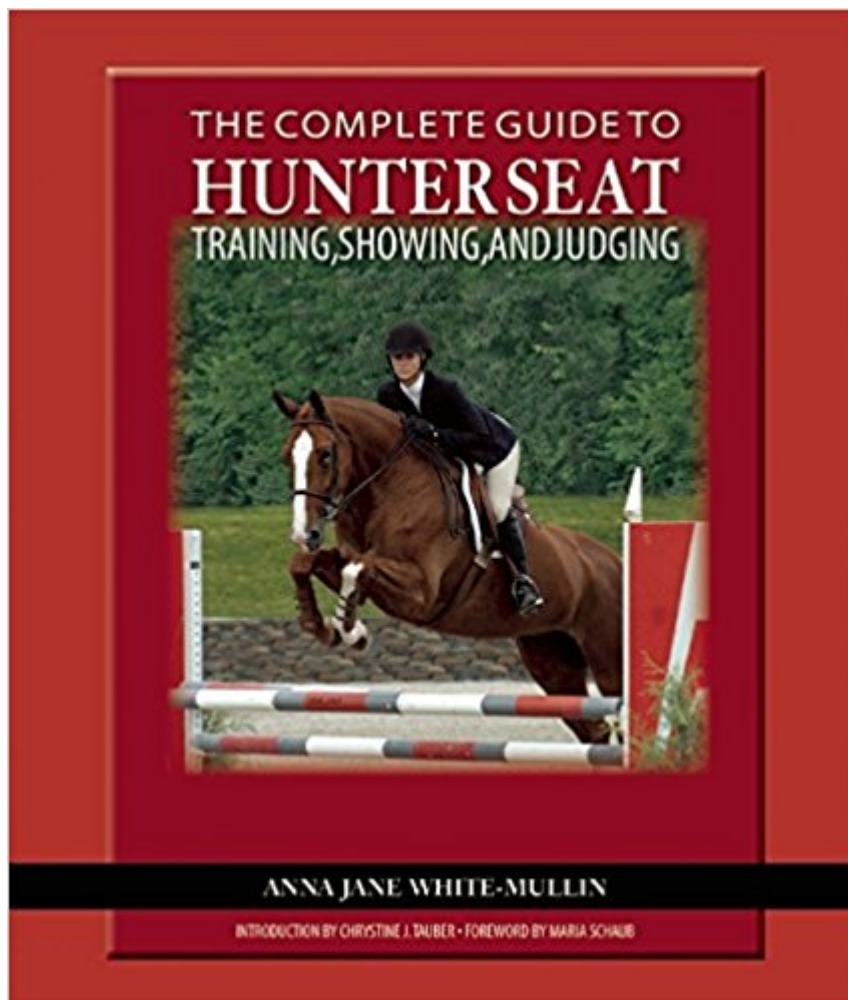




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The Complete Guide To Hunter Seat Training, Showing, And Judging: On The Flat And Over Fences



Synopsis

The USEF and USPC have both listed *The Complete Guide to Hunter Seat Training, Showing, and Judging* by Anna-Jane White-Mullin as recommended reading. Never before has such a complete text on the American hunt seat and equitation disciplines been compiled! Based on Anna Jane White-Mullin's now out-of-print bestseller *Winning* and chock full of gorgeous, full-color photographs taken at Beacon Hill Show Stables owned by Stacia Madden, *The Complete Guide to Hunter Seat Training, Showing, and Judging* provides every aspiring equestrian the means for achieving greatness in the show ring. Beginning with a comprehensive overview of the basic principles of horsemanship—recently re-emphasized as compulsory by such luminaries of the sport as George Morris—and progressing through essential schooling exercises in the development of the hunter or equitation mount, as well as advanced concepts applicable to upper-level competition, Part One lays the amateur's riding and training foundation. You'll find:

- Discussion of collection and lengthening
- long, medium, and short frames
- Flatwork for improving the basic gaits
- cadence, pace, and transitions
- Training and showing tips for USEF Tests 1-19
- patterns and how to prepare for them
- Introduction to hunter and equitation jump courses
- basic, intermediate, and advanced

As an added bonus, the education of the rider is made complete with the inclusion of White-Mullin's famous text on judging hunters and equitation. Offering a complete discussion of the USEF rules, requirements, and tests, the second part of the book explains what judges look for and the training methods necessary to achieve the desired results.

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"A great guide for anyone with an interest in hunters or equitation." – The Chronicle of the Horse
"Getting this information straight from a top judge can make the difference between a red ribbon and a blue one." – Horsemen's Yankee Pedlar
"What a blast of info this book provides." – The Horse Studio

Anna Jane White-Mullin is a registered judge for the United States Equestrian Federation and the author of "Judging Hunters and Hunter Seat Equitation" and "Winning: A Training and Showing Guide for Hunter Seat Riders." She lives in Gadsden, Alabama. Chrystine J. Tauber has held various positions within the United States Equestrian Federation (USEF), including Secretary and judge. She is a former member of the USET Show Jumping Team.

I purchased the book after 20 years in the saddle riding equitation and training hunters. I hadn't had a good riding lesson in years... One where I was challenged, received good information, or was told anything I didn't already know. At less than the cost of just one riding lesson, this book is going to put bad instructors out of business left and right! For advanced riders who are ready to train on their own and just want to know what the expert has to say about training and showing this book answers questions you didn't even know you had, and it is filled with photos and diagrams. The section on judging was incredible, after reading it over I'm even thinking about studying some more and experimenting next summer along those lines. Every rider should have a copy of this book! Especially the newly formed "natural horsemanship" crowd, as there is not a speck of cruelty in this book, rather, guidance on forming a better bond with your horse through the logical and kind methods of classical training.

I had previously used Anna Jane's book on Judging Hunter Seat Equitation and loved it - this book surpasses that one! The photographs are excellent, descriptive, and complete the narrative. The line drawings are an excellent way to assist students in understanding what we are trying to convey. The explanations of correct execution of the tests are superb. I also coach an interscholastic riding team and testing is required, so I have begun using these explanations to enhance the weekly work. I have recommended this book to other trainers and my riding students and will continue to share it with others.

Love the ideas I'm getting. I need simple instruction for me and my OTTB, and this book really helps. I'm not a horse trainer, and I still don't know how to get a horse to move a certain way. The book helps a lot, good diagrams and photos.

Bought this book as a visual to accompany my ongoing equitation lessons. What a wonderful addition to the library. The best part about this book are the pictures and diagrams. It wasn't until I was able to see where and what each limb was supposed to be doing in a diagram that my instructors words finally clicked. Highly recommend this book for anyone who is struggling with coordination of hands, feet, legs, head, eyes, etc.

This books does show you the basics, but it goes much deeper than that, with photos to illustrate along the way. This book is extremely informative, but it isn't difficult to read. Once I had read this, I was excited to go out and try what I learned on my horse. I really like that it had both a training section, and the judging section. I feel like it gave me a full picture on what goals I should be setting. I think a good way to gauge whether you will like this book would be to check out the author's website. She has a few articles she's written on there, so read them and if you like what you see, buy this book!

Anna Jane's updated "Guide to Hunter Seat" builds on her previous two books. Her systematic approach begins with the basics and smoothly transitions through the steps to become a more proficient rider. The judging section is not just for judges, it helps prepare the rider for the ring by exploring performance and skills through the judge's eyes. There are many valuable topics related to solving problems with both the rider and horse. All of this is supported by an array of illustrations and spectacular color images demonstrating the proper movements. This is an excellent guide for riders at any level and provides the tools to successfully train and compete.

Beautiful illustrations really add to the helpful text. Nice explanations for how the horse benefits from techniques that we've all been taught.

Must have if you ride hunters or teach students.

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