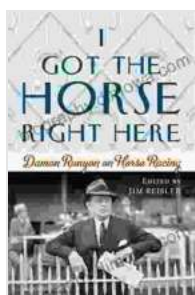


Got the Horse Right Here: A Journey Through the American West

The American West is a land of myth and legend, a place where the cowboy is king and the horse is his faithful companion. From the first Spanish conquistadors to the Pony Express to the modern rodeo, the horse has played a pivotal role in shaping the history and culture of the region.



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In his new book, *Got the Horse Right Here*, historian and author Hampton Sides tells the story of the horse in the West, from its humble beginnings to its iconic status today. Sides draws on a wealth of archival research and firsthand accounts to create a sweeping historical narrative that is both informative and entertaining.

Sides begins his story with the arrival of the Spanish in the New World in the 16th century. The Spanish brought with them horses, which quickly became essential for exploration, transportation, and warfare. As the

Spanish empire expanded northward, so too did the horse. By the 18th century, horses had become an integral part of life on the Great Plains, where they were used by Native American tribes for hunting, raiding, and warfare.

In the 19th century, the horse played a key role in the westward expansion of the United States. Settlers, ranchers, and miners all relied on horses to transport their goods and supplies. The Pony Express, which carried mail from Missouri to California, was made possible by the use of fast and reliable horses. And during the Civil War, both the Union and Confederate armies used horses extensively.

The horse also played a central role in the development of the American cowboy. Cowboys used horses to round up cattle, drive them to market, and protect them from predators. The cowboy's horse was his most important tool, and the two formed a close bond. The cowboy's horse was often the only thing that stood between him and danger, and it was a source of pride and companionship.

Today, the horse is still an important part of life in the American West. Rodeos, horse shows, and other equestrian events are popular throughout the region. And horses are still used for working cattle, ranching, and other agricultural purposes.

Got the Horse Right Here is a fascinating and informative account of the horse's role in the history and culture of the American West. Sides' writing is clear and engaging, and he brings to life the many characters and events that have shaped the region's equestrian heritage.

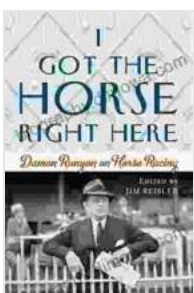
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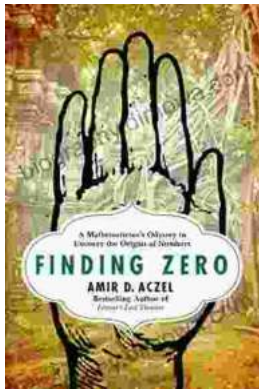
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