the Ashleigh thoroughbred series, that are about here before she moved, but its not the same. Here it is Joanna Campbell's words that really take me back, and I love every moment of the book!

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### **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.

Great background for a lovable character.

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### **Aleka Gurel says**

I was obsessed with the Thoroughbred books as a pre-teen, and this one made me cry every time! It was devastating but addictive as a consequence.

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### **Henrietta Hortobágyi says**

nothing

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### **Isabel K. says**

OMG! What a good book! It got sad when all the horses died and Ashleigh's family had to sell their farm, but I have a feeling that things will only get better. I was correct from what I first said about this book being good background knowledge into the first book (I read the back of the first book).

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### **Kate says**

This Super Special seems to foreshadow the Ashleigh spinoff series, going back to when Ashleigh was 12, before she and her family moved to Townsend Acres.

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## **Rena Sherwood says**

You really need to read the previous books in the series (at least the first 5) or you're going to be really bummed out after reading this.

Moral of the story: Life sucks but it goes on and is better than the alternative. The book also has a mini-sermon about how things always work out for the best, but I don't agree with that. I haven't seen proof of that in my own life and the lives and deaths of many racehorses I've researched or been somewhat acquainted with.

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## **flannery says**

Good book but very sad it really set  
The stag for me now I now Ashleys past  
Life!

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## **Mariah says**

Tore at my heart strings more than any of the others.

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## **Caitlin says**

*It was depressing around the ending, but it was pretty awesome! First she's not very good in her math but she works hard to get her horse! I almost cried because the ending is so sad! But it was also very exciting and sweet! How she treats her brother, how she helps her parents with the breeding farm and horses!*

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## **Melinda says**

I really like this book. And seeing how I love horses I had to put a least one book about them on here. To all horse fans this book will make you cry! I really enjoy it because I think it is not a dumb "the girl gets the horse of her dreams" book. It is a book of a girl who struggles just as much as anyone in this world, and gets all her childish dreams stripped away and gets them replaced with womanly dreams...

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