



# The Horse Whisperer

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## While reading

### Chapters 1–2

#### 1 Find the right words in Chapters 1–2.

- a Something that is built over a river. (p. 1)  
.....
- b When something loses its colour it becomes this. (p. 5) .....
- c A building used for religious purposes. (p. 6)  
.....
- d It is a part of the body that is inside you. (p. 6) .....
- e The opposite of thin. (p. 7) .....
- f A word that means the same as hurting. (p. 8)  
.....
- g A place where horses are kept. (p. 8)  
.....

#### 2 Finish the sentences with the right words.

- refused felt lit took ran send fed  
dropped hide looked
- a A river ..... alongside the old road.
  - b The horse ..... to his knees and fell back.
  - c The horse doctor tried to ..... the needle in his hand.
  - d Pilgrim ..... a few steps and fell.
  - e Robert ..... at his wife strangely.
  - f Grace was ..... through a hole in her neck.
  - g Pilgrim ..... to get out of the trailer.
  - h Grace's eyes ..... up when she saw the big glass bowl.
  - i Grace thought that they should ..... Pilgrim back to Kentucky.
  - j When Grace saw Pilgrim she ..... very frightened.

### Chapters 3–5

#### 3 Put a word on the left with a word on the right.

- |       |          |
|-------|----------|
| spend | a train  |
| talk  | down     |
| show  | fear     |
| catch | softly   |
| say   | together |
| fall  | time     |
| tie   | sorry    |

#### 4 Underline the wrong word and put the right one.

- a Annie was sad that Grace didn't want to ride again. ....
- b Tom's grandfather was a great writer. ....
- c Tom earned something from his work with horses. ....
- d Annie sent Tom a photo and a single ticket to New York. ....
- e Tom's son had a part-time job in a shop. ....
- f Annie drove a silver van. ....
- g Diane was short woman of about forty-five. ....

#### 5 Put the words in the right place to make a sentence.

- a language the Tom of understood horses  
.....
- b his met Tom university wife at  
.....
- c photograph a of Annie a Tom sent girl  
.....
- d boss interested Annie's business only was in  
.....
- e town the went Grace out little into  
.....
- f hear door could Tom kicking Pilgrim the  
.....
- g better a was Tom businessman than Frank  
.....

### Chapters 6–7

#### 6 What's first? Number the sentences, 1–6.

- a  Joe and Scott had an argument.
- b  Annie phoned her husband, Robert.
- c  Annie and Grace slept together.
- d  Grace made a brand on an animal.
- e  Frank said that Annie could stay in the river house.
- f  Tom and Annie went riding together.

#### 7 Are the sentences right (✓) or wrong (X)?

- a Diane was not usually very friendly towards Annie.
- b The house in Choteau was in a good state.
- c Annie's boss said that she could be away for two months.



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- d Grace never remembered her dreams.
- e In Grace's dream, Pilgrim was a younger horse.
- f Annie was happy when she was a child.
- g Grace and Joe met at the ranch house.

**8 Put the underlined letters in the right place to make a word.**

- a Tom carried an orange lgikafsc ..... and a rope.
- b When Tom worked with a horse he wanted to know its oshtyir .....
- c The best part of Robert's day was his enortsnsvaioic ..... with his wife and daughter.
- d Tom read a report in an old amnizgae .....
- e Annie needed to be csfuscsleu ..... at something.
- f Annie saw a message from Robert on her meuocptr .....
- g Annie fell into a deep meareslsd ..... sleep.

**Chapters 8–9**

**9 Circle the wrong word in the sentences.**

- a Pilgrim threw his head up a little few times.
- b Pilgrim put his nose at to the rope.
- c Tom put the rope around through the horse's neck.
- d They were taking took the cattle up into the hills.
- e Robert was coming to Montana for to spend the weekend.
- f Grace turned quick quickly on one foot.
- g Grace was too so happy to see her parents happy again.

**10 Answer the questions.**

- a Where was Pilgrim's favourite place in the arena?  
.....
- b Why did Annie walk towards the river?  
.....
- c Who did Robert kiss first at the airport?  
.....
- d What did Robert ask Tom a lot of questions about?  
.....
- e How did Annie feel about leaving her job?  
.....

- f Why did Robert always want to understand things and solve problems?  
.....

**Chapters 10–11**

**11 Circle the right words.**

- a Annie put on a pair of *new / old / dirty* trousers.
- b Tom gave Annie his *address / number / E-mail*.
- c Tom and Annie had *four / five / three* days alone together.
- d Tom wanted to make Pilgrim *stand up / run / lie down*.
- e Tom wanted Grace *to touch / talk to / play with* Pilgrim.
- f Tom first danced with *Annie / Grace / Diane* at the party.
- g Grace heard Frank and Diane talking near the *bathroom / bedroom / kitchen*.

**12 Put a word on the left with a word on the right.**

- |           |         |
|-----------|---------|
| start     | below   |
| worse     | weak    |
| happily   | push    |
| pull      | finish  |
| wrong     | better  |
| above     | sadly   |
| later     | earlier |
| different | dark    |
| pale      | right   |
| strong    | same    |

**Chapters 12–13**

**13 Write questions for the answers.**

- a What / find / Grace / pocket?  
.....  
Some matches.
- b What / Frank / look / by / water's edge?  
.....  
Some footprints.
- c How many / they / hear?  
.....  
Ten or more.
- d What / baby / look ?  
.....  
His hair was brown, his eyes blue and his skin was fair.
- e How often / Robert / guest room?  
.....  
One night each weekend.



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## 1 Match the names with the right sentences.

a Tom	1) drove a car from New York to Montana.
b Annie	2) wanted to kill herself.
c Grace	3) told her husband that Tom and Annie were in love.
d Robert	4) was a student at a film school.
e Frank	5) went riding with Grace.
f Diane	6) sent a letter and a piece of rope to someone.
g Joe	7) was married to a woman called Rachel.
h Crawford Gates	8) was a lawyer in New York.
i Hal (Tom's son)	9) promised he wouldn't tell a secret.
j Smoky (farm worker)	10) was the boss of a magazine.

## 2 What's first in the book? Number the sentences, 1–10.

- a  Annie and Grace drove to Montana.
- b  Tom and Annie spent four days alone together.
- c  Tom went to New York to see Pilgrim.
- d  Annie had a baby boy.
- e  Grace and Judith fell with their horses and a truck hit Pilgrim.
- f  Tom and Annie kissed by the river.
- g  The doctors took Grace's leg off above the knee.
- h  Robert visited Annie in Montana.
- i  Grace rode Pilgrim again.
- j  Tom was killed.

## 3 Are the sentences right (✓) or wrong (X)?

- a Robert, Annie and Grace spent a very happy Christmas together.
- b Grace never wanted to talk to her father.
- c Tom thought that a horse's owner was the biggest problem.
- d Tom didn't want Grace to be there when he worked with Pilgrim.
- e Grace told Tom about the day of the accident.
- f Grace didn't want to ride Pilgrim again.
- g Tom showed Annie a card trick on the cattle drive.

- h Grace went to Disneyland with the Booker family.
- i Annie and Grace met Robert at a train station.
- j Grace was very angry that her mother was in love with Tom.

## 4 Finish the sentences with the right words.

- tricks clinic wood truck stallion trailer  
damage edge ranch cattle
- a The driver of the ..... couldn't stop in time.
  - b After the accident, Grace did not have brain .....
  - c Tom worked in a ..... for nervous horses.
  - d Tom's family worked on a ..... in Montana.
  - e Annie took Pilgrim to Montana in a .....
  - f Grace was very excited about the ..... branding day.
  - g Joe knew how to do a lot of .....
  - h Annie and Tom saw some female horses and a large, white .....
  - i Pilgrim looked over the ..... of life and chose to come back.
  - j Grace knew that the dry ..... of the hut burnt like paper.

## 5 Circle the right words.

- a When Grace saw Pilgrim at the Dyers stables she was *pleased* / *angry* / *frightened*.
- b Tom often slept *in the stables* / *near a river* / *under trees* when he was a child.
- c Frank was Tom's *uncle* / *brother* / *father*.
- d On branding day the person with the *biggest* / *prettiest* / *best* brand had to make a speech.
- e Robert was *lonely* / *busy* / *bored* when Annie was in Montana.
- f After Grace *talked to her mother* / *had a dream* / *saw Pilgrim* she decided to talk about the accident.
- g Tom *often* / *never* / *almost never* spoke to Annie about Grace.
- h After the accident Grace first rode *Rimrock* / *Pilgrim* / *Gonzo*.
- i Grace wanted to kill herself *in the river* / *on a mountain* / *in a hut*.