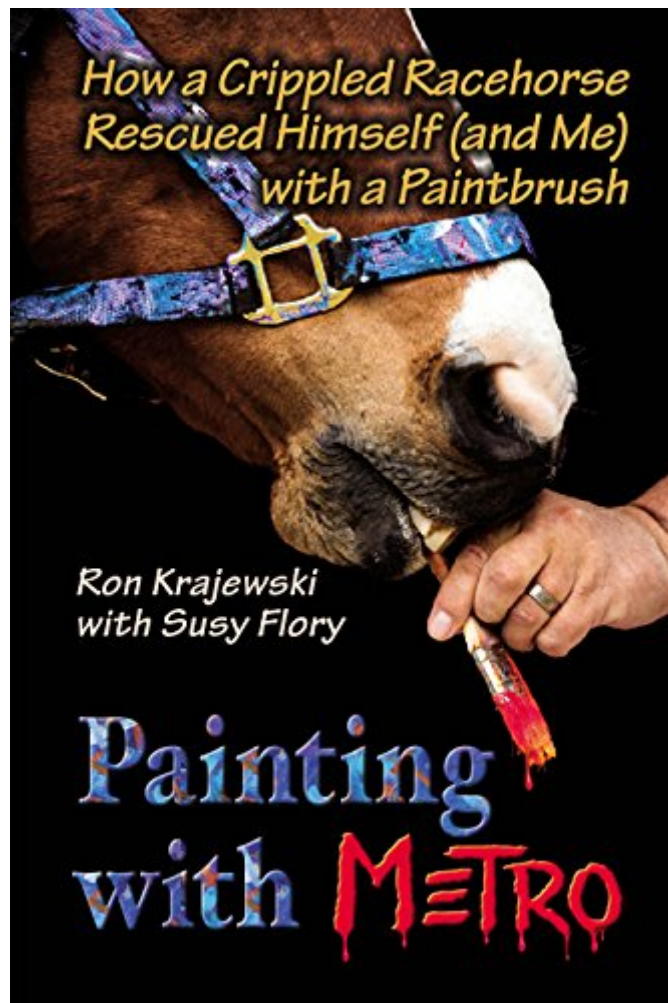


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Painting With Metro: How A Crippled Racehorse Rescued Himself (and Me) With A Paintbrush



Synopsis

With all the magic and wonder of a Disney movie, *Painting with Metro: How a Crippled Racehorse Rescued Himself (and Me) with a Paintbrush* by Ron Krajewski with New York Times bestselling author Susy Flory weaves its spell in this inspirational story. Ron is a shy, Gulf War Air Force veteran turned animal portrait artist. Metro Meteor is a feisty, bad-kneed two-year-old Thoroughbred racehorse who seemed destined for the slaughterhouse. They are an unlikely pairing, but the two bonded through art: creating stunning contemporary abstract paintings to be exact. Each painting brought much needed strength, hope and a new lease on life to both man and horse. For Metro, painting became an escape from a death sentence; for Ron it meant overcoming his extreme introversion. Today Metro and Ron have used their fame to highlight the perilous nature of the racing industry. Thousands of Thoroughbreds are bred for racing each year, but depending on the country, only 5 to 10 percent ever see a racecourse. Unless they are lucky enough to find another career these horses are disposed of, typically at a slaughterhouse. To date, Metro's paintings have raised over \$50,000 for New Vocations Racehorse Adoption Program and he and Ron are regulars on TV, radio and print, spreading the message that "every horse deserves a loving home. Even ones with bad knees."

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Customer Reviews

Sure, I'm a fan; Metro (and Ron K, of course), are quiet heroes! I knew they were providing New Vocations the chance to save many other retired racehorses, with funds from Metro's painting supporting medical rehabilitation and adoption efforts for many. And I knew I loved Metro's propensity for creating vibrant abstract art, as I have his work all over my house. What I didn't know was that the human author has something in common with me: a childhood love of watching those beautiful track runners and a wish to keep them safe. Reading this book has allowed me to understand more, appreciate more and get to love even more the horse himself. Caring for animals is personal for me, and it's obviously personal for Ron K, but it was surely serendipity that led Metro and Ron to each other. Now we all get to enjoy a really good story about the two of them, The style is easy and engaging, and this tale of a tragedy averted is just what people need to keep their spirits up in these troubled times. Metro's story is proof positive of the ripple effect of good deeds!

I have been a follower of Metro and his great art (I own 6 of his paintings). I have a love of horses and feel badly for the tragic loss of such great and beautiful animals as they come off the track with absolutely no safety net. Metro's story is unique because Metro is unique. In reading the book it was nice to have everything filled in about his parents and childhood and what makes Metro, Metro. Recently I saw one of City Zips son's up for adoption. I wish more programs, such as New Vocations, were available to these horses or that the Horse Racing Industry require rehab and placement of these animals before they can even be registered to race. This is quite a unique journey for both Ron and Metro. Hopefully this book will sell extremely well an help enlighten people about the plight of these wonderful race horses and the value and love they can bring for their next 20 - 30 years after racing. Man o' War lived until he was 30 years old. These horses have so much to give. Thanks to Ron for loving Metro as much as he does and for bringing his story and art to the world.

I am in love with this book, and sad that it is almost finished. Just sitting in a quiet room I get so engrossed with all that Ron did for his horse Metro. There were literally times when I woke the cats

because I was laughing so loudly. Also there are times when I feel like I am right in Metro's stall with him 'being Metro'. This has to be one of the best books I have read in a very long time. The way it is written puts you right there with Ron, or Ron and Metro. So many quotes I would love to say, but that would spoil it for the reader. All in all a fabulous read!

This is such an amazing book, as is Metro's entire story. The best part of the book is the message that all horses deserve a happy ending! So many people get horses for all the wrong reasons, and only think about how the horses can benefit the owners. Then when the horse is no longer a "winner" or they have outgrown the horse phase, their horses are discarded. Not many people get it, and the Krajewski's attitude is so incredibly refreshing. It is a LIFETIME commitment! I love their dedication to giving Metro the time, attention, and care that he needs to get him through his physical and behavior issues. I salute them for not considering the option of returning him after he bit Wendy, but instead taking time he needed. We have 2 Metro paintings, and he is a very talented boy! Highly recommended to all true horse lovers!!!

Ron saved Metro Meteor, a retired injured racehorse. Ron taught Metro how to paint, and in turn Metro brought Ron out of his shell. Together they make art. The art is beautiful and the sales pay for Metro's costly medication and also goes to help other Off Track Thoroughbreds find new homes and new careers. This unlikely collaboration between a man and a horse is both charming and endearing. It's an entertaining read from cover to cover.

This is a story that all ages will enjoy! A true story, written so well about a horse who is loved. I was blessed to be part of the group who read along as the words were brought to life before my eyes. Metro is a gift, and all of you who read this book will see the reality of what it means to make a difference. This book is a treasure to me, and all of those who love Metro and his family. Just today received my books, and will be ordering more!! Can't wait to begin reading this to my Dad, who's in a nursing home...it will be something to share with him and can't wait!! Just know, this should be a movie, and hope it will be someday. It does make you feel everything, as it was written so well, and heartfelt. Thanks for the opportunity to share my thoughts of these wonderful people who give so much, and love Metro!!

This is such a wonderful uplifting story. I laughed and cried with Ron and Metro. I am a huge Horseracing fan having gone to the races with my dad. I am currently helping a retired Racehorse

that was saved off the track. This story just warms your heart how Ron and Metro have become best friends. How this wonderful horse helped the human in his life become a more outgoing person. I also bought Metro's coloring book for my classroom. I own a pillow from the Metro collection. Thank you for bringing the readers into Ron and Metro's world. I think anyone would enjoy this story.

This is an incredible story about a talented racehorse who suffered too many injuries to his knees to continue racing. I love how Ron Krajewski treated Metro with patience and love. At the beginning Metro was not easy to handle, and would bite, snap, and run off on trail walks. Ron worked hard to learn about how to care for a horse and took time to learn about Metro's personality. He was able to train Metro to become more compliant. He helped Metro to find another talent, painting, and Metro excelled! He guided Metro to use his talent to do good for others. This book was so great I read it in 2 days!

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