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My Friend Flicka CD



Synopsis

It seems Ken can't do anything right. He loses saddle blankets and breaks reins . . . but then comes the worst news yet: a report card so bad that he has to repeat a grade. How can you tame the dreamy mind of a boy who stares out of the window instead of taking an exam? Enter Flicka, the chestnut filly with a wild spirit. Over the course of one magical summer, both will learn the meaning of responsibility, courage, and, ultimately, friendship. Performed by Michael Louis Wells

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Customer Reviews

Mary O'Hara was born on July 10, 1885, in Cape May Point, New Jersey. She was a screenwriter during the silent film era and wrote several novels, including the range country trilogy *My Friend Flicka*, *Thunderhead*, and *Green Grass of Wyoming*. She also authored a novella, *The Catch Colt*, and *Wyoming Summer*, based on her diary of sixteen years. She died on October 14, 1980.

This classic story about a boy and his horse still stands strong. It's more an inspiring account of growing up and gaining self-assurance than it is a horse story. Wells is a surprising choice for narrating this book. His voice is urban and sophisticated, with no hint of soft edges that might be more suitable for a novel set in a simpler time in the American West. Fortunately, Wells deftly handles the life lessons discovered by 9-year-old Ken. Through Wells's voice we sense the vast gap

between Ken's gentle mother and his demanding father, and what each parent brings to the son.

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I now know why this is such a classic. This one goes straight to the heart. I voluntarily chose to review this. I've given it a 5* rating. For any horse lover, this will be a tough one on your heart. There are some tragic parts where horses are hurt or die. However, the love of a boy for his horse is more intense. So keep the tissues handy when you read this

These books are true Westerns. They are not shoot-em-ups, which I also enjoy, but descriptions of real family life. Mary Ohara is a wonderful author. She understands women, children, men, and horses. Her characters are real; as they show the same hidden strengths and weaknesses that we all have. For a story that takes place in the early 20th century, Ken's mom sure seems liberated. The description of a loving family are inspirational. No wonder My Friend Flicka is a classic. Thunderhead goes on from there. The story is in no way like the TV series, except it's about a boy and a horse.

All time favorite book of my childhood.

The book is fine, but I was disappointed that it didn't have any pictures in it, since it was a gift for a grandchild. Children these days are so used to visual things. Hopefully, she will enjoy the book enough not to miss pictures.

These books were written over 70 years ago but their story is timeless. Whether you are a child or adult you read about a boy growing up on a ranch with his "first love" a filly called Flicka. Timeless stories told on a Wyoming ranch. Today we have "children's books, Young adult books, etc. These books written in 1941-1943 are for every age group as they are just plain good writing. I have gone back to read them again and again.

Great story for young & old..Plan to give this book to Grandaughter, she's 11 yrs.old, enjoys horses..Will enjoy this sweet story.

My Friend Flicka is about a boy (Ken) who was never able to do anything right. His daydreams got so far in front of his work, that it seemed like he couldn't do a job without breaking his equipment, or

getting scolded for doing the job wrong. His father said that Ken cost him money every time he turned around. To make Ken feel like he could accomplish something, his mother and father gave him a colt to break, and to keep for his own. He named it Flicka. The colt is what Ken had always wanted, and to repay his father and mother, he tried his hardest at his work to do it right, and he succeeded. This book is full of excitement, sorrow, and happiness. You have to read it for yourself!

These are stories that I remember from my childhood and I ordered them for my granddaughter. I recently re-read Thunderhead and it was wonderful to revisit the story. Not only was it a good story but it was wholesome and a delight to read without the profanity and sexual scenes that are so prevalent today.

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