

CYCLOPAEDIA 25 — HORSES

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OVERVIEW

The taxonomic family Equidae, horses... animals, but yet so much more in reality, fiction, and myth. They are transportation, workers, racers, investment, companions, pets, and more. Horses have helped conquer nations and bust sod for farmers. Horses have carried great leaders in parades and small children at fairs. Horses have raced for millions of dollars and have pulled buggies of families. Horses have rounded up cattle in prairies and controlled riots in city streets.

Horses are romanticized in the American West as the companion of the cowboy. How could the Wild West have been tamed without the trusted horse? Fantasy literature abounds with famous steeds who aided their heroes (and villains) to traverse great distances to arrive at just the last moment to save the day. Where would a knight be without his brave warhorse to charge into battle? The Bible speaks of the four horsemen of the apocalypse reigning terror on earth in the final days. How else do we see Death, War, Famine, and Pestilence other than upon their mighty horses come to cleanse the world?

We have an emotional attraction to horses that comes out in our myths, our writing, and our relations with them.

MYTHICAL HORSE RELATIVES

Horses have a magical tale all their own, yet they have also spun off so many related creatures of folktales, legends, and mythology. Each creature has elements of a horse so you know they are related, but has

some twist, mutation, or magical ability that makes them stand out.

- Centaur
- Hippocampus
- Hippogriff
- Kelpie
- Nightmare
- Noggle
- Pegasus
- Phooka
- Unicorn

Following are sources of information pertaining to Horses to assist prospective game masters, game designers, writers, and storytellers in knowing where to start their research.

ARTICLES

The domestication of the horse

By Drower, Margaret S

Source: Domestication and exploitation of plants and animals, S. 471-478

Horses Are Not Machines: On Writing the Steeds of Fantasy Fiction

By Moran, Rosalind

Source:

<http://www.sfw.org/2016/10/horses-not-machines-writing-steeds-fantasy-fiction/>

Interview With a Practitioner:

Hippotherapy

By Delinger, C

Source: Alternative Health Practitioner, 3, no. 3, (1997): 161-212

BOOKS

100 Horses in History - True Stories of Horses Who Shaped Our World

By Stewart, Gayle

The Age of the Horse: An Equine Journey Through Human History

By Forrest, Susanna

All the Pretty Horses

By McCarthy, Cormac

The Art of Horsemanship

By Xenophon and Morgan, Morris H.

Black Beauty

By Sewell, Anna

The Black Stallion

By Farley, Walter

Borrowed Horses

By Griffiths, Sian

Centered Riding

By Swift, Sally

Chosen by a Horse

By Richards, Susan

The Complete Horse Riding Manual

By Micklem, William

Dawn of the Horse Warriors: Chariot and Cavalry Warfare, 3000-600BC

By Noble, Duncan

Eleanor McGraw, a Pony Named Mouse, and a Boy Called Fire

By Marcus, Katharina

The Faraway Horses: The Adventures and Wisdom of One of America's Most Renowned Horsemen

By Brannaman, Buck

The Horse and his Boy

By Lewis, C. S.

The Horse in the City: Living Machines in the Nineteenth Century (Animals, History, Culture)

By McShane, Clay and Tarr, Joel

Horses of Long Ago

By Ipcar, Dahlov

The Horse: The Epic History of Our Noble Companion

By Williams, Wendy

The Horse, the Wheel, and Language: How Bronze-Age Riders from the Eurasian Steppes Shaped the Modern World

By Anthony, David W.

The Horse Soldiers

By Sinclair, Harold

The Horse Whisperer

By Evans, Nicholas

How to Think Like A Horse: The Essential Handbook for Understanding Why Horses Do What They Do

By Hill, Cherry

The Lady

By McCaffrey, Anne

Misty of Chincoteague

By Henry, Margeurite

My Friend Flicka

By O'Hara, Mary

The Mythology of Horses: Horse Legend and Lore Throughout the Ages

By Hausman, Gerald

National Velvet

By Bagnold, Enid

Oh, Harry!

By Kumin, Maxine

On a Pale Horse

By Anthony, Piers

The Pony Express: The History and Legacy of America's Most Famous Mail Service

By Editors, Charles River

The Red Pony

By Steinbeck, John

The Saddle Club Series

By Bryant, Bonnie

Silent Hoofbeats

By Copeland, Bobby J.

Summer of the Redeemers

By Haines, Carolyn

The Valley of Horses

By Auel, Jean M.

War Horse

By Morpugo, Michael

War Horse: A History of the Military Horse and Rider

By DiMarco, Louis A.

Wildfire

By Grey, Zane

The Winter Pony

By Lawrence, Iain

GAMES

Arimaa - Tabletop Game

Ave Caesar - Tabletop Game

Battue: Storm of the Horse Lords - Tabletop Game

Bella Sara - Tabletop Game

Champion Jockey - Video Game

Chariot Race - Tabletop Game

Circus Maximus - Tabletop Game

Darksiders - Video Game

HomeStretch: Race to the Finish - Tabletop Game

Horse-lords of Rohan - RPG

Let's Ride - Video Game

Long Short - Tabletop Game

Lucinda Green's Equestrian Challenge - Video Game

My Horse and Me - Video Game

The Really Nasty Horse Racing Game - Tabletop Game

Red Dead Redemption - Video Game

Riders of Rohan - RPG

Royal Steeple Chase - Tabletop Game

Saddle Up: Time to Ride - Video Game

Stretch Run - Tabletop Game

Totopoly - Tabletop Game

TurfMaster - Tabletop Game

Winner's Circle - Tabletop Game

Win, Place and Show - Tabletop Game

CINEMA

Adventures of the Black Stallion - TV

A Horse for Danny

All the Pretty Horses

All Roads Lead Home

Black Beauty

The Black Stallion

BoJack Horseman - TV

Buck

Champions

A Day at the Races

Dreamer

The Electric Horseman

Flicka

Heartland - TV

Hidalgo

The Horse in the Gray Flannel Suit
The Horsemasters
The Horse Whisperer
In Pursuit of Honor
International Velvet
The Man From Snowy River
Mister Ed - TV
Moondance Alexander
My Friend Flicka
My Friend Flicka - TV
National Velvet
Phar Lap
Running Free
The Saddle Club - TV
Seabiscuit
Secretariat
Shergar
Spirit: Stallion of Cimarron
Sylvester
Thunder - TV
War Horse
Wildfire - TV

LOCATIONS

American Quarter Horse Hall of Fame & Museum
<http://www.aqha.com/museum>

International Museum of the Horse
<http://www.imh.org/>

Kentucky Derby Museum
<http://www.derbymuseum.org/>

Kentucky Horse Park
<http://kyhorsepark.com/>

The Mongol Derby
<http://www.theadventurists.com/mongol-derby/>

Olympic Equestrian Dressage
<https://www.olympic.org/equestrian-dressage>

Pony Express National Museum
<http://www.ponyexpress.org/>

Pro Rodeo Hall of Fame and Museum of the American Cowboy
<http://www.prorodeohalloffame.com/>

PEOPLE

(Well...Horses actually)

Al-Buraq
Aristides
Artax
Babieca
Banner
Black Beauty
Bucephalus
Champion
Falhofnir
Flicka
Hengroen
Hwin
Jim Key
Little Sorrel
Llamrei
Man O' War
Mister Ed
Red Hare
Secretariat
Shadowfax
Silver
Sleipnir
Tarzan
Tornado
Trigger