

## Valegro Going For Gold!: The Blueberry Stories - Book Five

'The aim of this book is not to describe ideal training scenarios but to look at what we can do, to the best of our ability, with the horses we have. Difficult horses can become good horses?' Carl Hester

Carl Hester is one of the greatest ever equestrians, leading Great Britain to Gold Medal victory at the London 2012 Olympics. In these vibrant memoirs, he tells the incredible story of the passion for horse-riding which revolutionised his life and made him the champion he is today. Carl grew up on the remote Channel Island of Sark, moving to the UK mainland at the age of 16 to work with horses, mainly as a way to leave home. He could never have predicted what a great affinity he would have for dressage. Carl's career enjoyed a stratospheric rise as he progressed from working as a groom/rider to riding international dressage horses full time for renowned owners Dr and Mrs Bechtolsheimer, to training his own horses, and other top riders, to international success. Carl's early career revealed someone capable of monumental achievements. He provides a rare insight into both the people and the horses that drove him to victory, initially the skewbald mare Jolly Dolly on which he won the 1985 Young Riders Dressage Championship. During the early 1990s he rode in the World Championships, the European Championships and the 1992 Barcelona Olympics, becoming Great Britain's youngest ever rider to compete in the Games. His riding skills have increased with age, culminating in the hugely successful years as part of the Gold Medal teams that won the 2011 European Dressage Championships and, of course, that made history at London 2012. He achieved both feats on the same extraordinary horse, Uthopia, while as a trainer he produced the even more remarkable combination of Charlotte Dujardin and Valegro. A first-class sportsman and a witty and engaging writer, Carl now offers his admirers the opportunity to read an intelligent, humorous and, above all, inspiring account of his life - from the ups and downs of his career to the motivations and techniques which have helped him to win 66 national titles, represent Team GB at four Olympic Games, two World Championships and seven European Championships, and become one of the best riders - and horsemen - in the world.

With special focus on conscientious pacing when building the horse's physical capability over time, diversification of schooling practices, detail-oriented management and care, and putting the horse's needs above competitive ambition, readers are given a solid grasp of what it takes to truly reach the pinnacle of equestrian sport--and remain there--on a consistent basis.

When Sugarlump the rocking horse longs to see the world, a magical unicorn with a silver horn and sparkling blue eyes grants his wish and turns him into a real horse. But after trotting around the farm, galloping around a racetrack and even dancing at the circus, Sugarlump learns to be careful what he wishes for. Luckily the unicorn has one more wish to grant . . .Sugarlump and the Unicorn is a delightful rhyming adventure from the stellar picture book partnership of Julia Donaldson and Lydia Monks, creators of What the Ladybird Heard. With brilliant rhyming verse, bright and distinctive illustrations and glitter on every page, this is a perfect story for reading together. Enjoy all the stories from Julia Donaldson and Lydia Monks: Sharing a Shell, The Princess and the Wizard, The Rhyming Rabbit, The Singing Mermaid, Sugarlump and the Unicorn, Princess Mirror-Belle and the Dragon Pox, What the Ladybird Heard, What the Ladybird Heard Next and What the Ladybird Heard on Holiday.

Four Legs Move My Soul

The Blueberry Stories: Book Four

Valegro

The Winged Horse Race

TAMMY & WILLOW

The Blueberry Stories: Book One

'Falling off' is all part of life. The trick is to know how to dust yourself off, get back on, learn from your mistakes - and keep going! Clare Balding, TV presenter, sports presenter and bestselling author has had some spectacular falls in her life - from not fitting in at school and falling in with the wrong crowd, to last-minute hiccups and mistakes on the job. Clare knows what it takes to embrace your mistakes and move on from them! With personal stories from Clare herself and from the lives of the people she most admires, children will discover how to develop courage in the face of tough situations. Find out how Charlotte Raubenheimer of South Africa completed a triathlon while in lockdown at home during the coronavirus pandemic. Marvel at the amazing story of US surfer Bethany Hamilton, who got back in the water just one month after she lost her arm in a shark attack, to compete in her first US national surfing competition two years later. Plus many more stories including that of Jamaican sprinter Usain Bolt, US soccer superstar Megan Rapinoe, Dina Asher-Smith, Boyan Slat and Swedish climate change activist Greta Thunberg. With fun, quirky illustrations from Jess Holm, the 10 chapters of Fall Off, Get Back On, Keep Going explore character-traits - RESILIENCE, PATIENCE, CONFIDENCE, COURAGE, FLEXIBILITY, CREATIVITY, SPEAKING OUT, MOTIVATION, KINDNESS and KEEPING GOING - that can help children to learn to embrace their mistakes, own them, and move on from them.

Frank Waters has written a book about the Golden Age of Show Jumping. Starting as a groom, and jumper, he switched to announcing.

What links a legendary pig in Gloucester during the English Civil War, a Lancaster bombing raid over France and a looming family crisis? The answer is Abby Brown; a girl who questions her own sanity when she thinks she hears a pig warning her that Gloucester, where her grandparents live, is a dangerous place.

Clare Balding's second brilliant adventure for Charlie Bass and her funny family of humans and animals. Life is slowly getting back to normal for Charlie after her reluctant Noble Warrior, won the Derby and saved her family from financial ruin. But drama soon returns to Folly Farm when thieves break into the farmyard in the dead of night. Noble Warrior! With the police baffled and no trace of the prizewinning thoroughbred to be found, Charlie launches her own investigation...

The Blueberry Stories: Book Two

The Racehorse Who Learned to Dance

Sport Psychology for Successful Riding

The Authorized Biography of Dressage Olympian Isabell Werth

The Blueberry Stories – Book Five

The Autobiography

**A piglet sets off to discover the world. From being a very little piglet, Periwinkle had been fascinated by books of maps and by stories of faraway places and people. When he leaves school he sets off to travel to find places that haven't even been discovered yet. He hopes that maybe he might even find a new country that would then be named after him. He decides to head first to Egypt which sounds a fascinating place and must surely be near to undiscovered places. He has planned his route carefully and knows that first he has to get to the south coast of England and find a boat to take him across the English Channel. He waves goodbye to his family and friends and sets off, taking with him a duffel bag full of things that he just knows will be useful to an explorer, including a seemingly never-ending supply of sandwiches and a gadget with a needle that always points to the north, no matter how many times he turns it around to try to make it dizzy. Periwinkle is a cheerful and friendly little piglet and meets many interesting creatures as he walks along the country lanes. He is surprised to find just how easy it is to have adventures if you're an exploring piglet.**

**In this, the second book in the series about superstar dressage horse Valegro, Blueberry - as he is known at home - begins his schooling under the experienced eye of his owner and trainer Carl Hester. The little brown horse has to learn his craft and it isn't long before Carl has him entered for some important competitions.**

**The Flower Boy celebrates the quiet child. You know the ones - they rarely speak in class, they don't have a big circle of friends but you should never write them off...**

**The Winged Horse Race is a breathtaking adventure from Kallie George, beautifully illustrated by Lucy Eldridge, with an ancient setting and a thoroughly modern heroine. Pippa is a foundling working in a stables in ancient Greece, until one day she catches a glimpse of an enormous silver wing in the clouds. When she wakes the next morning on Mount Olympus, Pippa discovers that she has been selected as one of the riders in Zeus's Winged Horse Race. The winner's prize is immortality. Pippa falls instantly in love with her easily-distracted young horse, Zeph and they quickly become a fantastic team, exploring the mountain and meeting the interesting characters who live on Olympus. But as race day approaches, it's difficult for Pippa to know who her real friends are and it's a tough job to outsmart the Gods and their games.**

**Real Life Dressage**

**Fall Off, Get Back On, Keep Going**

**Pig the Legend**

**The Racehorse Who Wouldn't Gallop**

**My Horsy Life**

**The Girl on the Dancing Horse**

*When she agrees to take on one of the abused horses just rescued by the local SPCA, a new chapter opens in Susan Richards's difficult life. She lost her mother at the age of five and was raised by uncaring relatives; she married unhappily and divorced; and she'd been an alcoholic. Now, at the age of forty-three, she lives with three horses who keep her company: the diva-like Georgia, boyish Tempo and hopelessly romantic Hotshot. While trying to capture another horse assigned to her, Lay Me Down, a skeletal mare, walks into Susan's horse trailer of her own volition. When Susan agrees to take her, she begins to forge a special, healing relationship that alters her life. Poignant and evocative, this is a book for anyone who has ever loved a horse, and for everyone who has ever lost a loved one.*

*Janet Rising has written sixteen pony books for young readers including, with Carl Hester MBE, FBHS, the life story of Valegro, the greatest dressage horse that has ever lived. Although no stranger to writing fiction for adults, this is her first book for that audience*

*Charlie's racehorse has certainly earned the name Noble Warrior: he won the Derby against all odds and bested a bunch of nasty kidnappers. But now Noddy is facing his greatest challenge yet . . . Charlie's best friend Polly is still recovering from an accident that left her almost paralysed. But Polly has a real talent with horses - and she and Charlie are determined not to let it go to waste. Can the two best friends find a way to make Polly's equestrian dreams come true, and forge a new path for the racehorse who wouldn't gallop?*

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*Valegro - The Early Years*

*Life Stories of Eventing Champions*

*Champion Horse*

*A Girl and Five Brave Horses*

*Valegro - A Rising Star*

*One Hundred and Four Horses*

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**RIDING & HORSEMANSHIP. Working with long reins is an ideal and, above all, safe way to break horses to harness, and to train the driving horse correctly. This book is an essential training book for all drivers and horse trainers. Heinrich Freiherr von Senden, a successful driver and horse trainer, has developed a structured training programme. Beginning with work on the single lunge, moving on to long reins and then on to the initial hitching, he gives tips and advice from his accumulated wealth of experience, explaining how potential problems can be successfully resolved.**

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**Valegro - A Rising Star is the long-awaited book three about the story of Valegro, the most successful and famous dressage horse in the world!**

**My Autobiography**

**The Flower Boy**

**An Eventful Life Ebook**

**10 ways to be at the top of your game!**

**Training Advice for Dressage, Showjumping and Event Horses from Champion Riders, Equine Scientists and Vets**

**Valegro Goes International**

An illuminating look at the story behind the success of one of the best dressage riders in the world. German Olympian Isabell Werth has six Olympic gold medals and scores of championship titles to her name—there are few her equal on paper. But an equestrian's success is wholly dependent on the relationship she has with her athletic partner—her horse—and Werth's astounding accomplishments would not have been possible without her unique approach to working with the animals she's loved since childhood. Even as a little girl, growing up on a farm on the Lower Rhine, it was clear that Werth possessed an extraordinary gift for empathizing with horses and foreseeing how they were likely to react in certain situations. This insight gave her a special ability as a rider and trainer. Here, Werth collaborates with accomplished sports journalist Evi Simeoni—someone who has witnessed and written about her career from the very beginning—to tell her life story. Readers will get the inside scoop when it comes to Werth's accomplishments—and her failures, too. They'll hear her personal thoughts regarding some of the biggest controversies to rock the dressage world: Rollkur and Totilas. Perhaps most importantly, they'll learn about each of the sensitive and talented horses that has impacted Werth's life, including Gigolo, Satchmo, and Bella Rose. There is a meme that is popular in the riding community that says, "Two legs move our body, four legs move our soul." It is this sentiment that Werth feels perhaps best defines her.

With a show-jumping career spanning over forty years, Nick Skelton is a legend in the equestrian world. No other rider has won so many major competitions on so many different horses and he is as popular at Olympia and Hickstead as he is at Aachen, Geneva, Paris and Spruce Meadows. Skelton has competed in eight Olympic Games. He was part of the gold medal-winning Great Britain team at London 2012 and made history by winning the individual Olympic gold medal at Rio 2016, riding at the age of fifty-eight his beloved horse Big Star. Nick Skelton began riding at the age of eighteen months on a Welsh pony called Oxo. At the age of seventeenth in 1975, Skelton took team silver and individual gold at the Junior European Championships. He has competed many times at the European Show Jumping Championships, winning numerous medals, both individually and with the British team. In 1980 he competed in the Alternative Olympics, where he helped the British team to a silver medal. He still holds the British Show Jumping High Jump record that he set in 1978. In 2000, Skelton was forced into an early retirement after he broke his neck from a serious fall. But following an amazing recovery he came out of retirement in 2002 to compete again. Now he tells the full story of his eventful life and matchless achievements.

1916. The First World War is well underway, and Christina is one of the many women left behind. When she returns to Flambards, she finds much has changed. The house is buried in ivy, the paddocks are overgrown, and the once busy stables are deserted and desolate. Christina vows to return the manor house to its former glory, and works hard to transform her

childhood home into a successful farm. It is only when a familiar face appears at her door one day that she realizes Flambards may even bring her love again . . . A welcome reissue of this much-loved family saga.

Charlie Bass is a horse-mad ten-year-old who dreams of owning her own pony. So when she accidentally manages to buy a racehorse, Charlie is thrilled. The horse she buys, Noble Warrior, looks the part: strong, fit and healthy. There's just one problem - he won't gallop. In fact, he won't even leave his stable without his best friend, a naughty palomino pony called Percy. Charlie is convinced that Noble Warrior has what it takes to be a champion. But can she prove it? Derby Day is fast approaching and only a win can save the family farm from being repossessed. The stakes couldn't be higher for the Basses. Can Charlie turn her chaotic family into a top training team? Can Noble Warrior overcome his nerves? Will Percy the pony ever stop farting? Find out in this classic, funny animal story, perfect for fans of Dick King-Smith and Gerald Durrell.

An Unconventional Equine Memoir

Liccle Bit

Flambards in Summer

How Good Riders Get Good: New Edition

Down to Earth Dressage

The Racehorse Who Disappeared

' A letter is handed to you. In broken English, it tells you that you must now vacate your farm; that this is no longer your home, for it now belongs to the crowd on your doorstep. Then the drums begin to beat. '

This enormously popular book for riders at every level, makes dressage training accessible with step-by-step guides for improving pace, riding movements and competing.

Hannah Taylor and her border collie, Tammy, have a special bond. They've grown up together and practically know each other's thoughts. When Tammy suddenly falls ill and dies, Hannah is devastated and wonders how she will ever cope without Tammy.

\*THE TOP 10 BESTSELLER FROM THE MOST DECORATED BRITISH FEMALE OLYMPIAN IN HISTORY\* 'Refreshingly honest [...] a highly enjoyable, fascinating read.'

Horse and Hound \_"To ride into that arena, next to a sea of British flags and hear the roar of clapping and cheering, was so

exciting. It's a sound I will never, ever forget." Charlotte Dujardin and her charismatic horse Valegro burst onto the international sports scene with their record-breaking performance at the London, 2012 Olympics. The world was captivated by the young woman with the dazzling smile and her dancing horse. But no one quite knew what it took to get there, nor how hard the path to success would be - until now. Dujardin began riding horses at the age of two, but dressage was firmly the domain of the wealthy, not the life of a girl from a middle-class family. Her parents sacrificed all and with a undeterred focus, Charlotte left school at 16 to follow her dream. When she was invited to be a groom for the British Olympian Carl Hester, she began to ride Valegro, a dark bay gelding and an unbreakable bond was formed. This is their incredible story.

Valegro: The Early Years

Valegro - The Little Horse with the Big Dream

The World of Dressage

Gold

The Golden Age of Show Jumping

Sugarlump and the Unicorn

***Valegro – Going for Gold – is the fifth book in the Blueberry stories, written by one of the most admired and respected dressage riders and trainers in the world, Carl Hester.***

***Pippa Funnell is the golden girl of the British equestrian scene - but it hasn't always been so. She seemed doomed to be a 'misser' in the really big competitions, lacking that special ingredient that makes a true champion. Everything began to change for her in 1999 when her results, including her first European title, were excellent, but it was at the Sydney Olympics that she really came of age, winning a silver medal. Since Sydney, Pippa went from strength to strength. She completed the double of European Championships in 2001, she won Badminton in 2002, and in 2003 won the Rolex Grand Slam and was awarded Sportswoman of the Year by the Sunday Times. In 2004 Pippa was a double Olympic medallist in Athens, and this autobiography includes her Olympic diary, as she records the ups and downs of the competition, the triumph of the dressage, her cross-country round and the showjump down that cost her a gold medal. As if all this were not enough, there was the controversy of the medals being reallocated on appeal, meaning Pippa won both a silver and a bronze.***

***Originally published: Garden City, N.Y.: Doubleday, 1961.***

***Popular children's author-illustrator Andréa Prior returns with her second charming collection of rhymes, poems, rhythm and wordplay to delight children's imaginations. In A Piddle of Puppies, Andréa leads readers through the weird and wonderful names for groups of animals. Children of 5-9 years will be enchanted to read about these unusual sounding names, such as a mischief of mice, a crossing of zebras, a shiver of sharks and a piddle of puppies! With engaging questions***

**and fascinating facts at the end of each rhyme, it is a perfect way to learn about animals and their behaviours. The poems are accompanied by humorous and colourful illustrations hand drawn by Andréa. She also uses word patterns and tongue twisters to inspire young readers' imaginations and help with their reading skills, which worked so well at engaging children in her first book, A Parcel of Pigs.**

**Training Advice from Novice to Grand Prix**

**Valegro - The Legend**

**The Adventures of Periwinkle Pig**

**Daily Choices that Lead to Success in Any Equestrian Sport**

**Pippa Funnell**

**Chosen by a Horse**

*The official, illustrated biography of Valegro, the record-breaking horse ridden by Charlotte Dujardin to Olympic, World and European glory.*

*The second book in a series for children that tells the real-life story of Valegro, informally known as Blueberry. Valegro! Everyone has heard of the most famous dressage horse in the world, star of two Olympic Games, known at home as Blueberry. The second book in The Blueberry Stories documents his phenomenal rise to fame, brought to life by his trainer and co-owner, Carl Hester, told to equestrian author Janet Rising. The little brown horse has to learn his craft and it isn't long before Carl has him entered for some important competitions. But will Blueberry be able to display his amazing potential? Will Carl be pleased with his pupil and continue training? Or will the prejudices of the other horses he encounters, who look down on him because of his lack of height, affect Blueberry's confidence? Valegro – The Early Years continues Blueberry's story in his own words and not only tells his life before he became famous, but gives an insight into one of the world's top dressage yards, together with all its inhabitants. Follow Blueberry's amazing journey as he works hard to follow his dream of becoming the best dressage horse the world has ever seen. This book continues the series and includes learning and technical aspects to pass on some equestrian knowledge and morals in a fun and friendly way, edited to Key Stage 2 making them suitable for use in schools and learning programmes. Ideal for readers aged 7-12, the young at heart and all animal lovers.*

*EQUESTRIAN & ANIMAL SPORTS. Perfect Mind, Perfect Ride by Inga Wolfram and foreword by Mary King MBE.*

*A revised edition of the inspiring bestseller, now in paperback with new good rider profiles! This book is exactly what you need to become a better rider. It's a smart, honest, on-target kick-in-the-pants, guaranteed to rev your engines as you see how a few changes in your life, a few smart choices and strategic moves, can transform you from a run-of-the-mill rider into a good one. How does Denny Emerson know what makes a good rider? For one thing, he is one—he is the only rider in the world to have won both a gold medal in international eventing and a Tevis Cup buckle in endurance. Plus, he's been around great riders, and taught those on their way to becoming great, for over 40 years. How will what Denny knows help you become a good rider? He's boiled the whole thing down into seven broad "Areas of Choice" that determine whether you are a "gonnabe" or whether you'll be stuck in the "wannabe" category for decades. Examine how your choice of riding sport may or may not be the best for who you are and where you live. Find out how those frustrating hurdles known as "life circumstances" don't necessarily hold you back like you think they do. Learn how to build a strong support team by winning people to your cause and choosing the right teachers and mentors. Analyze your physical self (your body, how it is formed and how you care for it) and your intellectual self (your "horse smarts" and how you are adding to them or not) and apply the results to your "gonna-be-good" equation. Take a good hard look at your partner—your horse—and think critically about his ability to help you attain your riding goals. Discover the nine key character traits of successful riders and how you can learn to call each one of them your own. Along the way you'll read the stories of 23 of the world's top riders from different disciplines and sports—including dressage, reining, driving, show jumping, endurance, hunter/jumper, and eventing—and how they "got good" despite the same kinds of challenges and setbacks you face in your own day-to-day riding. You'll get an inside look at their path to success, as well as their very best tips for how to "make it" in the horse industry.*

*Sport Horse Soundness and Performance*

*The Blueberry Stories – Book Six*

*Making it Happen*

*Long Reining to Break Horses to Harness*

*Perfect Mind, Perfect Ride*

*Charlotte Dujardin and Valegro*

*What's worse than hiding a secret? Liccle Bit's about to find out... Venetia King is the hottest girl at school. Too bad Lemar is the second shortest guy in his year. Everyone calls him Liccle Bit, and his two best friends, McKay and Jonah, never tire of telling him he has no chance with girls. Things aren't much better at home. His mum is permanently hassled, his sister a frustrated single mum and his dad moved out years ago. Liccle Bit wishes he could do something - anything! - to make life better. A new phone would be a start... When Venetia starts paying Liccle Bit attention, he secretly hopes he's on a fast track to a first date. Unfortunately, as a new gang war breaks out, he finds himself on a fast track to something much more sinister. South Crongton's notorious gang leader has taken an interest in Liccle Bit. Before he knows what's happening, he finds himself running errands. But when he hears about a killing on the estate, Liccle Bit is forced to question his choices. How can he possibly put things right?*

*Valegro Goes International continues the story of the most famous and successful dressage horse in the world. In this, the fourth*

*book in the series, his true-life story continues as the reader is taken on the amazing journey of a top-class dressage horse. The first in a series for children that tells the real-life story of Valegro, known to his friends as Blueberry.*  
*Valegro - Going For Gold!*  
*A Piddle of Puppies*