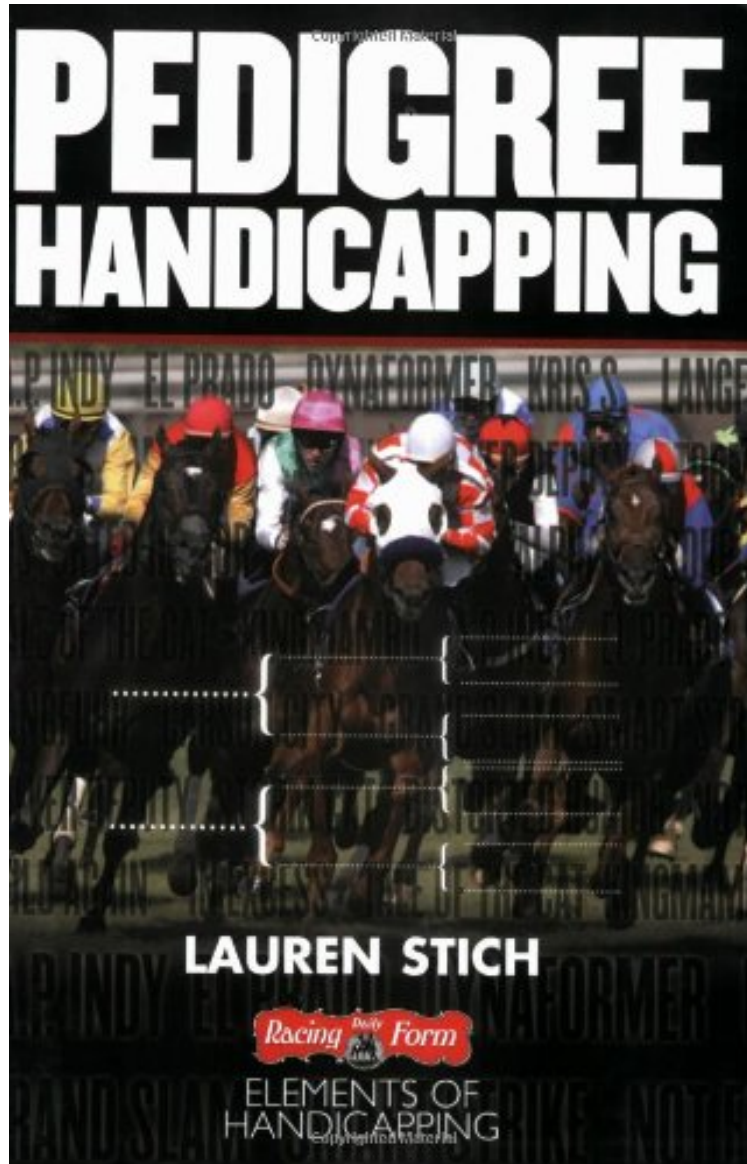


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Lauren Stich : Pedigree Handicapping before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Pedigree Handicapping:

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. I would recommend By J. FRITZ She kind of lost me with the Bold Ruler, Mr. Prospector, etc... lines going back but the individual sires were helpful. I've also read some of her DRF articles and those are probably better than the book. She obviously knows her pedigrees. 0 of 1 people found the following review helpful. A little disappointing By David Bridforth OK, the author clearly knows her material, but I

was really looking forward to reading this book as I am interested in horse pedigrees and their usefulness as a handicapping tool. Stich shares some good ideas, but nothing I hadn't read in other volumes on comprehensive handicapping. The ideas are solid, but the material will need constant updating to be effective. I really wish she had spent more time discussing why certain traits are passed from maternal and paternal ancestors instead of just offering a blanket statement that "speed and surface characteristics come from the sire, while racing class comes from the dam." I've heard it before, but nobody has been able to satisfactorily tell me why this may be the case or back it up with any evidence. As a practical tool for handicapping, I really don't think it's that useful. 3 of 5 people found the following review helpful. Another Tool (to beat the masses) By Beretverde This is a rare book for immediate guidance on Pedigree Handicapping. This book is another tool to beat the masses at the betting window. Lauren Stich has done a thorough job in the pedigree field and has even listed numerous horses to watch for today's bettor. One down side of this book is the immediate usage for betting with her current horse listings (how long before they become out-of-date?). But that is the name of the game! You will be seeing me at the track carrying this book (now becoming a dog-eared copy!) to assist in my handicapping. I was told by one handicapper that I was a "closet pedigree handicapper." Now, I'm out of the closet thanks to this book.

Pedigree Handicapping reveals how evaluating a horse's bloodline is most commonly used in maiden special weight races. It also points out the many other areas where pedigree handicapping has proven to be a powerful tool.