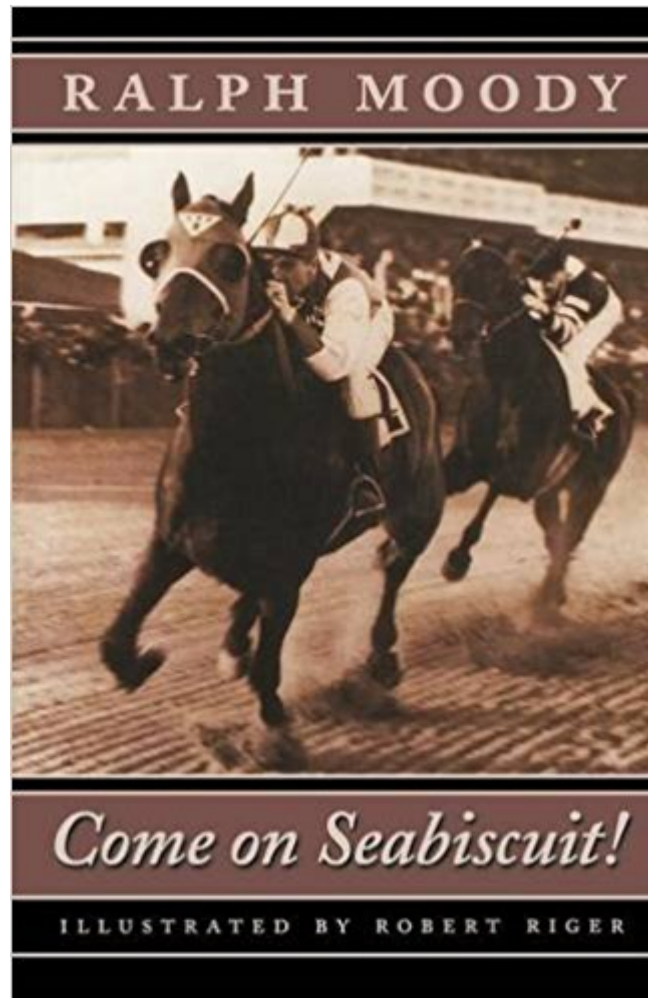




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Come On Seabiscuit!



Synopsis

Master storyteller Ralph Moody tells the thrilling story of a plucky horse who refused to quit, a down-on-his-luck jockey who didn't let horrendous accidents keep him out of the saddle, and a taciturn trainer who brought out the best in both. During the Great Depression, Seabiscuit captured the hearts of Americans from the streets to the White House, winning more money than any horse at that time and shattering speed records across the country. In this real-life story Moody captures the hoof-pounding excitement of the explosive early races to an unforgettable showdown with the feared Triple Crown winner War Admiral. Moving and inspirational, *Come on Seabiscuit!* is a reminder of the qualities that make a real American champion. Ralph Moody is best known for his eight Little Britches books, which have delighted generations of readers and are all available in Bison Books editions. Ralph Moody captured the hearts of young readers everywhere with his beloved Little Britches saga. In this Bison Books edition of his 1963 classic, Moody brings to life the story of a knobby-kneed little colt called Seabiscuit, who against all odds became one of the most celebrated racehorses of all time. Although Seabiscuit was the grandson of the legendary Man O' War, he was neither handsome nor graceful. His head was too big, his legs too short, and his gallop was awkward. His owners gave up on Seabiscuit when he was two, raced him too heavily, and tried unsuccessfully to sell him. It took the keen eyes of trainer Tom Smith to recognize the heart, courage, and gallant determination of Seabiscuit, the qualities of a truly great horse. Smith's unfailing patience and astute treatments, the love and skill of jockey Red Pollard, and the continued support of owner Charles Howard forged Seabiscuit into a champion.

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Customer Reviews

"When I was about seven years old. . . . I found a children's book called Come on Seabiscuit! which was just wonderful! I read it so many times I broke the spine and all the pages fell out. I still have it; it has to be wrapped in rubber bands because the pages will go everywhere. But that book in just vivid prose told the story of the horse." — Laura Hillenbrand, July 29, 2003, interview on Fresh Air with Terry Gross (Laura Hillenbrand)

"One unlikely offshoot of the Seabiscuit phenomenon . . . was a lovely reminder of the way horse-racing writing used to be done: Ralph Moody's Come on Seabiscuit! was recently brought back into print by the University of Nebraska Press. . . . [W]hat is remarkable about the book — and what makes it rewarding even decades after reading it the first time — is the level of detail about the scrawny racehorse. . . . Ultimately, the reason Come on Seabiscuit! and King of the Wind and Black Stallion are so memorable is that they are outstanding children's literature, not just outstanding children's literature about racing. Just as racetrackers never forget the great horses, we never forget the books that left a mark on us. [M]aybe the Seabiscuit effect wouldn't have been possible without books like Come on Seabiscuit!" — Eric Banks, slate.msn.com (Eric Banks slate.msn.com)

"Horse racing fans will enjoy the paperback reprint of Ralph Moody's classic tale Come on Seabiscuit!, originally published in 1963. Seabiscuit, the plucky Depression-era racehorse, has gained a new generation of fans since the 2003 Universal Pictures' film release by the same name, and his fans should enjoy Moody's small, easy-to-read volume with black-and-white illustrations by Robert Riger." — Western Horseman (Western Horseman)

"Written in a folksy, easily understood prose, this illustrated predecessor to Laura Hillenbrand's book about the racehorse (the basis for this summer's movie) is a great pre-movie primer for anyone under 18." — Christy Karras, The Salt Lake Tribune (Christy Karras Salt Lake Tribune)

"Young Adults will love the excitement and the empathy expressed in this story, which is told in language that was held up well for 40 years. Beautiful pencil sketches of the horse and racetrack culture fill the book. This is an inspirational story for those who need to know that one failure does not mean a life of failures and that often critics can be proven wrong." — Kliatt (Kliatt)

Ralph Moody (1898–1982) was a working cowboy from the age of ten, a trick rodeo rider, and a student of good horseflesh. He is the author of Come on Seabiscuit! as well as the Little Britches series about a boy's life on a Colorado ranch, all available in Bison Books editions.

I loved the complete back story of all characters involved.

The story of Seabiscuit is the story of an underdog who succeeds. Seabiscuit was a grandson of one of the greatest racehorses ever, Man O'War. In spite of Seabiscuit's pedigree, he was not regarded as a promising winner. Misunderstood and overlooked, he was overworked when very young and nearly faded into obscurity. An unlikely trio saw his potential and raised him to greatness. Charles Howard, a bicycle repairman turned wealthy automobile dealer and thoroughbred owner, purchased the horse. His trainer, Tom Smith, was a former frontiersman, who knew many secrets about training and doctoring horses. Red Pollard, a product of brush-league riding, became Seabiscuit's jockey. With the help of these three men, the outcast horse became a legendary winner on the track. "Come On Seabiscuit" is written mainly for children, but as others have said, it is a good read for any age. It is an inspirational story about love, trust, friendship, and tapping inner potential in the face of obstacles. Having read this book as a child, I'm thrilled to see it reprinted. If you like this book, another good one on the same topic is "Seabiscuit: An American Legend" by Laura Hillenbrand. The Hillenbrand book is written for adults, and includes details about the rough realities of the racing world.

I love the book. First read in grade school and been looking for it to buy for years. This book came in great condition and was a hardback too!

This is the right version if you want something to read for or with your kids.

A classic with very nice drawings. The book arrived in good condition and was packaged well. I bought the book for my teenage granddaughter. She loves it.

The book is in excellent condition. A childhood favorite, so happy to have it.

Interesting history of the great racehorse Seabiscuit.

I see that I have another of Ralph Moody's books to rate and I do so with the same gusto as the others. Just great reading!

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