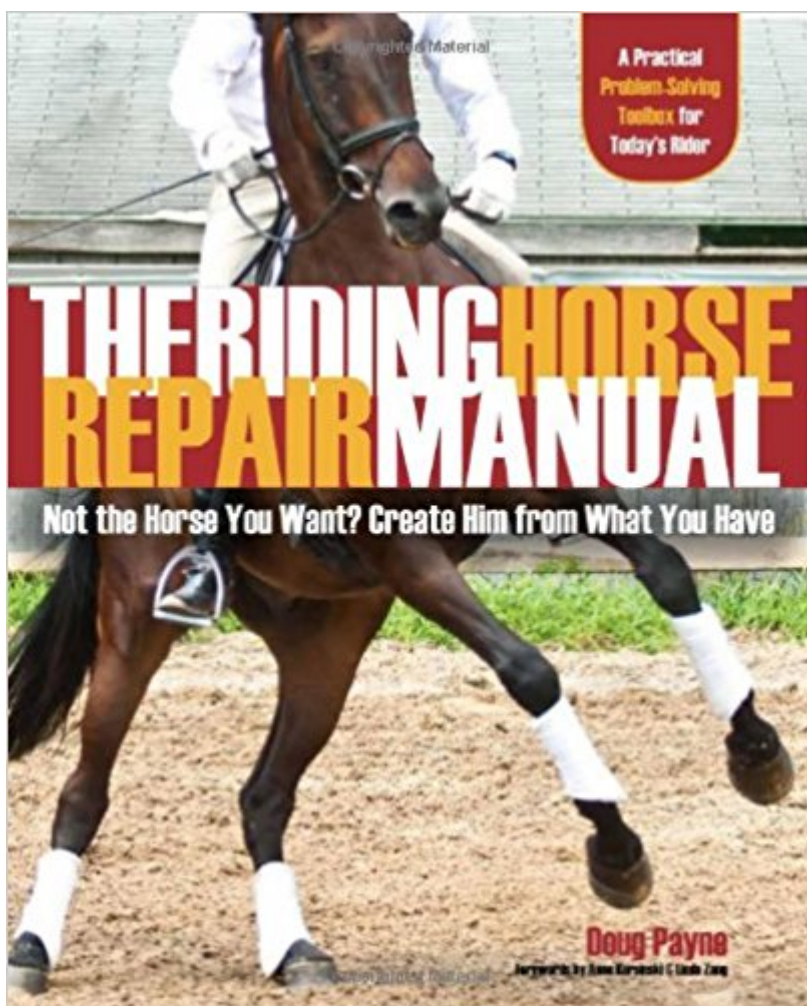


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# The Riding Horse Repair Manual: Not The Horse You Want? Create Him From What You Have



## Synopsis

Contending that nearly all horse behavior problems result from incorrect or inconsistent training, this work highlights the potential behind the world's promising equine model citizens and partners. The guide emphasizes systematic reconditioning while encouraging patience and proper skills in riders, providing a comprehensive plan for addressing issues such as bucking, bolting, rearing, spooking, lack of confidence, jumping issues, and more. Featuring a clear, accessible outline, this is the definitive solution to implementing consistent training methods, allowing riders to take full advantage of their horses' unrealized abilities. Suggestions for starting young horses, detailed case studies, and strategies for future success are also included.

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“There are a lot of great answers to tough training questions here.”  
Five-Time Olympian Anne Kursinski  
“The reality of riding is that someday, one day, you’ll have a horse that stumps you; he won’t go forward; won’t accept contact; or he rears, bucks, spins, or ducks out. When that day comes, you’ll want Doug’s advice on hand. It will save you time and money, and it may help you see that your ‘problem horse’ isn’t a ‘problem’ at all; just a challenge worth meeting.”  
FEI • Dressage Judge Linda Zang  
“Payne’s advice and solutions show an honest, thoughtful horseman who always looks for the good in any horse but doesn’t shy away from a serious ‘problem child.’ If you’ve ever come across an issue with a horse young or old, experienced or not,

youâ™re sure to find an answer in The Riding Horse Repair Manual.â€”The Chronicle of the Horse;Payneâ™s background as a Rochester Institute of Technology mechanical engineering graduate is evident in [this] well-organized volume, which states problems, offers a variety of pinpoint solutions, and gives riders an opportunity for applying “self-examination” to themselves and their mounts.â€”Newark Star-Ledger“Overall, The Riding Horse Repair Manual is a great read, and a handy tool to have in your training arsenal. â€”Doug does a wonderful job speaking objectively about the varying problems that can arise when dealing with horses, and helping riders work through them correctly.â€”Eventing Nation Book Club

There are many horses out there that express discomfort and/or discontent in a variety of troublesome ways. These are the common problems riders at all levels deal with on a regular basis, such as bucking, rearing, bolting, pulling, grinding teeth, refusing fences, and running out, to name only a very few!The good news is, many times these behaviors have their root in poor riding and training. How is this a good thing? It means that in most cases, an honest self-assessment of your riding skill set, a list of achievable goals to improve your position and aiding, and a broadened repertoire of solid schooling exercises can give you all the tools you need to “fix” the problem you may be experiencing now, and those you may face in the future.Doug Payne has made a name for himself in equestrian circles as the “go-to guy” when it comes to finding a way forward with “problem horses.” Now heâ™s sharing his tips and techniques for solving some of the most common contact issues, unruly outbursts, and jumping problems riders experience. In THE RIDING HORSE REPAIR MANUAL youâ™ll find causes for problem behavior “from physical issues to “holes” in the horseâ™s education” as well as dozens of safe and professionally tested solutions and step-by-step exercises.Throughout, unbelievably detailed photo series provide micro-moments in the saddle, enabling you to observe the minute changes in your seat and your aids that can ultimately lead to major changes in your horseâ™s behavior.

This book has all the elements of a stellar reference: great writing and excellent photo illustration. The layout is eye-catching without being too busy and the photos are absolutely perfect for the topic (Doug smiles throughout all of them, even with horses that are spooking and bolting, and this is one of the things I take away from this book: through it all, keep smiling). But I must talk about the writing: it’s very VERY good. Doug illustrates with words that are every bit as good as his photos. Topics are concise yet very readable and, best of all, understandable. The photo captions are the same, going into specifics for each photo and mentioning rider position as well as horse body

language. What I take away from this book is a sense of empowerment when it comes to dealing with horses.

This book is great for all levels of rider. The photos are very helpful in supporting the written explanations of problem solving with horses. I bought it for my daughter, who events, but I really wanted to keep it for myself, once I opened the wrapper. There was one problem I looked up in the book before I rode my OTTB. Doug Payne gives a clear description of exactly the same problem and a simple solution (with his reasoning behind it). I tried it out during my ride, when the problem showed up, and Doug's solution worked great. I'm an adult ammy so I am pretty excited when tips like that work for me right away!

The Riding Horse Repair Manual by Doug Payne is well worth owning, especially by amateur riders but also by professionals. Why? First, it is well written -- grammatically correct, careful in word choice, clear in sentence construction, and, quite often, funny! Second, as the title suggests, there are many, many training/riding issues addressed with analysis of possible causes and clear discussion of corrective strategies, riding aids, and exercises. These issues range widely from horse disposition questions to horse -- and rider -- bad habits to common ways that horses/riders perform less well than they could and should. Third, the book has a good index and many photographs of Doug's riding -- illustrating how to ride (as well as not ride!) in developmentally successful ways. All of these recommended strategies/exercises are described and explained clearly. Fourth, Doug asks us to look honestly at ourselves, as riders, as potential causes of some horse problems; there is even an Index entry, "Riders," that helps you look at yourself in the mirror! Finally, Doug's book will be helpful to you even if very few of the many problems he addresses enter your riding life. This is because Doug's narrative is so clear about the essentials of how horses should go -- and therefore how riders should be thinking, making choices, and riding -- that reading any of it will sharpen and improve your thinking and your riding. Most highly recommended.

The author knows his stuff. Almost any problem you might encounter in training, is covered in this book. Easy to understand. And Payne is a fan of the OTTB. Believe me, it makes a difference

I am a horsewoman and competitive English style rider (at lower levels so far). I have two of my own horses and I have been training them for about 4 years and 1 year respectively. All horses have bad habits or areas they need help - this is a great book to expand your knowledge.

As an amateur rider and working with an instructor part of the time its good to know the real details of executing a specific exercise. Most instructors don't mention small details of the hands, legs or seat. This book is helpful in pin-pointing specifics. Thanks

Halfway through the book and I believe that I've gotten my investment back with good tips / reminders for good communication and improved ways to partner with my horse.

Very well written and extremely informative, Doug Payne is truly a rider to look up to and shows how much he knows and how effective his training strategies are in this book.

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