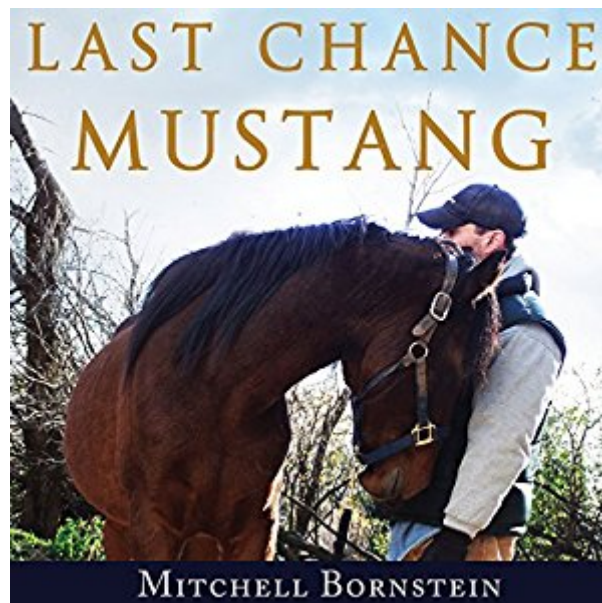




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Last Chance Mustang: The Story Of One Horse, One Horseman, And One Final Shot At Redemption



Synopsis

Last Chance Mustang is the story of Samson, a formerly free-roaming, still wild-at-heart American mustang that was plucked from his mountainous Nevada home and thrown into the domestic horse world, where he was brutalized and victimized. After years of abuse, Samson had evolved into a hateful and hated, maladjusted beast - until the day he found his way to a rural Illinois farm, an ill-equipped owner, and one last chance. Mitch Bornstein's task was to tame the violent beast whose best defense had become offense. He had 20 years of experience fixing unfixable horses, but Samson would be his greatest challenge. Through the pair's many struggles and countless battles, Samson would teach Mitch about the true power of hope, friendship, redemption, and the inspiring mettle of the forever wild and free American mustang.

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Customer Reviews

I don't know what J. Powers from the 7/10/16 review is talking about!? This is one of the best mustang books I have read, and I have read a lot. I also loved his style of writing! I wondered how a lawyer could be so adept at writing. I could hardly put it down, was so interested to find out what happened next. It is just so unfathomable to me how homo sapiens can think up all the cruel things they do to animals! It is a very sad commentary on our species! The fact that Mitchell Bornstein would not give up on this horse and managed to allow him to be able to trust humans again is amazing. I can only imagine what would have happened to him if he had given up. No quality of life since he was so miserable and fearful and likely more abuse and/or cruel slaughter. So, J. Powers, I

don't agree with anything you have said. This is a wonderful book and an amazing story about a mustang recovering from horrendous abuse that now has a good life enjoying just being equus. God bless Mr. Bornstein for all his efforts to help this horse and the many sacrifices he made in his personal life to achieve Samson's rehabilitation. Hopefully you will both enjoy a long happy life!

I first met Samson on the Facebook page for Last Chance Mustang. I don't usually like to read horse books, especially about mustangs, because it hurts my heart to see what people think is acceptable about traditional training methods. I didn't grow up around horses, I'm a city girl. Around 30 I volunteered at a barn, loved it, but it was in Chicago and it was an English riding barn, so it was about 5 years before I even heard about mustangs. I helped start a program to bring in mustangs and gentle them, and met amazing Least Resistance trainers all across the country. I then heard stories about traditional methods that I had thankfully not been exposed to. Our fourth mustang was a return. He had been adopted by someone who knew nothing about mustangs and sent to a trainer who was traditional. He was returned (THANKFULLY) three months later as useless. Hearing about Samson I could only imagine, that is what would have happened to Chance had he not come to live with us. He was strong willed, he was afraid of many things, and his defense was basically, come near me and I'll hurt you. With our training, and using kindness, compassion and horse time, he soon realized he was not going to be forced into anything, certainly not going to be hurt, and soon would do anything we asked. He often kept me safe in our herd, reprimanding any horse that didn't seem to be cooperating with me. Reading Last Chance Mustang, I felt like I found a kindred spirit. Mitchell Bornstein employs many of the tools I learned and his compassion in working with Samson is what I saw with all of the trainers that I learned from. He saw Samson. He saw the hurt, the confusion, the anger that Samson learned to use as a defense against further pain and torture. If I could change one thing, I would have preferred he didn't use the word "break". To me the true meaning is breaking a horse's spirit and honestly that is one of the best things about them. I was taught to gentle horses. It may be just a word, but it's also a mindset and I do believe he didn't break Samson, he gentled him. I cried during some of the book, thinking about what Samson had gone through and how difficult it was to trust again. I didn't want the book to end, but thankfully knew the story doesn't because I'm still hearing about Samson often on Facebook. I thank Mitchell Bornstein for not only seeing that Samson needed him, but staying with him and writing their story for us to enjoy and learn from. This is a book I will keep.

A rah, rah book focused on the plight of wild mustangs. Without that soapbox the story would have fallen flat. A true horseman would never attempted to gentle a troubled horse without proper facilities. The author was lucky he didn't kill the horse and himself by having inadequate fencing, hitching posts, etc.what the government has done to the mustangs is deplorable but the book could have been advertised as a treatise on wild horse management and it would have been a much more accurate discription of the book.Disappointing. Repeatitive.

I ordered this book at the last minute while I was doing Christmas ordering for friends. It popped up as an additional ad on and I thought it looked interesting, as I love Horses and am a Wild Mustang and Burrow advocate myself since 2006, so I threw it on the order and forgot about the book until it arrived. I had a stack of other books to read and I finally got to the Last Chance Mustang, just this last week.THIS BOOK IS FABULOUS and heartwarming and should be read by all who are interested in our beautiful Wild Mustangs. It also gives great history on the many abuses of our Government's Wild Horse and Burrow policies and the barbaric implementation of of these policies by our own Bureau of Land Management (BLM) under the direction of US Department of The Interior, which is run by Secretary Sally Jewel currently.This book takes the reader on a journey of connection, trust, respect, understanding, hope, friendship and most importantly, love as Mitchell Bornstein moves the volatile Samson through months and months of heartbreaking training... trying desperately to move Samson through the pain and hurt this beautiful horse has had to endure since being captured by the BLM in a Helicopter Roundup in Nevada in 2003. This book is beautifully written, touching the heart and soul of the reader with every word on each and every page. BUY IT! READ IT! and then fall in love with the journey of Samson and Mitchell, the goodness and importance of connection, trust, understand....and most importantly, the love between a man and a Wild Horse. This book is goodness and love at its best....you MUST read this book.....ENJOY!

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