The Horse Whisperer

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While reading

Chapters 1–2

1 Find the right words in Chapters 1–2.

a Something that is built over a river. (p. 1) .....

b When something loses its colour it becomes this. (p. 5) .....

c A building used for religious purposes. (p. 6) .....

d It is a part of the body that is inside you. (p. 6) .....

e The opposite of thin. (p. 7) .....

f A word that means the same as hurting. (p. 8) .....

g A place where horses are kept. (p. 8) .....

2 Finish the sentences with the right words.

refused felt lit took ran send fed dropped hide looked

a A river ..... alongside the old road.

b The horse ..... to his knees and fell back.

c The horse doctor tried to ..... the needle in his hand.

d Pilgrim ..... a few steps and fell.

e Robert ..... at his wife strangely.

f Grace was ..... through a hole in her neck.

g Pilgrim ..... to get out of the trailer.

h Grace's eyes ..... up when she saw the big glass bowl.

i Grace thought that they should ..... Pilgrim back to Kentucky.

j When Grace saw Pilgrim she ..... very frightened.

Chapters 3–5

3 Put a word on the left with a word on the right.

spend	a train
talk	down
show	fear
catch	softly
say	together
fall	time
tie	sorry

4 Underline the wrong word and put the right one.

a Annie was sad that Grace didn't want to ride again. .....

b Tom's grandfather was a great writer. .....

c Tom earned something from his work with horses. .....

d Annie sent Tom a photo and a single ticket to New York. .....

e Tom's son had a part-time job in a shop. .....

f Annie drove a silver van. .....

g Diane was short woman of about forty-five. .....

5 Put the words in the right place to make a sentence.

a language the Tom of understood horses .....

b his met Tom university wife at .....

c photograph a of Annie a Tom sent girl .....

d boss interested Annie's business only was in .....

e town the went Grace out little into .....

f hear door could Tom kicking Pilgrim the .....

g better a was Tom businessman than Frank .....

Chapters 6–7

6 What's first? Number the sentences, 1–6.

a ☐ Joe and Scott had an argument.

b ☐ Annie phoned her husband, Robert.

c ☐ Annie and Grace slept together.

d ☐ Grace made a brand on an animal.

e ☐ Frank said that Annie could stay in the river house.

f ☐ Tom and Annie went riding together.

7 Are the sentences right (✓) or wrong (✗)?

a Diane was not usually very friendly towards Annie. ☐

b The house in Choteau was in a good state. ☐

c Annie's boss said that she could be away for two months. ☐

d Grace never remembered her dreams. ☐

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e In Grace's dream, Pilgrim was a younger horse. ☐
f Annie was happy when she was a child. ☐
g Grace and Joe met at the ranch house. ☐

8 Put the underlined letters in the right place to make a word.

a Tom carried an orange Igikafsct ..... and a rope.
b When Tom worked with a horse he wanted to know its oshtyir .....
c The best part of Robert's day was his enortsnsvaoic ..... with his wife and daughter.
d Tom read a report in an old amnizgae .....
e Annie needed to be csfuscsleu ..... at something.
f Annie saw a message from Robert on her meuocptr .....
g Annie fell into a deep meareslsd ..... sleep.

Chapters 8–9

9 Circle the wrong word in the sentences.

a Pilgrim threw his head up a little few times.
b Pilgrim put his nose at to the rope.
c Tom put the rope around through the horse's neck.
d They were taking took the cattle up into the hills.
e Robert was coming to Montana for to spend the weekend.
f Grace turned quick quickly on one foot.
g Grace was too so happy to see her parents happy again.

10 Answer the questions.

a Where was Pilgrim's favourite place in the arena?
.....
b Why did Annie walk towards the river?
.....
c Who did Robert kiss first at the airport?
.....
d What did Robert ask Tom a lot of questions about?
.....
e How did Annie feel about leaving her job?
.....
f Why did Robert always want to understand things and solve problems?
.....

Chapters 10–11

11 Circle the right words.

a Annie put on a pair of *new / old / dirty* trousers.
b Tom gave Annie his *address / number / E-mail.*
c Tom and Annie had *four / five / three* days alone together.
d Tom wanted to make Pilgrim *stand up / run / lie down.*
e Tom wanted Grace *to touch / talk to / play with* Pilgrim.
f Tom first danced with *Annie / Grace / Diane* at the party.
g Grace heard Frank and Diane talking near the *bathroom / bedroom / kitchen.*

12 Put a word on the left with a word on the right.

start	below
worse	weak
happily	push
pull	finish
wrong	better
above	sadly
later	earlier
different	dark
pale	right
strong	same

Chapters 12–13

13 Write questions for the answers.

a What / find / Grace / pocket?
.....
Some matches.
b What / Frank / look / by / water's edge?
.....
Some footprints.
c How many / they / hear?
.....
Ten or more.
d What / baby / look ?
.....
His hair was brown, his eyes blue and his skin was fair.
e How often / Robert / guest room?
.....
One night each weekend.

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1 Match the names with the right sentences.

a	Tom	1)	drove a car from New York to Montana.
b	Annie	2)	wanted to kill herself.
c	Grace	3)	told her husband that Tom and Annie were in love.
d	Robert	4)	was a student at a film school.
e	Frank	5)	went riding with Grace.
f	Diane	6)	sent a letter and a piece of rope to someone.
g	Joe	7)	was married to a woman called Rachel.
h	Crawford Gates	8)	was a lawyer in New York.
i	Hal (Tom's son)	9)	promised he wouldn't tell a secret.
j	Smoky (farm worker)	10)	was the boss of a magazine.

2 What's first in the book? Number the sentences, 1–10.

a ☐ Annie and Grace drove to Montana.
b ☐ Tom and Annie spent four days alone together.
c ☐ Tom went to New York to see Pilgrim.
d ☐ Annie had a baby boy.
e ☐ Grace and Judith fell with their horses and a truck hit Pilgrim.
f ☐ Tom and Annie kissed by the river.
g ☐ The doctors took Grace's leg off above the knee.
h ☐ Robert visited Annie in Montana.
i ☐ Grace rode Pilgrim again.
j ☐ Tom was killed.

3 Are the sentences right (✓) or wrong (✗)?

a Robert, Annie and Grace spent a very happy Christmas together. ☐
b Grace never wanted to talk to her father. ☐
c Tom thought that a horse's owner was the biggest problem. ☐
d Tom didn't want Grace to be there when he worked with Pilgrim. ☐
e Grace told Tom about the day of the accident. ☐
f Grace didn't want to ride Pilgrim again. ☐
g Tom showed Annie a card trick on the cattle drive. ☐
h Grace went to Disneyland with the Booker family. ☐
i Annie and Grace met Robert at a train station. ☐
j Grace was very angry that her mother was in love with Tom. ☐

4 Finish the sentences with the right words.

tricks clinic wood truck stallion trailer damage edge ranch cattle

a The driver of the ..... couldn't stop in time.
b After the accident, Grace did not have brain .....
c Tom worked in a ..... for nervous horses.
d Tom's family worked on a ..... in Montana.
e Annie took Pilgrim to Montana in a .....
f Grace was very excited about the ..... branding day.
g Joe knew how to do a lot of .....
h Annie and Tom saw some female horses and a large, white .....
i Pilgrim looked over the ..... of life and chose to come back.
j Grace knew that the dry ..... of the hut burnt like paper.

5 Circle the right words.

a When Grace saw Pilgrim at the Dyers stables she was *pleased / angry / frightened.*
b Tom often slept *in the stables / near a river / under trees* when he was a child.
c Frank was Tom's *uncle / brother / father.*
d On branding day the person with the *biggest / prettiest / best* brand had to make a speech.
e Robert was *lonely / busy / bored* when Annie was in Montana.
f After Grace *talked to her mother / had a dream / saw Pilgrim* she decided to talk about the accident.
g Tom *often / never / almost never* spoke to Annie about Grace.
h After the accident Grace first rode *Rimrock / Pilgrim / Gonzo.*
i Grace wanted to kill herself *in the river / on a mountain / in a hut.*

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