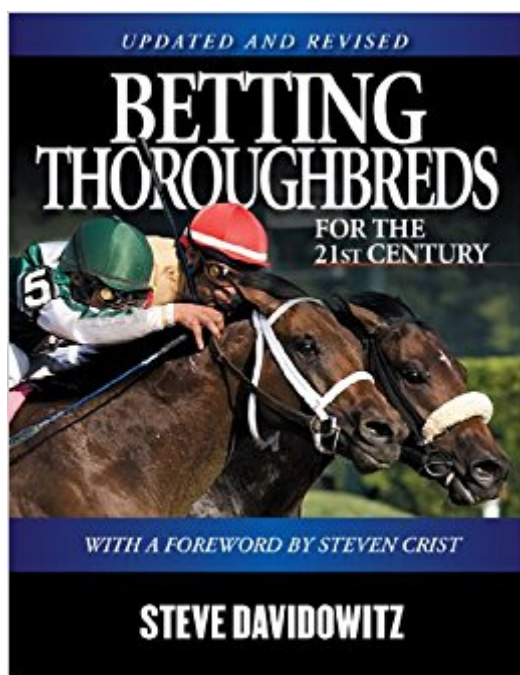


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# Betting Thoroughbreds For The 21st Century: A Professional's Guide For The Horseplayers



## Synopsis

Betting Thoroughbreds for the 21st Century is a revised and updated third edition to the classic Betting Thoroughbreds, first released over 30 years ago. The book's popularity and cult following is contagious for both new racing fans and seasoned players, and has been the standard in the industry for handicapping excellence for decades. This newly revamped edition covers recent industry changes, including synthetic surfaces, super trainers, wagering syndicates, computer software programs and more.

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## Customer Reviews

Love this book. I grew up going to Del Mar and Santa Anita with my grandparents who had a basic understanding of how to read past performances and were willing to teach me. I improved upon the start they gave me by truly learning to read the racing form in college and could typically pick the winner of a race or two throughout a day at the track. That kept me interested over the years, but I was still pretty much guaranteed to come home with less than I went with. Now that I have a little bit of a bank roll I was hoping to do more. This book made a huge difference. I was able to use the information in the book to create a little bit of a "checklist" so that as I'm handicapping a race I make sure I don't miss something. I have gone from avoiding maiden races like the plague to looking for series of races that include them with one of my "Prime Bets" (detailed in the book). This Del Mar season (summer 2015) I ended up hitting a handful of longshots (8-1 and above) that I wouldn't have found without this knowledge as well as a few pick 4's and a monster \$3000 pick 5 on a \$64 ticket. I would recommend this book to anyone who regularly handicaps races.

I bought this book as a gift for my boyfriend. He works in the racing industry and is very pleased with it. He has not been able to put it down and has taken notes from this book. He has told me that it has helped him tremendously in handicapping. I'm happy that he likes it so much. He has told me that he wants more books of this kind to help him understand the sport more. I believe this book would be recommended to anyone wanting to learn how to brush up on horse racing skills.

Comprehensive - very thorough.

Awesome book

Excellent!

I don't know if I'll win anymore often at the track, but I really enjoyed this book. Opened my eyes to the many angles to bet the horses. Also taught me how to read a program.

Bought this book for my husband for Valentines Day. He uses it often as reference every time he plays horses. It came in new shape as advertised and delivery was in good time.

The fact that it's published by Daily Racing Form may be a clue, but you can find it through the drf store for currently 25\$. Also "interesting" that the author mentions several different drf products throughout the reading, though I can't really fault him for that since their products are essentially the standard, though competitors do exist. My Perspective: I've basically only become serious about learning this game within the past 4 months or so, and there's quite a bit I don't know. Prior to this book, I've read "Betting on Horse Racing For Dummies", and the three Andrew Beyer books in the order he wrote them "Picking Winner", "The Winning Horseplayer", and "Beyer on Speed". If you already know you're serious about learning the game you can probably skip the dummies book, but I highly recommend the Beyer books. He has a very fun and easy to read style, give lots of examples and does a good job of sharing his thought process as he works through the examples. Also seeing what goes into the Beyer Speed Figures gave me confidence with how to approach them in my handicapping. This book was not nearly as easy for me to read. I'd have to take it a few pages at a time, and often I was annoyed when he would spend literally pages with data that is very likely to change, be out-of-date, or otherwise irrelevant quickly (such as the track biases at all major

tracks, which trainers are hot where, the winning habits of trainers, which jockeys are hot and their winning habits, etc.) I would -much- rather have seen those pages filled with detailed analysis examples of how he came to all these conclusions, his methods, his resources, etc. Or at the very least, just mention that this information can be found, kept up to date, on a website somewhere. One could maybe argue that he in fact does attempt that, but after reading it cover to cover, the impression that apparently stuck it that it wasn't enough. Really that's my only quibble, I did find several bits interesting and insightful. One that sticks out in my mind was his discussion of hidden class maneuvers and bringing to light that your average high-claiming horse is likely actually better than some of the horses in lower end allowance races. Also good discussion on money management and how to approach the actual wagering. My assessment of my current game is that this is where I need the most work.

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