



Tell Me about that Horse

Stories from Exceptional People about Treasured Horses

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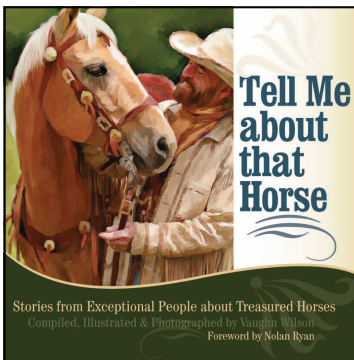
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Author Vaughn Wilson Launches Book, *Tell Me about that Horse*

Hattiesburg, Miss. – Relationships are an important part of life and shape the paths we take.



For artist, photographer, and writer, Vaughn Wilson there is no comparison to a relationship between horses and their owners. Capturing the true essence of horses that have inspired, encouraged and entertained their caretakers, *Tell Me about that Horse: Stories from Exceptional People about Treasured Horses* (ISBN: 978-0-9828120-1-3, hardback, \$44.95), is a compilation of 40 intimate profiles of devoted horse lovers and the horses that have influenced their lives. Stunning art and photography of Wilson coupled with stories from people such as Charlie Daniels, Roy Rogers Jr., Michael Martin Murphey, and Red Steagall along with a foreword written by Nolan Ryan will leave you captivated.

"I can't think of another soul who could have produced this book," Darrell Dodds, Publisher of *Western Horseman Magazine* said. "Vaughn Wilson is a passionate horseman, skilled photographer, talented painter and the type of interviewer who doesn't get in the way of a good story. If you like horses and horse people, you'll love this book."

Read more about *Tell Me about that Horse* at www.tellmeaboutthathorse.com. For more information or to schedule book signings, contact LaShana Sorrell at 601.447.0941.

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About the Author

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TALKING POINTS FOR AN INTERVIEW WITH VAUGHN WILSON

What inspired you to write the book *Tell Me About that Horse*?

I have a fascination for horses that seems to have been with me since birth. I came here with an undeniable need to be with horses. This is not to be confused with animal lovers who are crazy about anything with fur or hair. My obsession is apparently limited to the equine species. As such, I was destined to have horses, and luckily, I have been able to spend most of my life in the company of horses. Having known so many different horses over the past half century as an owner and breeder, I can look back and pick one or two that were so special to me in many ways. Not that they weren't all special in their own way, but a couple of them evoke an emotion from deep within.

I began to wonder if other horse lovers could do the same. I wondered if trainers were led to do what they do because of one particular horse. I wondered if rodeo performers and ranchers who make their living with horses could pinpoint one certain horse that was a bit more special than the others for whatever reason. I wondered if just plain horse lovers could trace the source of their equine infatuation to one horse in their past.

I decided to ask some of them, and thus was born a book called "Tell Me About That Horse".

What are the key messages in *Tell Me About that Horse*?

To me, the key message of the book is that no matter how many horses come and go in our lives, we can usually look back and remember one that led us in a certain direction or one that evokes emotion at the mere mention of his/her name or just as a fond memory. Roy Rogers Jr. told me that his dad could be talking about horses with someone, but as soon as Trigger's name was mentioned, Roy's whole demeanor would change. He spoke more reverently about that horse.

How did you choose the people for the book?

When I decided to pursue the writing of the book, I made up a "wish list" of people that I would like to interview. I knew that some of them would be hard to contact due to their celebrity status so I would have to find ways to make them more accessible. I was lucky that a few of the people on the list were very open to talking to me, and they in turn helped me contact others on my list. Of course, I didn't get every one on the list, but I was able to get a great many of them. I also discovered other people with intriguing stories who I was not familiar with until I was led to them by their friends.

Who would be interested in reading *Tell Me About that Horse*?

I think the book will be a good read for most anybody who likes a good story. Of course, horse people will enjoy the book for obvious reasons, but you don't have to be a horse lover to be a good candidate for this book. There are stories in the book that will make you laugh and some will make you cry, but all are entertaining in some way.

When is the release date and where will you be touring?

The official release date is November 5, 2010. We will have book signings at Main Street Books in Hattiesburg, at Boot Country in Hattiesburg and at the Cowgirl Museum and Hall of Fame in Fort Worth, Texas.

How can we purchase the book?

The book will be available through Amazon.com after November 15 or autographed copies can be ordered through our website: www.tellmeaboutthathorse.com.

BOOK SYNOPSIS

"Tell Me About That Horse" is a beautiful tribute to cherished horses that have inspired, encouraged and entertained their owners. Featuring the stunning art and photography of Vaughn Wilson, this book shares intimate profiles of devoted horse lovers and the horses that influenced their lives.

People featured in the book:

Trevor Brazile	Baxter Black
Red Steagall	Ron Pack
Rick Lamb	Barry Corbin
Clinton Anderson	Tuff Hedeman
Bob Tallman	Donna Howell-Sickles
Pam Minick	Templeton Thompson
Bob Kingsley	Mike Howard
Don Edwards	Sam Powell
Geno D'Ambrose	Tom Lyons
Walt Garrison	Don Shugart
Charlie Daniels	Lecile Harris
Lindy Burch	Ernie King
Allen Pogue	Tressie Knowlton
Orren Mixer	John Lyons
Roy Cooper	
Joe Camp	
Clint Haverty	
Sherri Mell	
Bruce Greene	
Larry Mahan	
Dusty Rogers	
Chris Cox	
Michael Martin Murphey	
Pam Grace	
Clark McEntire	

ACCOLADES FOR *TELL ME ABOUT THAT HORSE*

A "Must Have" for all horse lovers!

A book for everyone that loves a good story, great photography, beautiful art, and horses!

"For every child who ever dreamed of that special bond between horse and human, for every reader of *King of the Wind* or *The Black Stallion*, for everyone who has ever seen a horse grazing in a pasture and found a moment of peace, this is the book for you. Vaughn Wilson captures these horses, men, and women in photographs and portraits that tell their story as clearly as the words that accompany them. This is a must have for every horse lover, old and young."

~ *Carolyn Haines, 2010 Harper Lee Award winner and author of the Sarah Booth Delaney Mississippi Delta mysteries.*

"Masterfully done, this collection of personal memories opens the hearts of folks we've long admired. A list of western celebrities that reads like a *Cowboy Who's Who*, invites us on a journey to the past as they tell a tale of a special horse - a horse that made a difference.

Author Vaughn Wilson's soulful photographs and paintings are the sunrise - and it's the stories in his work, *Tell Me About That Horse*, that warm our hearts enough to melt the winter snow. In his own words, *Cowboy Hall of Fame Rodeo Announcer*, Bob Tallman, talks about the horse he most admires, the mare, *Spring Fling*, *Saddle Bronc Horse of the Year* in 2000. "She was the kind of horse that if she bucks you off, you tip your hat to her when you get up because you accepted the challenge, and she just beat you. That's not a failure. She just beat you. There's no shame in losing to such a superior opponent."

~ *Julie Kosmata Elliott, The Cowboy Bookseller Two Ocean Books - Dubois, Wyoming*

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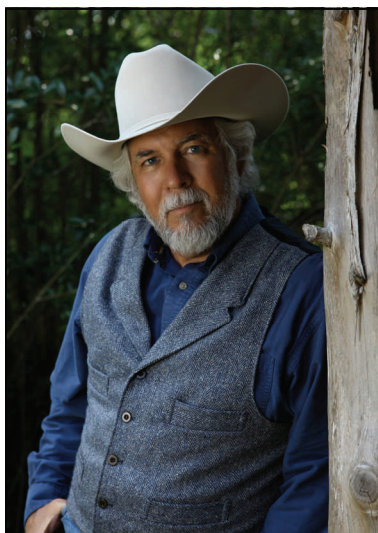
"A book that will captivate horse lovers, with intimate interviews of a very diverse group of people. Beautifully illustrated with paintings and photography by Vaughn Wilson."

~ *Robert Miller, DVM. Renowned speaker and author on horse behavior and Natural Horsemanship*

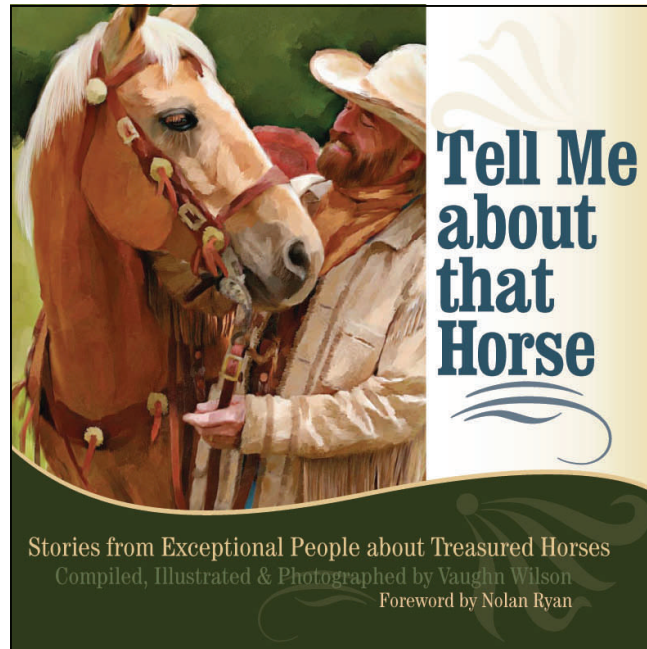
Vaughn Wilson's "Tell Me About That Horse" has captured the essence of "The Horseman" as opposed to a "Rider". A horse can look into your eyes and see straight thru' your heart. It's a special feeling, A bond like no other. The touch of your hands tells him exactly what kind of a human being you are. Vaughn has interviewed, photographed, and painted a wide variety of great horsemen. >From poets to rodeo queens, actors to radio personalities, ropers, reiners, cutters and shooters. What they all have in common is the love of a great horse. It doesn't matter if he's a \$300 pony, a finely-bred cutting horse, a Morgan, an Icelandic, or a trail Horse, once a special horse touches your heart, you're hooked. What a beautiful relationship. What a great read!

~ *Lynn Anderson, Grammy Award winning singer and expert horsewoman*

BIOGRAPHY OF VAUGHN WILSON



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