

## MORGAN HORSE BOOK RECOMMENDATIONS

***Justin Morgan The Romantic History of a Horse*** written by Eleanor Waring Burnham (Mrs. Roger Noble Burnham), published by The Shakespeare Press, New York City, New York in 1911. The inside title page also includes in the title, *Justin Morgan Founder of his Race*. This of course, is out-of-print. The author's father was the first to introduce the Morgan horse into the State of Georgia, in 1958, when he purchased Enterprise, G.G.G.G. son of Justin Morgan. (I typed exactly all the "G"s that were in the book). Later he took many others, all of whom made his stock farm, Annandale, famous. The prior quoted from the intro. This book maybe found by chance in a rare book store or Ebay.

***Sing the Lord's Song in a Strange Land, The Life of Justin Morgan*** written by Betty Bandel, Fairleigh Dickinson University Press, in 1981. This book is focused on the man, Justin Morgan and his music. The UVM Morgan Horse Farm has tapes (they could of updated this to a newer form) of someone playing his music. Per the foreward: The story of Morgan's achievements is also the story of the difficulties that a man of slender means and uncertain health could not fail to encounter in postwar Massachusetts during the 1780's. The book also includes a Musical Appendix Compiled and Edited by James G. Chapman. This book maybe found by chance in a rare book store or Ebay.

***The Morgan Horse World of Frank Wellington Waer*** written by Linda L. Ford, publised by Linda L. Ford in 1978. this is an autobiography of Frank Wellington Waer born 1900 and his breeding program "Waer". This book maybe found by chance in a rare book store or Ebay.

***The War Horse of Job***, (no author mentioned), a pulication of the Lyle F. Horton Memorial, Ancient Morgan Archive, copyrighted 1996. Per the introduction: "This volumn is inteded as a gathering of much that has been written about the Hale's Green Mountain." Alot of articles, photos, prints of about this Morgan. I purchased this at the Lippitt Morgan Horse Club booth at a Lippitt show and it maybe still available from the Lippitt Club.

***Jeffy's Journal, Raising a Morgan Horse*** written by Janet Wilder Dakin, published by The Stephen Greene Press/Pelham Books in 1990. The information in the book where first published in a series of columns in The Morgan Magazine from December 1952 through April 1956 and are now compiled into this book. They are the record of experiences shared by Janet and her Morgan foal, Lord Jeff. This book maybe found by chance in a rare book store or Ebay.

***Morgan Horses at the Vermont State Fair: As Critqued in "The Vermonter" 1908-1913***, compiled by Elizabeth A. Curler and a publication of Morgan Heritage Press, copyright of 2004. This book indicates that only 500 copies were printed. I purchased this at the Lippitt Morgan Horse Club booth at a Lippitt show and it maybe still available from the Lippitt Club or Morgan Heritage Press.

***Lippitt Lore*** by Mrs. Winifred Horton, published by the Lippitt Club, Inc. in 2001. This is a collection of stories of Lippitt Horses that include Ethan Allen 2nd, Ethan Allen III, The

Sherman Connection, Billy Root, "The Billies", Joh A. Darling, Green Mountain Stock Farm and many stories of starting with Lippitt prefix. I purchased this at the Lippitt Morgan Horse Club booth at a Lippitt show and it maybe still available from the Lippitt Club or Morgan Heritage Press.

***The Complete Dispersal of the Lippitt Morgans 1952 and 1962*** compiled by Julie Heise, no publisher indication, copyrighted 2004. Includes Lippitt Morgan names, registration numbers, photos, pedigrees and other information. I purchased this at the Lippitt Morgan Horse Club booth at a Lippitt show and it maybe still available from the Lippitt Club.

***The Horses of Woodstock*** by Allen W. Thomson, this is a reprint published at the Riverside Press, with an original copyright of 1887. The re-publication includes valuable historical material pertaining to the Morgan Horse and its heritage, particularly in Vermont. Per the forward: The original text remains the same and it should be noted, that some of the statements and conclusions reached by the author contained herein have since been found to be erroneous or new research has brought additional facts to light which was not available to Mr. Thomson. I purchased this at the Lippitt Morgan Horse Club booth at a Lippitt show and it maybe still available from the Lippitt Club.

***Morgan Horses*** by Peggy Jett Pittenger, published by A. S. Barnes and Company, copyrighted 1974. Original book. This book may be found by chance in a rare book store or Ebay.

***Morgan Horses*** by Peggy Jett Pittenger, published by Arco Publishing Company, Inc, New York copyrighted 1974. This is a reprint of the prior book minus one chapter. This book maybe found by chance in a rare book store or Ebay.

*Note: I have mentioned again the above book and author because of the second printing of Ms. Pittenger's book, "Morgan Horses" due to the last chapter in her original book titled "The Great Schism". This chapter caused an uproar that the book was reprinted and that chapter was omitted. The original cover of the first book shows four people riding Morgans and the reprint shows two historical prints.*

Names in Morgan Pedigrees by Mabel Owen, It was a very limited edition, possibly still available from : Merrylegs Literary Trust c/o Sheila Rainford, 1309 Bay Road, Amherst, MA 01002. ISBN 0-9668833-0-6

The Morgan Horse Foundation- A Computerized Analysis by Calvin D. Hanson, published by Kimberly/Williams Printing , Santa Barbara, CA.

Morgan Horses by D.C. Linsley. The premium essay on the origin and characteristics of this American Breed of Horses, traces the pedigree from the original Justin Morgan, through the most noted of his progeny. Originally published in 1856. Publisher: Reprinted, in 1999, and available from <http://morganmuseum.org/html/store19.html> (Price \$35).

Alone with Your Horse by Mary Jean Vasiloff. Available through Amazon.

Losing Less Money Raising Horses by Margaret Gardiner. Available through Amazon.

Horses For Actually Riding On by Margaret Gardiner. Available through Amazon.

Where Horsemanship Begins by Ethel Gardner. Great all around book for just about everyone - beginners to

advanced horseman. Breeders, family and show horses.

The Speed Merchants by Mabel Owen. Primarily about the great Morgan sires during harness racing days. It can be gotten through : Merrylegs Literary Trust c/o Sheila Rainford, 1309 Bay Rd., Amherst. MA 01002

Conformation, Movement and Soundness., USPC (Pony Club) Guide written by Susan E. Harris 1997 Howell Book House & Simon and Schuster Macmillan Company. It is the most concise, clearly written and illustrated book I have found. It is a rather small pocketbook sized paperback. Very handy to keep in the barn. On the back it says: Visit us on line at <http://www.mcp.com/mgr/howell> Of course this was a few years back but if the book is still available it is worth looking for. It was \$8.95 when I bought it. and well worth it.

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## KID'S & TEEN BOOKS

***Sheridan's Ride*** by Thomas Buchanan Read, published by Tien Wah Press and copyrighted 1973. The poem, Sheridan's Ride is redone with a written setting of the period, articles of many of the military famous personal and maps. It was illustrated by Nancy Winslow Parker. This is a great kid's book and is out-of-print, however the National Museum of the Morgan Horse has a lot of copies of this book. Another idea for this is to purchase several copies of this book and donate it to a grade school for it to be read in class (find a teacher and discuss it with her/him before doing this.)

***Double M for Morgans***, written by James Robert Richard, published by Lothrop, Lee & Shepard Co., Inc., copyrighted 1958. The story is about a boy winning a quiz and the prize was a summer vacation on a Wyoming ranch that raised Morgan Horses. Of course, there is more to the plot. This book maybe found by chance in a rare book store or Ebay.

***Lance of Mystery Hollow***, written by H. R. Langdale, published by E. P. Dutton and Company, and copyrighted 1945. Per the dustjacket, the story is about a boy who has two burning ambitions: to solve the mystery of the gloomy Hollow, and to own a horse. The horse is a Morgan mare named Cherry, that carries him through a long vigil in Mystery Hollow and helps him to track down a dangerous band of outlaws. This book maybe found by chance in a rare book store or Ebay.

*The Runaway*, by Robert Frost with illustrations by Glenna Lang, published by David R. Godine, and the poem was first copyrighted 1951, however, this book was copyrighted 1998. The poem is about a child and her mother who are out on a walk and are captivated by a young Morgan colt. I think the AMHA is selling this book.

*Stopping by Woods on a Snowy Evening*, by Robert Frost and illustrated by Susan Jeffers, and published by Dutton Children's Books, the poem was first copyrighted in 1923, however this book was copyrighted 1978. I am adding this book due to the history of Robert Frost interest in Morgans and the illustrations having that "Morgan" look. Reprints are still being sold in book stores in a smaller version, but if you can find it in the larger size, the artwork is so much better. Great illustrations.

Justin Morgan Had a Horse by Marguerite Henry. Joel Goss knows that Little Bub is a special colt, even though he's a runt. And when school teacher Justin Morgan asks Joel to break the colt in, Joel is thrilled! Soon word about Little Bub has spread throughout the entire Northeast - this spirited colt can pull heavier loads than a pair of oxen. And run faster than thoroughbreds! A Newbery Honor Book. Available for sale by the AMHA.

Hum N B Hill by Mary Jean Vasiloff. A wonderful series about teens growing up with Morgans, training them, retraining them, learning from them, and learning life in general. I thoroughly enjoyed the series. They can be acquired - 14 of them- from McCulloch Farm, 100 Whippoorwill Rd, Old Lyme, Ct 06371. Contact Mary Jean directly: [mjvasiloff@earthlink.net](mailto:mjvasiloff@earthlink.net)  
Blackjack written by Ellen Feld with illustrations by Jeanne Mellin. A delightful book that will pull the heartstrings of any horse lover. "Blackjack" belongs in your Morgan library. A perfect gift for any occasion! The first book in Ellen Feld's Morgan Horse Series. Winner of the 2005 International Reading Association's "Children's Choices" award. Available for sale by the AMHA and retail book stores.

Frosty written by Ellen Feld with illustrations by Jeanne Mellin. The second book in Ellen Feld's Morgan Horse Series, a rare gray Morgan named Frosty is introduced. Frosty's talent lies in trail riding. Heather and Frosty become trail buddies and must learn to trust each other if they are to survive the Vermont woods. Available for sale by the AMHA and retail book stores.

Rusty written by Ellen Feld with illustrations by Jeanne Mellin. The third book in the 'Morgan Horse Series', award-winning equine author Ellen Feld entertains readers with another adventure. In this story, Heather decides to try her luck in a new discipline and enters Rusty, a pretty, bay gelding, in several jumping competitions. Everything is going well until Heather begins to doubt herself. Will a new friend, Nicholas, be able to help Heather overcome her fears and win the Jump-Off? Available for sale by the AMHA and retail book stores.

Robin written by Ellen Feld with illustrations by Jeanne Mellin. Ellen Feld's fourth 'Morgan Horse Series' book introduces Karen Greene and her lovable Morgan Robin. Karen is traumatized by a traumatic riding accident. Can Heather, Nicholas, and the horses of Gallant Morgans help Karen overcome her fear so she can enjoy Robin again? Available for sale by the

AMHA and retail book stores.

Annie written by Ellen Feld with illustrations by Jeanne Mellin. Annie is introduced in Ellen Feld's fifth 'Morgan Horse Series' book. Uncertain of her origin, Chauncy decides to bring Annie home to Gallant Morgans. When Heather discovers Annie's identity, she is afraid to tell Chauncy, knowing Annie may be returned to a cruel trainer. What will happen to Annie? Artwork by Jeanne Herrick. Available for sale by the AMHA and retail book stores.

Rimfire written by Ellen Feld with illustrations by Jeanne Mellin. Rimfire, the sixth book in the 'Morgan Horse Series' by Ellen Feld, takes readers to a whole new realm within the world of horses. When Heather travels to Oklahoma to visit family friends, she is introduced to barrel racing. Falling in love with this quick-paced sport, Heather is thrilled when she returns home and discovers Rimfire, a fabulous Morgan barrel racer that just happens to be for sale. When her parents refuse to buy yet another horse, Heather convinces her friend Nicholas to purchase Rimfire. Everything is going well until Heather decides to take Rimfire to a competition without Nicholas's permission. What will happen? Available for sale by the AMHA and retail book stores.

Shadow: The Curious Morgan Horse written by Ellen Feld with illustrations by Jeanne Mellin. This book introduces the characters of the award-winning 'Morgan Horse Series' to younger readers. In this adventure, the young horse Shadow decides to explore the woods beyond her pasture. She searches for a magic pond and along the way meets many different forest animals. But when Shadow realizes she has become lost, how will she find her way home? Available for sale by the AMHA and retail book stores.

John and Tom written by Willem Lange and illustrated by Bert Dodson. This heartwarming story is based on the true adventure of a young man and his heroic Morgan who saves the day. A perfect bedtime story! Authored by Willem Lange and illustrated by Bert Dodson. Available for sale by the AMHA and retail book stores.

The Wolfing written by Sterling North, published by E. P. Dutton & Co., Inc. in 1969. This childhood classic tells a story that is mostly about a boy (Robbie) and his wolf, however, there are several chapters that are about a small three year old Morgan mare named Spinney. This story takes place in the 1870's in Wisconsin with the Morgan part starting with a quiet winter sleigh ride that turns into a race against a 17 hand horse, that ends in a tie. Someone sees the race and Robbie is asked to participate with Spinney in a challenge race set for July 4th. This book maybe found by chance in a rare book store, eBay, Amazon and should be available in retail bookstore as it has been reprinted.

Gypsy from Nowhere by Sharon Wagner

Gypsy and Nimblefoot by Sharon Wagner

Gypsy and the Moonstone Stallion by Sharon Wagner