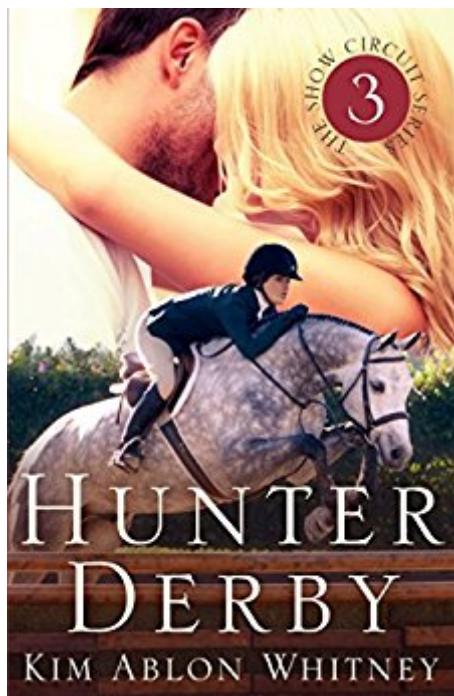


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Hunter Derby (Show Circuit Series -- Book 3)



Synopsis

Sometimes the only way out is through. After she aged out of the juniors at eighteen and turned professional, Zoe Tramell's life unraveled. Once one of the top junior riders in the country, now she has no horses to show, debts to pay off, and a court-ordered community service at a therapeutic riding center, Narrow Lane. Thank goodness, Hannah helped her get another job riding for Linda Maro or she wouldn't have any connection to the show circuit that has been her home since she showed ponies. When Zoe starts working at Narrow Lane, she's certain she will hate every minute of her time there. But she begins to see how horses can be important beyond the show ring. She also finds a derby horse in an unlikely place—the barn of a local trainer, John Bradstreet. Gidget has all the talent to win on the Equestrian Circuit and Zoe wants to take the mare all the way to Derby Finals. If she can put herself back in the winner's circle, she's sure top barns will be clamoring to hire her. But when she finds herself falling in love with John, she has to ask what's more important—reestablishing herself as a top rider, or finally being with a good man.

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Customer Reviews

It's so refreshing to read a horse book with a less-than-virtuous heroine! Even though the character is only nineteen, Zoe's voice has a world-weary quality. She's grown up fast on the A-circuit, sleeping with many questionable men and even getting roped into a brief life of crime. Now that her junior career is over, Zoe feels like a has-been and her dreams of becoming a professional hunter rider seem far away. Zoe's life embodies many of the contradictions you see in the horse world—Zoe grew up poor but she's used to rubbing shoulders with (and bedding) the sons of billionaires. She lives in a crummy apartment and has a saddle that costs thousands of dollars. And perhaps above all else although her personal life is messy and undisciplined, she can ride like a dream. I found the central romantic relationship to be so compelling because Zoe is such a great horsewoman, for all of her faults. This isn't the typical romance where the heroine gets schooled by a wiser, more domineering man. The couple has so much to learn from one another (and Zoe is definitely the better rider of the pair). The ending is ambiguous so I look forward to reading more books in the series! I also have to say that Kim's ability to describe what is a good (and not-so-good) hunter ride is incredible—the book obviously revolves around what makes a great derby horse and the description of the rides, scoring, and the politics of the hunter world are all spot-on. During the climax I was actually squirming in my chair, wondering will the trot jump work out? will he get a true hand gallop? The book is a great love letter to the discipline of riding hunters, demonstrating it is every bit as exciting on its own terms as the jumpers, eventing, and racing.

OBSESSED with all your books. I've read them cover to cover within the first day they come out. Please keep the series going. Can't say enough good things about the books and your writing!

Kim's show experience makes the reader feel as though she's right on the grounds. Zoe's struggles are real, and only parental ostriches think otherwise. Can't wait to read the next in series.

This book is great! Very accurate of what the horseshow world is really like. Love the ups and downs and fun romance. The connections and love for the horses is also wonderful and honestly why we do this crazy sport.

Great portrait of the REAL show circuit life for adults and older dolescents.

I have read most of this author's books and I like the way her dialogue, and her descriptions of the challenges young girls face in the horse show world, ring true. This latest series is a little more "grown up" in terms of the age of the protagonists and the sexual descriptions but the focus is on the challenges of growing up in an unique environment.

Great book! Read it in one evening. Love the series. Try to find more like it by other authors- no comparison! Need many more books in this series to come out:))

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