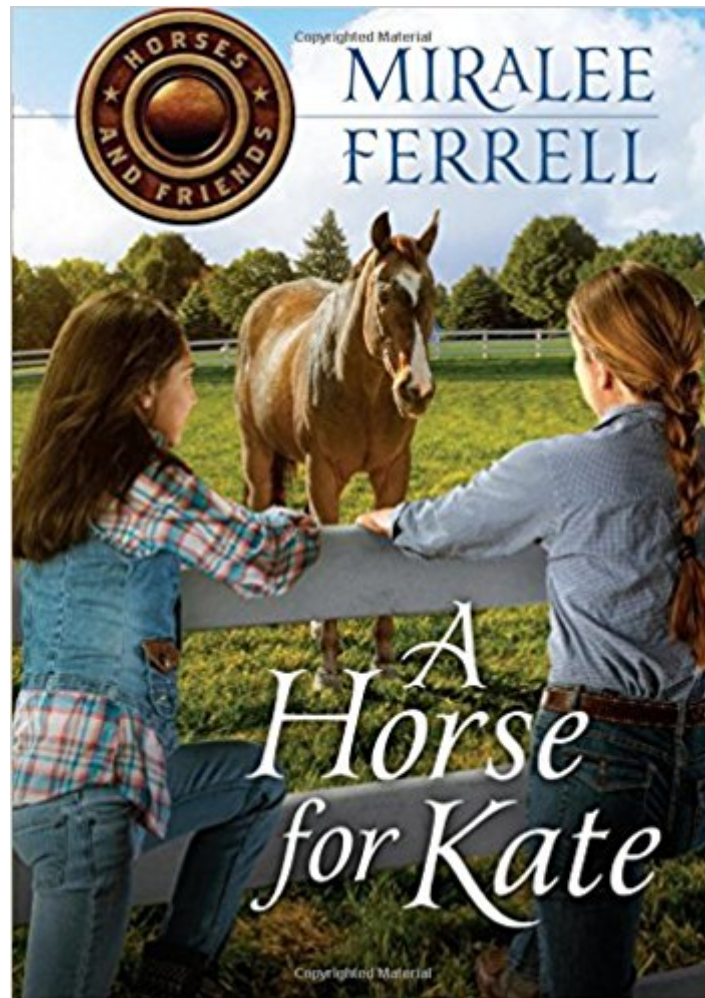




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A Horse For Kate (Horses And Friends)



Synopsis

A horse of her own would be awesome. But Kate figures that might be a long way away, especially since she had to give up riding lessons and move to her late grandfather's farm. Besides, it would be a lot more fun to have a best friend to ride with. When Kate discovers a barn on their new farm that's perfect for a horse, and a dusty bridle too, she starts to think that her dream might come true. Then she meets Tori at school, who is totally the best. So when they discover a thoroughbred that appears to be all alone, could it be the answer to her prayers? Maybe. If she can convince her dad ... and figure out what's going on with that horse.

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Customer Reviews

Miralee Ferrell is the author of eleven popular novels, including the bestselling *Blowing on Dandelions*. She and her husband live on eleven acres along the Columbia River Gorge in Washington state, where she loves horseback riding on the wooded trails near her home. She also enjoys playing with her dogs, Lacey and Sophie.

Kate and her family are now living on their deceased grandparents farm in Oregon. Kate didn't want to leave Washington State but her dad lost his job so times are tough. Although Dad now has a new

job, money is still tight as Pete (6), Kate's younger brother is autistic requiring a lot of help and treatment etc. Kate would love her own horse but now is not the time. Kate's first day at school does not go well with Kate realizing that she (white) is now in the minority. It is not long before she makes friends with Tori (Spanish). Having always loved horses and horse shows etc. Kate is surprised when Tori admits to having never been near a horse let alone ridden one. When the girls both get offered jobs in exchange for riding lessons at a local stable Tori's parents say "No" due to her mom being very scared of them. This really tests Kate's commitment to Tori as she longs to be back on a horse. However the girls had made an agreement that if both of them couldn't work there, neither one would. What happens when Pete goes missing? Where is he? How does this change things? This book is for ALL youngsters who not only love horses but enjoy books that emulate good friendships. You can give this book to your child knowing that they are not going to read anything they shouldn't. There is a lovely, respectful and loving relationship between Kate, Pete and their parents. Both Kate and Tori's parents work hard to make a living and each set makes decisions together regarding their child/children. Not only that but your child will learn some basic horsemanship for example: grooming and hoof picking. This book is based on Christian principles but is not preachy. I would give this book 10 stars if I could. I was that impressed! SO glad I found this series for our youngsters to enjoy.

A Horse for Kate is a fun read with the usual middle school angst and a series of character building adventures. The first person point of view provided nice character depth that could've been deeper, and the spiritual and relational interactions were both interesting and instructive. A nice read for young girls and horse lovers. In the middle of the school year, Kate Ferris relocates from Spokane to rural Odell Oregon. It's tough to do in seventh grade. The Ferris's have inherited grandpa's hobby farm, including a barn but minus the horses. Kate dreams of a horse of her own, but with her brother's need for special Ed, and Dad's low paying job, this seems impossible. At school, Kate struggles to fit in until Tori, one of the Hispanic locals, breaks with her crew and decides to hang with Kate. Together they befriend a mysterious horse seemingly abandoned and neglected, and together they land a job at a local stable where Tori begins writing lessons for the first time. Kate must make some tough choices that challenge her honesty and perseverance.

I give this 5 stars! I did not read this book...my daughter who hates to read...stayed up late, and got

lost in this book time and again. This is the first book ever that she has finished and asked for the sequel, so we have already purchased the second one in the series. She read this much more independently and eagerly than usual. Thank God for a series that makes my daughter WANT to read! Thank-you for writing these!

My daughter could completely relate to the main character, Kate, having herself a desire to have a horse. This is the first of four in a series that shares the joy of horses and friendship. I love the strong characters within these books, how they show the value of true friendship. It also models beautifully the ideal sibling relationships. There is so much more to this story though and horses and friends. There are lessons to be learned like truth telling, serving others and of the joy of showing kindness to one another. These are not only stories that are joyful to read and that can be enjoyed by the whole family but these are also an excellent way to learn together how to have a good character!!

This book may be a YA book, but as an adult, I loved it. It had so many positive messages to deliver, as well as teaching a bit about horses and riding and other horse-related topics. A truly sweet book, and I will definitely read the other books in this new series by Miralee Ferrell.

Well written book. Good lessons taught. Good friendships developed. Happy ending. What more could an avid reader wish for? Read it and see.

Paperback (edit)review This book was targeted for kids 9 to 12, but I loved it and read it in one day. Despite her avid love for horses, we see Kate struggle to do the right thing, including telling the truth. Her faith, loyalty to her friend, and relationship with her brother with autism were inspiring. As a life-long horse lover, I could appreciate Kate's passion and determination to get her own horse. I am looking forward to the next book in the series. Highly recommended for horse lovers of all ages.

This book was an excellent introduction to the series. It was such an enjoyable and interesting story, full of the challenges of moving to a new home, making new friends, and even learning to accept when things don't always work out the way you want them to immediately. Kate has an autistic brother and the challenges and joys her family experiences with Pete and his care adds so much to the story (and also to each book in the series). My nine year old's thoughts: "I like that Kate found a friend and that her friend learned to like horses."

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