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Dark Horse (Show Jumping Dreams ~ Book 23)



Synopsis

Emily and Socks showed everyone at the Talent Scout Clinic that they belonged, winning the jump off and securing a place on the Junior Olympic team and a ticket to train in Europe. But back home things are going from bad to worse. Missy is moving out. Emily's mother and her step sister Cat are moving in and it's not right. Emily doesn't know why her father wants to patch things up with her mother but she knows that she doesn't want him to. And Fox Run is hosting a Halloween show. It will be Bluebird's big comeback and a chance to show everyone that he is back in the game. But Emily has to keep Socks in the game too now that they have been picked for the team but she is worried that with Missy moving out, it won't be long before she changes her mind and takes Socks away from her forever. So when a new horse shows up on the circuit that everyone wants to buy, Emily thinks that maybe he might be the one to replace Socks in her stable of jumpers. But there is something about the horse. A dangerous past that the owners want to keep hidden. But danger is exactly what Emily needs because living on the edge is the only way she can escape everything else in her life and riding dangerous horses can give her that thrill. But at what cost?

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Customer Reviews

Have read all - probably one of Claire's oldest (70!!!) followers! Just fun novels about a kid who understands what it means to work for everything she gets and how to live through life's challenges.

This is a good one!

I'm really beginning to wonder why I still read this series, but I started at the beginning so I might as well see it through to the end, although at 23 books and still going, who knows how much longer it'll continue. It's got to end sometime, right? I haven't reviewed all of the books and I wasn't even sure I was going to do this one, but decided I should. Why? Good question. Maybe because some of it is so ridiculous, I feel the need to express myself. So let's get started. When Mickey and Emily were getting ready to go riding, Mickey was saddling Hampton and he puffed up full of air to keep the girth from being done up too tight. It said Mickey poked him in the side and told him to stop it and he "rolled his eyes" (quotes by me) and let out the breath. Well, unless Hampton is a cartoon, he can't roll his eyes in that manner. He can roll them back in fear, but not roll them in exasperation. That was probably the silliest thing I'd read in the book. And how does a horse look smug anyway? In this book, Taylor's Tack Emporium was described as a dump with only a tiny corner for horse items and was full of sweaty farmers going there to pick up feed for their cows and hogs. Since when is Taylor's a place to be avoided by Emily for reasons other than Taylor doesn't like her being involved with Jordan? Besides, Taylor's is supposed to be Emily's sponsor. After 18 or however many books it's been since Taylor's was first mentioned, it doesn't make sense to suddenly change what the place was like because I'm pretty sure in the early part of the series, it was a much better place that Emily enjoyed visiting and it had a lot of stuff for horses. If it's called a Tack Emporium, it would have more stuff for horses than just a small corner, wouldn't it? To avoid dealing with her dad, Emily decides to try to get into the Dressage lessons and the Eventing ones. It seems like whenever Eventing is mentioned, however, all they're ever doing is Cross Country Jumping but Eventing also involves Stadium Jumping and Dressage but the class never seems to be doing any of that. Can't Emily ever go trail riding without some major drama happening? The whole thing with the bears is beyond ridiculous. And if there's only 3,000 black bears in Florida, why would they issue permits to MORE than 3,000 people. If everyone shot a bear it would be eradicating the animal, not controlling the population. And where were the Game Wardens during the hunt? If there's rules for a hunt then

there should be Wardens there to enforce them, especially the part about not being allowed to hunt on private property. And the incident between Mr Eastford and Emily was beyond words. Totally ridiculous. At least there was finally a horse that Emily couldn't tame.

Emily and Socks are back from the Talent Scout Clinic. They won the JUMP OFF and a place on the Junior Olympic team. Plus Emily will get to go to Europe to train. The new foal has been named Phoenix... Things are bad back at Fox Run. Missy and Owen are leaving and Emily hates it. She does not want Missy to leave. Missy says maybe things will change and she could be back soon. She apologises to Emily, but she cannot stay with things the way they are. Soon, her father will move her mother and stepsister Cat into the house. Emily does not know why he wants to patch things up with her mother, but she does not want him to... A new horse shows up on the circuit that everyone wants to buy and Emily thinks he might take Socks' place. The horse has a dangerous past that the owners want to stay hidden. Living on the edge, feeling an adrenaline rush, is the only way that Emily can escape everything else that is going on in her life. But at what cost? Fox Run will host a Hallowe'en show for its riders and students and Emily wants to show that Bluebird is better and "back in the game". She also has to keep Socks in the game since they were chosen for the Junior Olympic team. And, she is going to ride Arion in the show. She is afraid that Missy will want to take Socks back even though she left him for Emily... Things at Fox Run are getting out of control... Emily finds something unexpected and unusual in the woods... It is time for the Hallowe'en show... Emily will have a close call... The book ends in an unexpected way... Kindle Unlimited Member

I'm sixteen and I found these books a year ago. Since then, I've been waiting avidly for the next book to come out every month. I read a mean comment on this sight and began wondering why people are always bringing others down. I find these books entertaining, because I'll always be a backyard rider. I'm fine with that too. I love my horse, he's a five year old halter bred, sorrel, Quarter Horse. He's the love of my life and I couldn't imagine life without him. I want to thank you for creating this book series because it shows that some dreams can come true. I love this series, it's one of the best horse series' out there.

Just when you think Emily's life has a chance of smoothing out, she can't catch a break. Not only has she lost her step mom and brother due to her dad's actions, now her father has lost his job and they will need to leave Fox Run. Her dad rescued her mother from her abusive marriage to another

man, putting his own relationship on the line. Now, Emily's mom is under the influence of alcohol and not easy to be around. All the adults in her life are a mess and she realized Nye, the newest horse to the barn, has a dark soul. Although Emily has experienced victories in her riding, no one person has this many bad things happen to them in one year. It would take a self confident person to handle so much stress, and yet she's only 15. It is good Emily is a fictional character.

The first ten books were good, but they just keep coming. I loved the series at first, but really, does Emily HAVE to have trouble with friends and/or lose a horse EVERY SINGLE BOOK? I mean, really! Find a better plot please! But seriously, the first few books had me hooked.

This book is fanrastic!Perfect for horse lovers.My daughter loved this book.I hope the next book will come out soon?!And,this book is very addicting.I would reccomend this book to all young horse lovers!

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