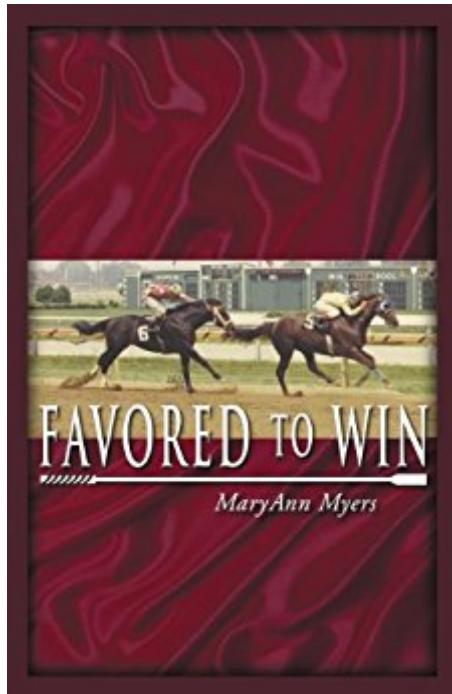


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# Favored To Win (Winning Odds Series Book 1)



## **Synopsis**

"The Greatest Thoroughbred Racetrack Novel Ever!" This is Book One of the Winning Odds Series. Dawn never meant to hurt anyone. She never meant to live a lie; she never meant to fall in love. Sometimes things just happen. As the mysteries and excitement of Thoroughbred racing unfold, so do the details of Dawn Fioritto's life and past. While covering a story for the local newspaper, Dawn becomes captivated by an enchanting old man and with life behind the scenes at Nottingham Downs. She returns under the guise of writing a novel. For two years, she comes and goes, employed as a groom in relative obscurity. No one knows who she is, or where she's been. She is an enigma, harmless and protected, in a racing world where one lives only for the moment, where yesterday is gone, and where there may be no tomorrow. Until the day, some starts asking questions.... Critically acclaimed author MaryAnn Myers has done it again! As with her previous page-turning novels, Call Me Lydia and Maple Dale, she will keep you spellbound well into the night. Give in to the magic, settle back in your favorite chair and enjoy.

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## **Customer Reviews**

What an enjoyable book! After finishing the book, I found myself missing the characters. I so

enjoyed the mystery of the main character Dawn and the reactions of Randy, the veterinarian, to her hidden and guarded past. The fatherly figure and master horseman Ben made you believe he could pick and train a winning horse every time, but knew he could not control the destiny of himself or his horses. I found myself identifying with the crude but clowning Tom, including the emotional person that was hidden within. MaryAnn Meyers is such a skilled writer, that she included personality traits in the horses. The confident Beau, the wild and winning All Together (don't think I just gave away the plot) and the cranky Shadow Pines. Although I find myself wishing for a sequel, I'll settle for picking up another MaryAnn Meyers book, starting a fire in the fireplace and settling down for another good read.

I was very anxious to read FAVORED TO WIN after meeting MaryAnn Myers at a book signing in Parkersburg, WV. Not being familiar with horses, I might have been reluctant to purchase the book had I not met Ms. Myers. She is as personable as the characters she creates in this book. Not only did I learn about horses and what goes on behind the scenes, but the book was about believable characters with very exciting, interesting storylines. If you are a horse lover or just love a "great read", you'll love this book! Am adding MaryAnn Myers to my list of favorite authors. :)

I had the pleasure to meet Ms. Meyers at a book signing in New Philadelphia, Ohio last year. She is an amazing woman to talk to you. Having read 2 of her books - I am now pleased to add her to my favorite authors. Favored to Win took me into the "backside" of racing - into a world I didn't know existed. Brilliantly thought out characters that came to life from the first page. You can see the race, feel the rain, and smell the horses. A total sensory overload.

Since I love horses (and I think people are pretty fascinating as well,) I found this book to be fairly entertaining. I looked forward to reading it each night, and found it very interesting as well as relaxing. I enjoyed learning things about thoroughbred horse racing, and the people who put their hearts and souls into training the horses. I also liked the characters who were developed by the author - they all seemed genuine, yet flawed (as all us human beings are!) The storyline flowed along nicely, and was able to hold my interest page after page. Overall, this novel was a very pleasant and enjoyable read.

Myers' world drew me in. made me experience the race horse's high spirits, made me smell the sweat, and made me feel the warm contours of a horse after intense exertion. Beyond that, the

stable crew, owners, race fans and their loved ones lead complicated lives and bear worries focused as much on the horses as on the folks' personal cares. The wonderful detail made me live this story. Check this out if you like realism, suspense and tantalizing secrets. Myers' best book!

This was a great look at backtrack life. It gives all sides of the daily work needed to make all the glitter of horseracing happen. The workers...owners...trainers... vets and others involved are well written and interesting to read about.

I just finished reading the book about 10 minutes ago and had to write a review and share my excitement. MaryAnn Myers writes this most amazing story. The characters are rich, complicated and real people. The horses and their wins and losses kept me on the edge of my seat. While reading I feel as though I have come to know Dawn, Randy, Ben and Tom. They feel like part of my group of friends. There are so many different story lines that made me think and keep track of what was happening and I experienced reading bliss where I lost track of time while deep in this story. I laughed, smiled and cried as I read this book. I am a fan of the works of Walter Farley, Dick Francis and I place this book by MaryAnn Myers along with the works of those authors. MaryAnn Myers brings freshness to the horse racing genre and has made me a fan for life. Ms. Myers, please keep writing stories like this for all of us to enjoy.

I give this book two stars only because portions of it are actually well-written...mostly the scenes directly involving horses. The rest...don't be fooled by the plot synopsis...this is no mystery, no thrill at all (aside from the few races described). The characters seem locked into inexplicable patterns of behavior that even the neurotic would sneer at. The dialogue is forced at best, awkward at worst. And the choices made by the male characters at the end of the book are simply accepted by the main character without any thought to how stupid their explanation was. (can't say more without ruining it for the few who might like the book) I would have put the book down partway through out of sheer annoyance and boredom, but I did pay for it, and I kept hoping it would eventually have some redeeming qualities. A vain hope as it turns out. If you're looking for a good mystery that also involves horses, try Kit Ehrman or re-read a Dick Francis novel. Even re-reading something would be better than this book turned out to be.

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