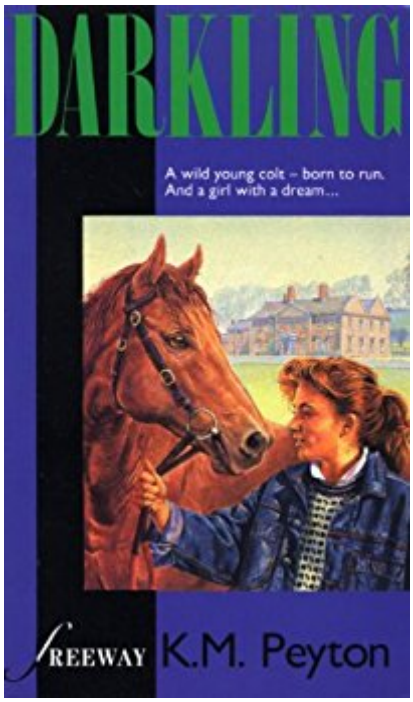
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# Darkling




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## Synopsis

Darkling is ragged and wild, but Jenny can’t help falling for him. As soon as her grandfather buys the chestnut colt, she is thrilled. But a racing colt turns out to be a frightening responsibility - especially one as temperamental as Darkling . . .

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KM Peyton is still one of the best writers for youth (and for older) horse lovers. Somehow it doesn’t date, and is much more complex than the current ’pony stories’ .

I remember Fly-By-Night which I read about forty years ago and there is shades of that theme in this but absolutely brilliantly done. Definitely at the top of the heap when it comes to pony stories.

One reviewer said that Darkling was "depressing." I did not find it so. Yes, it is dark, like many of Peyton’s books. Compared with the popular series books of today, which are formulaic, predictable, and always have a happy ending, Peyton’s books are far more realistic. Life isn’t always perfect;

things are not always easy. But that is not depressing--it is simply normal.Peyton’s books spoke to me as a child in a world that often seemed to be conspiring against me, and they speak to me still as an adult who knows that the world does not care enough to conspire! Like Jenny in Darkling, all our lives consist of difficulties to be overcome, risks to be run, and chances to be taken. I find Jenny’s handling of those difficulties, risks, and chances to be uplifting, rather than the opposite.Try it, and other K.M. Peyton books, such as Blind Beauty, Fly-by-Night and the Team, the Flambards series, and the new Small Gains (not yet available in the U.S., but try .com in the U.K.!).

Darkling is very very depressing. There is simply no other way of putting it. Every beautifully written line of it practically weeps with the sorrow and folly of all human relationships. The book is set in the modern day, and tells the tale of a young girl named Jenny, who lives in desperation and poverty, longing fruitlessly for the gorgeous boy next door and the success of her colt, Darkling in the racing world. Jenny is a sympathetic and very well rounded lead character. Her story is a fascinating one... but brace yourself for realism over sweetness.

This book is a perfect gift for a little girl who is into horses. Proberly also bigger girls, who are into horses will like the book. But I am not a little girl, and I am not into horses, so my enthusiam about the book is so-so. What bothers me about this books is that the characters are too superficially drawn. Otherwise I can say that the book gives a very English feel, that is a UK how it was before, before it was turned into the multicultural UK we know today.

I Loved this book. I hope they wright a nother one. But hey!.I hope that the Thoroughbred books don’t shut down after book 72.Sign the partishen and save the books. Created by Joanna Campbell.Jamie Smit

I loved this book. I have read it 5 times! I have been reading it since i was in 6th grade! It’s kinda sad but it gets better. It gets better everytime i read it.

when i read this book i was totally captivated & throughly enjoyed and recomend it to any one who loves horses and racing.

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