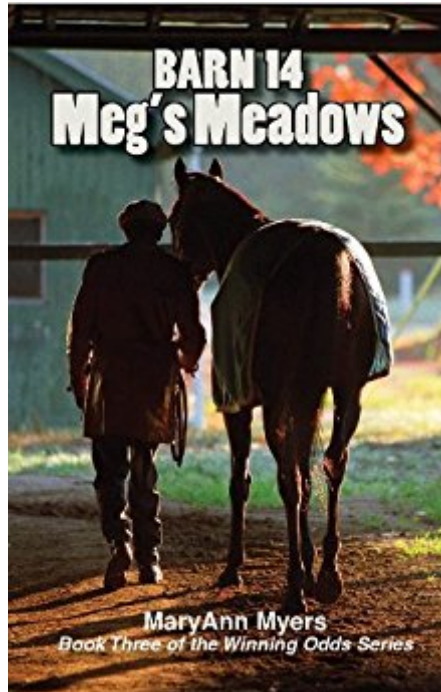


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# Barn 14 - Meg's Meadows (Winning Odds Series Book 3)



## Synopsis

There isn't a racehorse fan alive that doesn't know Ben Miller. He's the man who changed the course of history in modern Thoroughbred racing. He brought the fans back. He instilled integrity in the sport. He enacted strict policies to ensure a racehorse's wellbeing. He lives by the creed that no Thoroughbred will ever be forgotten and believes every racehorse breeder, owner, and trainer should be held accountable. To Ben Miller it's all about the horses and it always has been.

• Simon Fitzgerald • Nottingham Downs State Steward Barn 14 - Meg's Meadows is the long-awaited continuation of Favored to Win and Odds on Favorite. Book Three of the Winning Odds Series takes you to the backside of the Sport of Kings and into the shedrows of Thoroughbred racing. What is Dawn seeing as she stares down the road between the barns? Where's Tom? Is that Ben? What is he doing? Where's Randy been? Junior, it's time you grow up. Lucy, don't cry. Matthew, fight, you can do this. Where will the old-timers go? Hillary? Why is someone trying to put Nottingham Downs out of business? How can newspapers print lies? Mim, what are we going to do? Bestselling author MaryAnn Myers has done it again. As with her previous page-turning novels, drop what you're doing, settle back, and enjoy the ride. The bugle sounds. The horses wait. The starting gate rings. "And they're off!"

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## Customer Reviews

The Winning Odds Series has been without a doubt the best books I have ever read. The characters became so real to me, as did the farm and the racetrack. I'd give anything if this were a true story, and I could meet Ben, Dawn, Tom, Randy, Wendy and everyone else. Even those not necessarily interested in Thoroughbred racing should like this series. Meg's Meadows picked right up where Odds on Favorite left off. When describing some sad scenes, the author doesn't dwell on what is going on, but doesn't just gloss over it either. Very tastefully done. I wish all trainers, owners, and everyone associated with horses could be as caring. They always put the well-being of the horse first. Reading these books has made me become interested in working at a racetrack. I hope this is not the last book of this series. A movie would be awesome!

I've enjoyed this series, but this book showed some sloppiness on the part of the author. Here are a few examples: There is an extended question as to if a mare is still pregnant or had slipped her foal. This remains a question while several days pass in the plot, although a main character is an equine vet living on the farm where the mare is. Yo, doc- ultrasound? One horse is described as being the offspring of the great Forego. Impossible, because Forego was a gelding. Another horse is described as a son of Turn To. Turn To died in 1973, decades earlier than this colt would have been conceived. A 1 1/4 mile race is described as being run in 1:44. The world record for that distance is 1:57 4/5, set by the great Spectacular Bid in 1980.

I am so glad I chose to read "Barn 14 Meg's Meadows" by MaryAnn Myers. All of her books are a satisfying read, but this book kept me so enthralled that I couldn't wait to get to the next chapter. I was in the midst of moving into our new home, but each time I returned to Ben, Dawn and all the rest of the folks I'd grown to love, I'd forget about the boxes piled around me and revel in the world of good people sharing the vagaries of life and love of horses with one another. Even though I don't own any horses and haven't ridden one in years, I found myself caring deeply about the fate of all the horses in the book. I also became even more attached to the families who cared for the horses. MaryAnn is a masterful storyteller. Whether you know about horses or not, you will love her books.

I so enjoyed this sequel to the series! I fell in love with the characters in the beginning and it keeps

getting better and better. I feel like I am at the dinner table with them when they discuss everything important in their lives! I also love all the details about their race track, horses, races, jockeys - all of it is so detailed I feel like I am at the track! I look forward to more to follow - I did not want this book to end!!!!

This is a 5 star book (and series) all the way. MaryAnn Myers continues her Winning Odds Series with more from our friends Dawn, Ben and Tom and the entire rest of the family. When I say family I am serious about that because the author writes this series and continues to build in more characters and increase what we know about each person -- but -- everyone has a family connection. Still set primarily at Nottingham Downs, we find ourselves spending more time at Meg's Meadows (The Home Farm) in this story. The racetrack and horse racing part of the series is once again fabulous. Never one to shy away from issues needing to be discussed in horse racing, MaryAnn Myers takes on the next topic that needs to be discussed . She also keeps us engaged in the story of the racing careers of the horses, trainers and the inner workings of the racetrack. What elevates this book, and in fact the entire series and related book (Shipping Out in the Morning), is that the author presents real world situations that we have all encountered and she walks us through positive solutions to these issues. Not everything is easy or solved in a few words or pages and there are plenty of tears shed by our friends in the book. We live with the characters as they find the path through problems such as being young and lost in life, overcoming pain and injury, learning how to love and be loved, realizing that home is a good place to be, navigating old age, and working too hard and too long while missing the important parts of life. An enjoyable story that I highly recommend.

Wonderful display of what goes on behind the workings of a Racetrack with owners, trainers, jockeys and others. The characters are so believable and the story follows a heartwarming tale. Now on to the next one in the series!

Reading MaryAnn's books are like going home and visiting with the people you know the best and love the most. Barn 14 - Meg's Meadows brought all my favorite characters back home again and the "cozy", "comfortable" feeling continues throughout the book. With an eye on detail and character development, MaryAnn's books are the kind you start and never want to put down! These aren't just horse racing stories, they're stories about people, family, conflict and the resolution of conflict with the best interest of those involved as paramount. I'm one who is hoping her Winning Odds Series

continues because her characters are family I love to visit! Linda Myers, Author of Stoney the Pony's Most Inspiring Year  
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