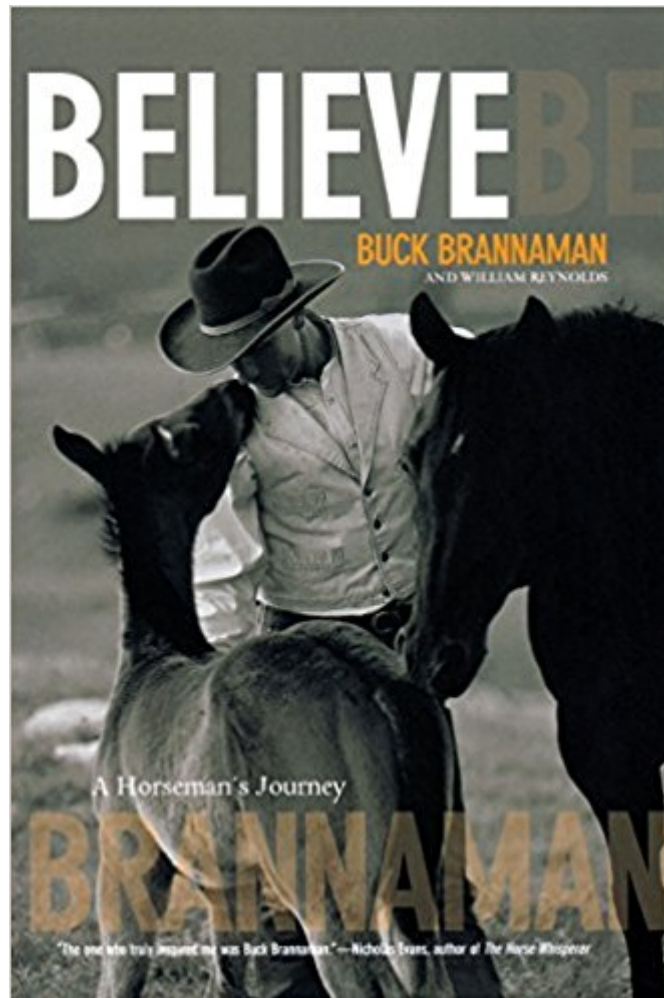




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Master horseman Buck Brannaman, the real-life Horse Whisperer, continues the chronicle of his life as trainer and mentor, as we meet thirteen remarkable people whose lives he has affected. Through their own accounts of help and healing and through Brannaman's own introductions, the reader is inspired by the hope and confidence that he instilled in these individuals.

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"Others have falsely claimed to be the inspiration for Tom Booker in The Horse Whisperer. The one who truly inspired me was Buck Brannaman. His skill, understanding and his gentle, loving heart have parted the clouds for countless troubled creatures. Buck is the Zen master of the horse world."--Nicholas Evans, author of The Horse Whisperer "There's a point in horsemanship when horse and horseman know enough about each other that a third thing, another dimension, begins to be part of the relationship. It's upon this element that the real ride takes place and in Believe we can see the markers along the journey."--Tom McGuane "Buck Brannaman is a remarkable person. Remarkable in that he can communicate on a variety of levels--with people as well as horses--all with one desire, to help free the spirit in everyone involved."--Jill Rappaport, Entertainment correspondent on NBC's "Today Show" and co-author of People We Know, Horses They Love

In his best-selling The Faraway Horses, Buck Brannaman, extraordinary trainer and acknowledged inspiration for The Horse Whisperer, described how he found his calling and honed his art and craft.

Following the book's widespread acclaim, the universal application of Brannaman's approach to interpersonal relationships has struck a responsive chord in the equestrian community and with the public at large. Believe continues to chronicle the man's efforts as catalyst and mentor as we meet thirteen people with whom he has worked. Through their words and through Brannaman's perceptive introductions to each essay, we experience first-hand the hope and confidence that he has instilled in them and their horses. You will discover through these stories how many untapped dreams and abilities you, too, possess, and how you can bring them to fruition. So journey with Buck Brannaman, learn from him, and profit from the voyage.

Believe, Buck's follow up to "Far Away Horses by Buck Brannaman; The Adventures and Wisdom of One of America's Most Renowned Horsemen" You will want to read "Faraway Horses" before reading this book to get a full understanding. "Believe", is a collaboration of students stories about how Buck's teaching with their horses have not only helped their horses but about how it helped them with their personal struggles, discoveries and journey's. God allows some people to travel through the really tough, dark, and desperate trials and rewards those with special gifts to take into the world to bless and heal others. Buck is one of those special souls who are able to touch the hearts and souls of both horse and people to make a difference in their lives. It gives the reader inspiration, hope, and teaches life lessons to live by while touching the human heart, spirit, and soul of both horse and rider on so many levels. It is sure to touch and bless you. The world needs more "Horse Whispers" like Buck Brannaman's. I wish to one day be able to meet and work with Buck. I have read his other book "Faraway Horses" which is different in that it tells Buck's personal story and the basis to the movie "Buck" and the movie Horse Whisper" starring Robert Redford, which was based on Buck. "The fidelity of a horse is a precious gift demanding no less binding moral responsibilities than the friendship of a human being. The bond with a true horse is as lasting as the ties of this earth can ever be, a fact which should be noted by anyone who decides to acquire a equine friend." Conrad Lorenz

BELIEVE: A HORSEMAN'S JOURNEY I feel was written from the heart of Buck Brannaman. The book is inspirational reading, for this man has emerged from his traumatic childhood experiences with a gift of incredible empathy and understanding for horses, as well as for people. Most of us love cowboys, and as Robert Redford commented, as I remember from a YouTube video, he found Buck Brannaman--hired as advisor to Redford's movie THE HORSE WHISPERER--to be the "real thing." This book follows a young child's growth into maturity, emotionally, physically, and somehow, no

doubt through his foster parents, he developed incredible character, as well as expert horsemanship. I have shared this book with another, and will recommend it to anyone and everyone whenever I have the opportunity. I would also recommend reading first, though, Buck Brannaman's book, THE FARAWAY HORSES. His profession, as he gives horse clinics, as he says, to help horses with people problems, is a view into cowboy culture and the minds of horses that I found to be truly fascinating.

Lots of horse lovers here where I live. I've never been one. Rather afraid of horses all my life and when on a 2-hour ride every time my niece came to visit me in Yosemite National Park because she LOVES horses, I'd think, "I could be doing soooo many other things. This is okay, but not worth my sore, tired legs/thighs/butt for a couple days after." I still don't want to ride them...just wasn't raised around any horses...but I DO Love them now and see their tremendous value and benefit to people and our world. They are so much like dogs, though seen as a "prey" animal, in that they offer Wonderful Therapeutic and Healing benefits to ALL types of hurting humans....abused adults and children, battered women, ADHD people, etc...etc....Found this book after seeing the movie BUCK.EXCELLENT dvd!

I recommend this book to all horse people as a guide to understanding your horse and how to develop and enhance your partnership. Buck treats horses with such compassion and gentle insight, always looking at the situation from the horse's point of view. The genius of Brannaman is that his insights apply to understanding and developing relationships with anyone and everyone, horse or human, so it's definitely a book for everyone, horse person or not. This book is written in segments by Brannaman's students, with an introduction to each segment by Brannaman, and I wasn't sure I'd enjoy that as much as I loved The Faraway Horses - which was written totally in Brannaman's voice. But the impact that exposure to him had on each of their lives was so powerful, and so relate-able, that I read it in one sitting. Buck Brannaman is an inspiration, without ever being preachy or patronizing. Read it!!

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