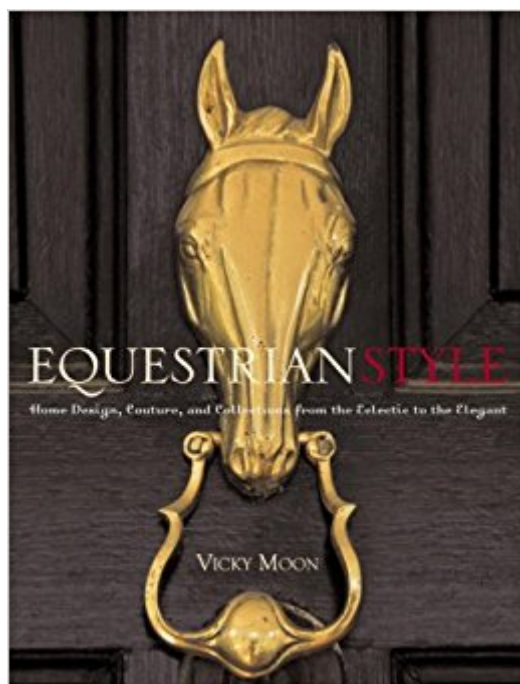


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# Equestrian Style: Home Design, Couture, And Collections From The Eclectic To The Elegant



## Synopsis

Elegant equestrians in impeccable attire; glorious hunt balls held in museums; a procession of regal foxhunting paintings in a home fit for a polo king and his brood—the world of horses is full of imagery. Extending far beyond the stable, the racetrack, and the polo field, our love of all things equine appears everywhere from our closets to our dining rooms. Now journalist and horse-world fixture Vicky Moon captures the equestrian way of life with an unprecedented peek into dozens of stunning residences. You'll visit a French-accented mansion decorated with contemporary horse art; an equestrian resort on 395 acres, complete with cottages for rent and a large private collection of carriages; a spa with a swimming pool for horses; and a working barn that Kathryn Ireland decorated to do double duty as a home for a professional horseman, riding instructor, and model whose students included Jackie Kennedy Onassis. Horse enthusiasts will be delighted to find familiar names and faces of the horse world gracing these luxurious pages, from art masters of the past such as painter George Stubbs and sculptor Herbert Haseltine to today's most popular artists, including Liza Todd Tivey and Beverly Zimmer. Equestrian devotees, such as the up-and-coming star Mayan Lopez, show jumper Georgina Bloomberg, and the late Allaire du Pont, are profiled with their beloved horses and the collections and fashions that reflect their passions. With beautiful photographs, richly detailed stories, and practical advice, *Equestrian Style* is certain to inspire horse lovers everywhere to bring a stylish bit of the stable into their homes. In this luxurious tour through stylish equestrian-themed interiors, Vicky Moon captures the rich details—from the coveted to the quirky—of the art, architecture, clothing, and people inspired by the classic horse motif. Equestrian style begins with a basic love of horses. It is more than a feisty, wet Jack Russell terrier, a pair of Wellington boots, and a tweed jacket. It goes beyond hanging a hunting print on the dining room wall to actually leaping over stone walls on your favorite hunter. An unspoken equestrian philosophy surpasses wearing an Hermès scarf; it celebrates riding over jumps in an Hermès saddle. Equestrian style reaches its apex among people who not only love horses, but also practically live with them. It is an enduring tradition.

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## Customer Reviews

I'm in the design business and use shelter books for reference and inspiration with clients. I won't be looking back at this one. It felt like a Town and Country magazine spread - clubbish and social. I would have preferred more emphasis on design and architecture across a more democratic slice of society. There are a lot more people with horses than the pastel-clad polo crowd.

If you want a book that has pretty pictures to look at then this is a great book. If on the other hand you are looking for a book to help you achieve the Equestrian Style in your home, then this book isn't it.

A beautiful well styled book, definitely a must for horse lovers. I can say this for sure, as all my fellow horsey friends that visit always dive into this book from the stack on my coffe table. Everyone pours over the pages, and comments on various photos. Well done to the author for covering a wide range of equestrian pursuits

I gave this beautiful book to my parents who are in the process of designing a home on a farm in North Carolina's horse country. They keep returning to it for inspiration. The book is full of gorgeous photos and great descriptions from a variety of properties. The photography is outstanding, and Vicky's writing is informative and fun. I plan to buy another copy to keep for myself.

This is a beautiful coffee table book reflecting all of the imagery and style of horse people. I enjoyed this book because unlike a lot of horsey books which focus on the animals, this one focused squarely on the people and their homes. It's also about the lifestyle of being part of the equestrian community. Some of the items photographed made me feel nostalgic like the cutesy horsey sweaters I remember my riding instructor wearing when I was a child. Others were more like

interesting solutions to horse people problems, like what to do a giant collection of show ribbons amassed over the course of one's lifetime? For those who love the imagery of fox hunting, polo, kids in hunter shows on shaggy shetlands, ball gowns, etc. this book will make you swoon. The horsemanship portrayed here is not the horsemanship of a cowboy, but the horsemanship of the field, the polo field, the racetrack, and the show ring. I live in the city, and so I can't always look out the window to see my beloved rolling Maryland hills. This book is a good guide for bringing a bit of the country into my little city row house, though.

For those in the equestrian world and for those who only dream about it, this book reveals the many aspects of riding, racing, hunting, jumping, decorating, dressing, entertaining, collecting, crafting and painting in relation to traditional country life with horses. From the jacket. "With beautiful photographs, richly detailed stories and practical advice, Equestrian Style is certain to inspire horse lovers everywhere to bring a stylish bit of the stable into their homes."

The real selling point for me is how good this book cover looks on top of the vintage steamer trunk that I use as my coffee table. It almost cannot be beat. The book itself is pretty good, though I wish some of the photos were a little better in terms of the quality of the still.

Beautiful large coffee table book. I thought it would have more interior design pages of multiple horse owners homes and how they incorporated living with horses into formal design.

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