



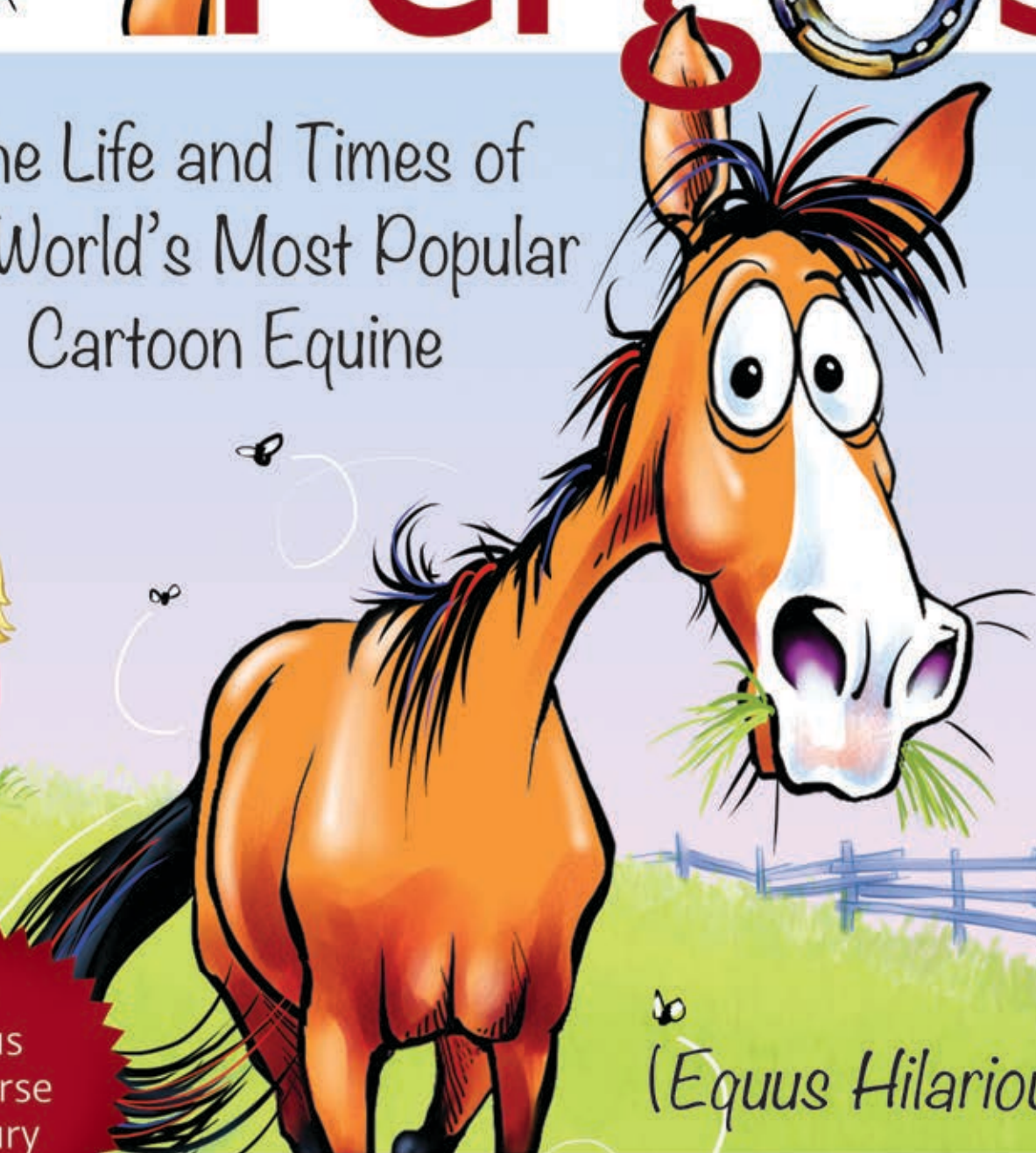
Jean Abernethy Presents

The Essential Fergus



the
Horse

The Life and Times of
the World's Most Popular
Cartoon Equine



A
Fergus
the Horse
Treasury

(*Equus Hilarious*)

Foreword by Guy McLean

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The Evolution of the Artist

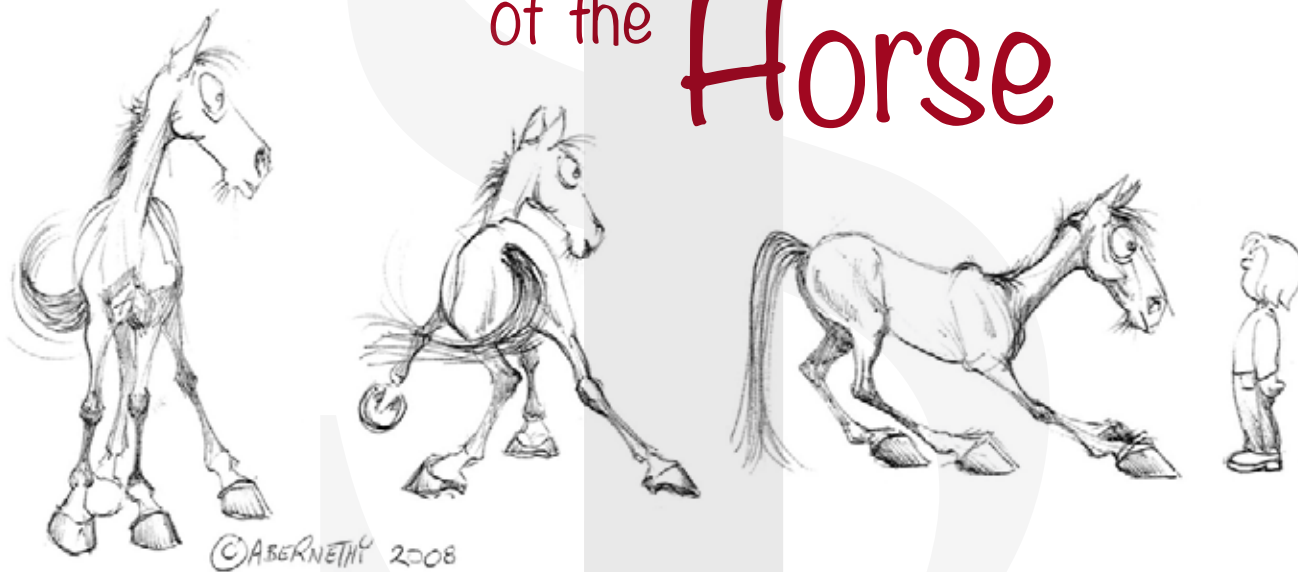


When you pick yourself up off the ground, and watch that pony run off—again—something clicks. You either quit, or you find it funny!

When I was little, I told my brother that I wanted to be a cowboy. He said I could not be a cowboy because I was a girl. But then, he knew more about the world than I did because he was eight. I was only five and the youngest of four children, all of us close in age. Humor was a part of learning to get along in the world—we had to learn to laugh at things.



The Evolution of the Horse



Throughout those years of cartooning, a recurring question came up: “What is your horse’s name?” Perhaps it was the consistency of those non-horse-like eyes on my equine characters that suggested to readers I was always drawing the same horse. I can’t be sure. But the question came up more and more often, and hinted that perhaps readers wanted an individual horse character.

By the late nineties, my comics had appeared in a good many horse publications across the United States and Canada, and the time seemed ripe to try something new. So, I drew a little horse with those same ridiculous eyes and named him “Fergus” thinking that the letter “u” could perfectly be replaced by a horseshoe instead.

Courage keeps us going,



Fergus

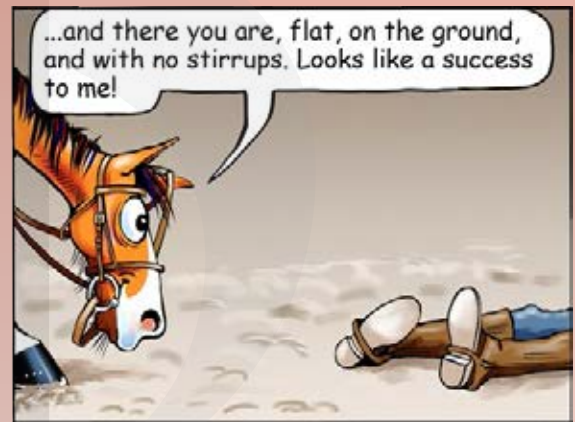
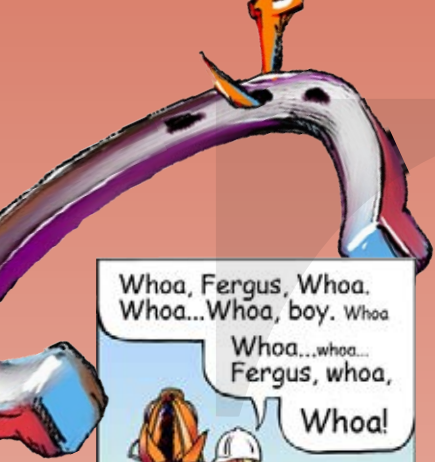
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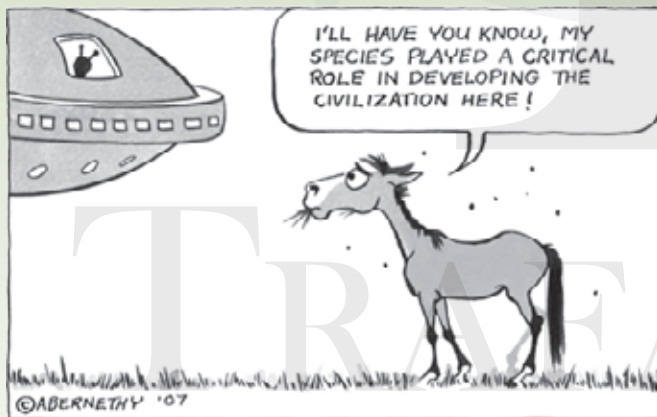
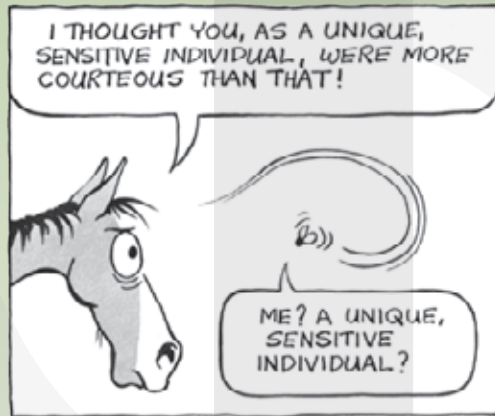
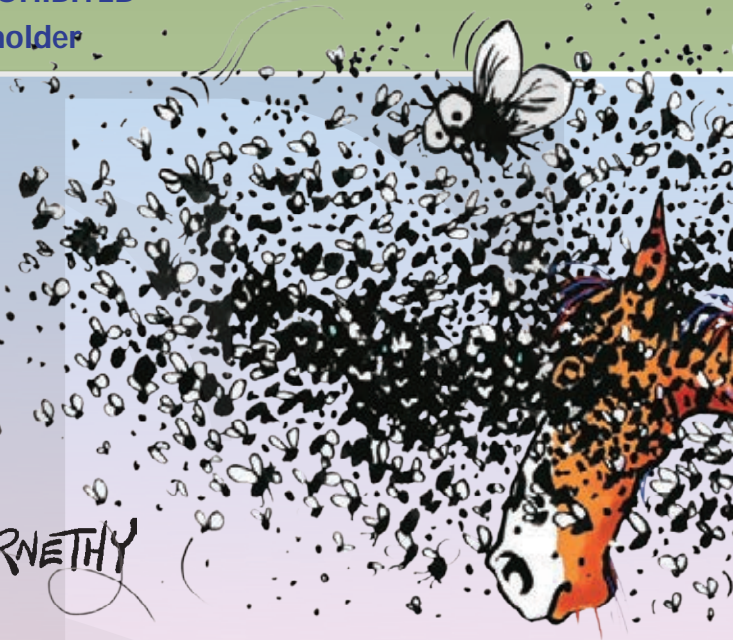


Laughter
keeps us sane!

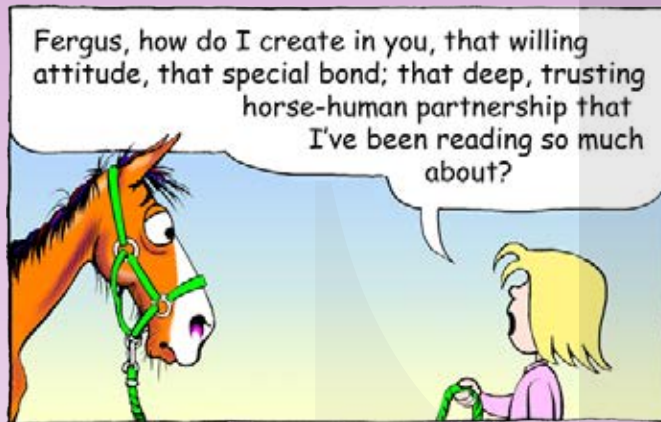
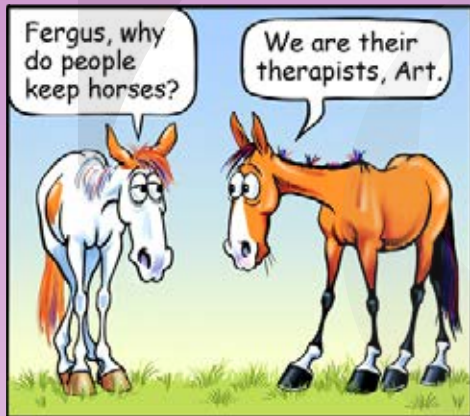


Fergus

BY JEAN ABERNETHY



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Praise from Fergus's Friends

“IF SGT RECKLESS WERE ALIVE TODAY, she and Fergus would be the best of friends! Fergus brings a smile to my face every time I read his cartoon. Can't wait for his new book to come out!” —**Robin Hutton, Author of the New York Times Bestseller *Sgt. Reckless: America's War Horse***

“HOW COOL TO HAVE FERGUS AND HIS BUDDIES corralled in one spot! I've enjoyed his escapades so much over the years. This book will be a great way to enjoy them again and share them with others.” —**Christine Hamilton, *Western Horseman Magazine***

“FERGUS IS THAT RARE EXAMPLE of a horse with his hooves in two communities: He speaks for horses, and he speaks for people who love them. When I read a Fergus comic panel, I always chuckle first loudly and then ruefully because the comic is funny—and I've been in that situation before.” —**Larri Jo Starkey, *The American Quarter Horse Journal***

“FERGUS AND HIS FRIENDS HAVE KEPT ME LAUGHING for the past fifteen years, because the scenarios are so very, very true. Jean Abernethy has an artistic gift and a comic wit that makes us all grin. I am thrilled that so many of Fergus's adventures can now be viewed together in a book.” —**Lisa Wysocky, author of *My Horse My Partner* and the *Cat Enright Equestrian Mystery Series***

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