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When Jana Harris moved with her husband to Washington State for a teaching job, she realized that she could also fulfill her lifelong dream of having a horse farm. And Harris knew the horse on whom she could build her dreams the minute she saw her on a ranch in the Eastern Mountains where a herd had been corralled to be sold: a beautiful, deep dark red-colored mare known as a blood bay, standing about sixteen hands, with a pretty head with a white star and a narrow stripe that slid down her face to two black nostrils. Something about the way the mare guarded her handsome foal, a black two-month-old 200-pound colt, spoke to Harris. The mare was named True Colors.

But when True Colors was delivered to Harris's ranch three months later, she was unrecognizable. She had gone feral, run away, and been recaptured. Terrified of people, she was head-shy from the infected sores on her face and her lungs were damaged by smoke-induced pneumonia. She sensed demons hiding in everything from the scent of fabric softener on clothes to a gate in a fence. Her will to escape was enormous. This injured, traumatized horse existed between two worlds—wild and domesticated—and belonged to neither. But there were glimmers of hope: The other horses fell in love with her on sight, just as Harris had. And true to her name and herself, True Colors would never pretend to be something she was not; with her wise, intuitive nature, she would end up changing the lives of everyone she encountered, animal and human.

Horses Never Lie About Love is the story of this remarkable horse and the revelations about life and love that she gave Harris over the course of their decades together. Now thirty-three years old, this complex, magnetic animal retains the outsize personality that transforms everyone around her, both human and equine. True Colors has grown to become the heart of the range and the farm, her quiet wisdom transmitting a strength of character that transcends the thin line between animals and the humans they love. There is a famous horseman's saying: *A horse never lies about its pain*. But maybe we should also consider: *A horse never lies about love*.

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Sherry says

with so much written about horse rescue and the over population of horses this book just struck a sour note with me. Breeding for her "perfect" horse and trying to off load the ones who do not measure up. Not even making sure they go to good homes. NAHHH....the woman can write I just did not like her or what she did/does.

Saturday's Child says

Interesting title – *Horses Never Lie About Love*, but after reading this I think that some of their owners sure do.

Pat says

It was interesting about the horse breeding business. I am glad that *True Colors* was given a chance by the author, but I didn't really get their relationship as the title/summary indicates. As a horse lover/owner I don't understand those that breed horses, and then they have to place those that have been a part of their lives, so they have room for youngsters.

Brittani Croft says

Another horsey book that I really enjoyed. It was so relateable and reminded me so much of how my mom and I interacted with our horses while I was growing up. I was sad when it was over...it was a really beautiful and touching story.

Brenda says

I have always loved horses so I was anxious to read this book. In this touching book the author shares the story of *True Colors* a Thoroughbred horse whom she purchased from The Rocking D Ranch in May 1986. The situation was less than ideal on the ranch, the horses were allowed to run on the range and had never really been handled and were afraid of people. There was one mare that stood out for Jana Harris because of the way the horse guarded her foal. That mare turned out to be a beautiful horse named *True Colors*. Ms. Harris purchases *True Colors* and her foal along with another foal that was yet to be born, to be delivered to her farm later. While the foals were delivered on time, the breeders kept putting her off regarding the delivery of *True Colors*. When *True Colors* was finally delivered to the farm, she didn't look like the same

horse. Her face had been burned and she had a persistent cough because she had gotten too close to wildfires that were going on near the Rocking D ranch.

The story the author shares in her book "Horses Never Lie About Love" is a touching story of how the author through loving care and patience finally gained the trust of True Colors and how True Colors touched everyone around her. I really loved reading not only about True Colors but also the other horses on the Harris ranch. There were the two foals that she purchased named BeDazzled which she nicknamed Miss Piggy and Abercrombie which she nicknamed Kermit as well as two older horses who were already on the ranch.

Reading this story I couldn't help but fall in love with the horses on Ms. Harris' ranch. She easily allows the reader to see the individual personalities of her horses and takes us along while she gains their trust. The pictures that she includes really allowed me to connect with the horses. A heart touching, wonderfully well written memoir that I am certain that I will pick up and reread. Recommended

Linda says

Janna Harris is just not my kind of horse person and never really seems to connect with any of the horses she owned or bred. Although she went through a lot and probably spent a lot she spends more time describing what kind of nail polish her vet had on, dropping names of fancy wines she drinks or the gourmet meals she eats and then sells or gives away all or most of the horses when she needs money or they do not live up to her expectations saying she feels bad but.....and the horses don't seem crazy about her style either. She may be a good poet, and an ok writer-but horse person-not so much. I mean at one point she was going to give "the horse that changed her world " to a rodeo.

Randine says

This is a book that probably every horse person will love, you can't help it. You fall in love with the horses she chooses and breeds and yet, I don't believe in breeding because of all the thousands of horses every year who end up starved or slaughtered or abandoned so I got irked with Harris for breeding her mares and studding out her stallions. Then she would sell the babies and hope they got a good, forever home. Just because this is something I could never do doesn't make it wrong, it just bugged me. Nevertheless, it's a good read about horse ownership.

Heidi says

As a horse lover, and horse owner, I engaged with the author in the beginning of her book over the ups and downs of horse-ownership. However, as I read about her breeding farm I became more and more troubled by her selfishness to breed for her own interests and further, to get rid of the offspring that didn't quite pan out for her. As a horse rescue volunteer and a CT Humane Society volunteer, I find this kind of self-serving behavior reprehensible for so many unwanted animals already in our society who have no voice and choice of their own.

Katherine Blocksdorf says

This is a depressing book full of bad choices and poor horse care and breeding practices. You can read my full review at [Horses Never Lie about Love](#)

Marie Biallas says

Good, not great. I learned more about horses and which types of horses are good for what type of riding etc. I love learning more about these amazing creatures but I failed to see why this horse was revered. She was an excellent brood mare, but was only agreeable and approachable when pregnant, the rest of the time she was very Unapproachable and hard to handle. I kept waiting for this horse to become great , so it missed the mark a bit for me, still enjoyed reading it though.

Glenda Laitinen says

This story is certain to appeal especially to horse lovers. The author, Jana Harris and her husband move to Washington state and raises horses. This is a dream come true, until they get a horse that gives them a lot of problems and they make a lot of bad decisions. I personally found it tedious overall, and would not consider it a light read by any stretch of the imagination. I won this book through a GOODREADS giveaway. The font was so tiny it was difficult for me to read in less than stellar lighting.

Stephanie says

I don't read many biographies or true stories but this book was absolutely gorgeous. The ending could have been better as it seemed like a very odd part in the story to end it but I see why Jana did it. Loved following her and her husband Mark's journey and learning about what it was like for them to own a farm :)

Stephanie says

I don't care for this woman and I almost stoped reading after the comment, Byron..." the ugliest weanling I`de ever seen, no wonder his dam had kicked him in the face."

She was worried about selling True Colors to an abusive situation but was willing to sell her as "rodeo stock" and THAT would have been okay? (She didn't end up doing it)

I don't like her. Books okay.

Melia says

The book is ok. I kept reading trying to see what the point of the book was...but there wasn't one. Jana Harris makes poor decisions and they are documented in story form. I guess to each is own but I wouldn't recommend the book.

Kyra says

I loved this book until I got about halfway through it. It began so promisingly! Horses plus an author who can really write are a rare combination. I was hooked! But somewhere halfway through the book, I just became increasingly annoyed with the author's blundering and helplessness. I have owned and very occasionally bred horses for thirty years, and I just cannot believe how many times these people were screaming for the vet. They must have very very deep pockets indeed.

On a more literary note, the last two chapters feel as if they were speedwritten in 20 minutes just to wrap things up. Very very sloppy.
