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Book Reviews



Ondov, R. E. (2012). *Heavenly horse stories: Inspirational stories from life in the saddle*. Eugene, OR: Harvest House Publishers, \$12.99. ISBN 9780736966368

Author Rebecca Ondov has pulled together another collection of great horse stories to go with her previously published collections. *Heavenly Horse Stories* is a family-friendly exploration of the ways God touches our lives through horses.

From harrowing near-death trial ride accidents to more mundane matters of training and caring for horses, the author's writing brings each reader fully into the scene. From the funny – “Tag,” the groaning mule, to the edge-of-your-seat terror of “Czar” sliding off a cliff with a rider on board, the reader will be entertained, frightened and comforted by the various horses as well as uplifted by God's word.

The short chapters can be read together as a full book or one-by-one as a Sunday School or family devotions starter. Each story begins with an applicable Bible verse and ends with the author's personal prayer from the episode described in the story. The author's love of, and experience with horses shines thru in each story.

This book makes a nice edition to any church, school or family library. As well as for any library supporting riding programs or equine studies.

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