

Book Review

*Everything you ever wanted to know ...
and some things that you didn't know you didn't know!
(About Breeds of Horses)*

"The Official HORSE BREEDS STANDARDS GUIDE," by Fran Lynghaug, and published by Voyageur Press (\$40.00 US), is rather a stuffy title for a very entertaining, fascinating, and informative book!

At first, I thought I would just look up the breeds with which I was familiar, and see what new things I could learn about them. They're all there: Arabian, Quarter Horse, Thoroughbred, Saddlebred, ... the breeds that we own, or our neighbors and/or friends own or show, and love.

But it soon became obvious to me that there are breeds listed in this book that I have not heard of, such as the Nokota, Carolina Marsh Tacky, Galiceno, Florida Cracker Horse, Welara, Mangalarga Marchador, and others.

The many tidbits of information on each and every page come from the expertise of national breed organizations and registries.

I'm sure there are some folks out there who really DO know most everything there is to know about all of the horse breeds in the world, but I'm not one of them. I'd like to think, however, that I'm just a bit smarter now.

Although I wouldn't call this book a "sit down and read it from cover to cover" type of publication, it is definitely something that I will pick up again and again. Knowing that everything I ever wanted to know ... and some things that I didn't know I didn't know ... can be found amongst its pages, makes it a fun tool, and I will be adding it to my bookshelf.

- Carol Eilers



THE OFFICIAL HORSE BREEDS STANDARDS GUIDE

The Complete Guide to the Standards
of All North American Equine Breed Associations

