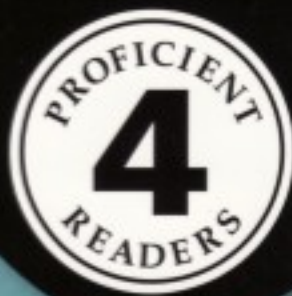




READERS



Horse Heroes

True Stories of Amazing Horses



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Pegasus

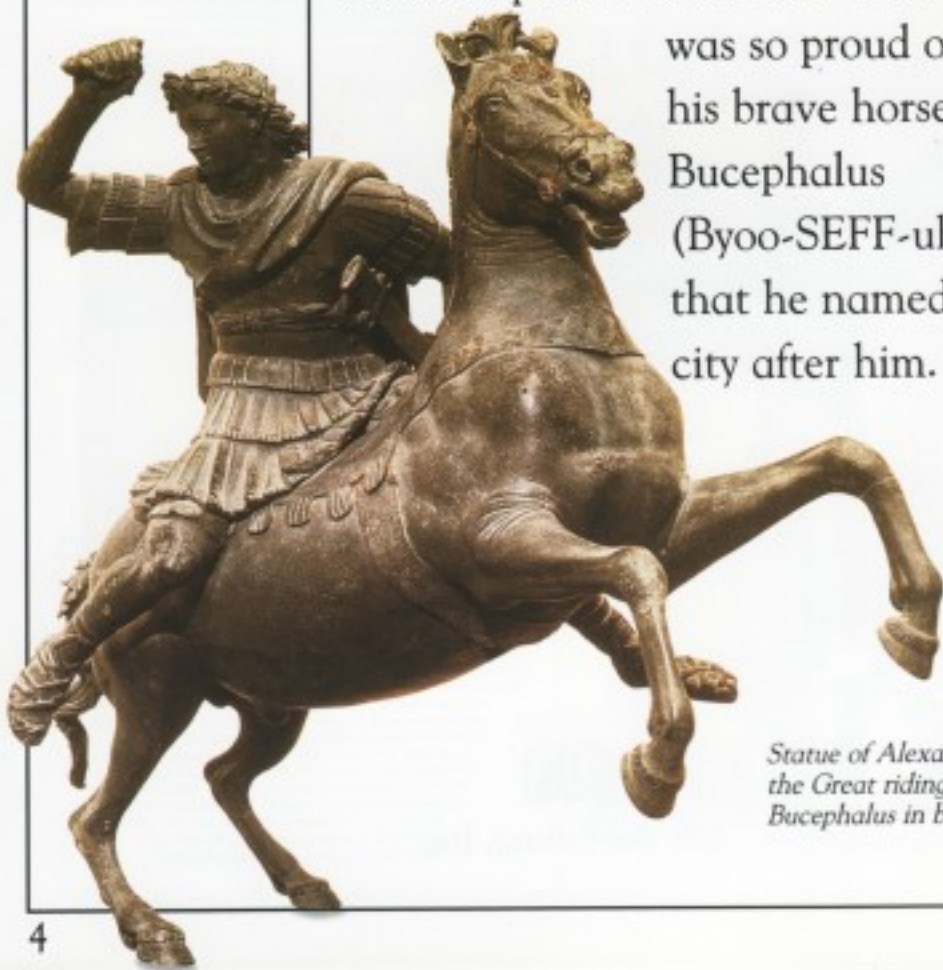
In Greek mythology, Pegasus was a beautiful winged horse who became a constellation of stars in the sky.

Horses in history

People and horses have always had a special relationship. Ever since horses were first tamed and ridden 6,000 years ago, they have been admired for their intelligence, strength, and speed.

In ancient Greece, a beautiful, well-trained horse was the ultimate status symbol of kings and generals. The conqueror Alexander the Great

was so proud of his brave horse Bucephalus (Byoo-SEFF-uh-luss), that he named a city after him.



Statue of Alexander the Great riding Bucephalus in battle.



Bronze model of a Roman chariot called a biga. This would have been pulled by a two-horse team.

Citizens of the Roman Empire loved the drama of horse racing. They flocked to the arena to watch their favorite chariot teams thundering around the racetrack.

Horses were also important to Native Americans. The tribes of the Great Plains were expert horsemen and relied on horses for hunting buffalo and carrying warriors into battle.

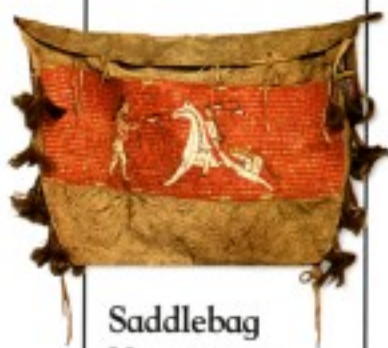
Wherever people and horses have worked together, they have formed a loyal bond. This book tells the stories of some remarkable horses who have worked with their human partners to become heroes.

Chariots

Roman chariot races were dangerous and exciting. Crashes were common, but horses could race on without a charioteer.

Racehorses

Champion stallions were used for breeding during their racing years.



Saddlebag

Horses were very important to the Native American Dakota (Sioux) tribe. They were a favorite theme in Dakota art.



Pony Express

When the little mustang came into view, the crowd began to clap and cheer.

Her rider, Johnny Fry, led her into the packed town square of St. Joseph, Missouri, that warm April evening in 1860. Johnny checked the mail pouch on the mustang's back for the last time as she snorted excitedly.

Long journey
Pony Express riders took the mail 2,000 miles (3,200 kilometers) from Missouri to California.

This poster for the Pony Express service dates from 1861.



First delivery
Johnny Fry's mail sack held 49 letters and 3 newspapers.

The cost of sending a letter on the Pony Express was worked out by weight. A letter cost \$5 per ounce (28 grams).

Trigger is a special horse—he can write his name! His is just one of the real-life stories in this book.



DK READERS

Stunning photographs combine with lively illustrations and engaging, age-appropriate stories in DK READERS, a multilevel reading program guaranteed to capture children's interest while developing their reading skills and general knowledge.

LEARNING pre-level TO READ	Learning to read <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • High-frequency words • Picture word strips • Labels to introduce and reinforce vocabulary
BEGINNING 1 TO READ	Beginning to read <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Word repetition, limited vocabulary, and simple sentences • Picture dictionary boxes
BEGINNING 2 TO READ ALONE	Beginning to read alone <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Longer sentences and increased vocabulary • Information boxes full of extra fun facts • Simple index
READING 3 ALONE	Reading alone <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • More complex sentence structure • Information boxes and alphabetical glossary • Comprehensive index
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