

Black Beauty

by Anna Sewell

Anna Sewell's pioneering animal welfare novel is narrated by a noble black horse who recounts his life through kind and cruel owners alike, advocating compassion for working animals.

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Power Words

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| 1 | brutally | adv. in a harsh and violent way. <i>"The young groom brutally jerked the reins, not understanding that pain makes a frightened horse more difficult, not less."</i> |
| 1 | compassionate | adj. showing sympathy and concern for others. <i>"Squire Gordon was compassionate toward every horse in his stable, checking each one personally before retiring."</i> |
| 1 | deteriorate | v. to become worse over time or quality. <i>"Under Skinner's ownership Beauty began to deteriorate visibly, his once-glossy coat growing rough and his eyes losing their light."</i> |
| 1 | distressing | adj. causing anxiety or sorrow. <i>"It was deeply distressing to Beauty when Ginger was brought in broken and trembling from the bearing rein."</i> |
| 1 | grateful | adj. feeling or showing thanks for something. <i>"Beauty felt deeply grateful whenever a groom spoke quietly and moved slowly, treating him as a feeling creature."</i> |
| 1 | merciless | adj. showing no mercy or pity towards others. <i>"The merciless whip fell again and again, long after any sensible driver would have seen the horse was spent."</i> |
| 1 | neglected | adj. not cared for or given attention. <i>"The horses at Skinner's yard were neglected and hollow-cheeked, their coats dull from poor feed and hard usage."</i> |
| 1 | obediently | adj. obeying or willing to obey; complying with or submissive to authority <i>"Beauty stood obediently at the mounting block, though he trembled at the unfamiliar smell of the new rider."</i> |
| 1 | overloaded | v. to put too heavy or great a load in or on. <i>"The poor cab horse was grotesquely overloaded, his thin legs trembling under a burden no beast should carry."</i> |
| 1 | recuperate | v. to recover or regain health or strength after an illness or injury. <i>"Given pasture and rest, Beauty began to recuperate slowly, his strength returning with each week of gentle treatment."</i> |
| 1 | reliable | adj. able to be trusted or depended on. <i>"A reliable horse like Beauty was worth more than any flashy animal that shied at every passing shadow."</i> |
| 1 | resolutely | adv. in a way that shows determination or firmness. <i>"John Manly resolutely refused to use the bearing rein, declaring no fashion was worth destroying a good horse's neck."</i> |
| 1 | spirited | adj. full of vigor courage or enthusiasm. <i>"Beauty was spirited but never vicious, responding to a kind hand with more willingness than spurs ever produced."</i> |
| 1 | steadfastly | adv. in a way that shows loyalty and determination. <i>"Ginger steadfastly refused the bearing rein, throwing her head against it until her neck ran with sweat."</i> |
| 1 | tenderly | adv. in a gentle and caring way. <i>"Joe Green tended the exhausted horse tenderly through the night, never leaving his side until the fever broke."</i> |