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R is for Racehorse...

In the eighteenth book of the A to Z Mysteries—an early chapter book mystery series featuring strong boy and girl characters—Dink, Josh, and Ruth Rose are excited to see Uncle Warren's new racehorse, Whirlaway, in action. But the night before the big race, the horse disappears! He shows up the next day, just in time to lose the race. Why is Whirlaway suddenly so slow? Can the kids figure it out - or is Whirlaway out of the winner's circle for good?

Each book includes a map and a letter from the author. Parents, teachers, and librarians agree that these highly collectible chapter books are perfect for emerging readers and any kid who love mysteries!

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Nathan Burton says

"The Runaway Racehorse" is a good book about three young children. Dink the leader of the group, Ruth Rose the intelligence, and Josh the comic relief. They all go to Dink's uncle's house to watch Dink's Uncle Warren's race horse, Whirlaway, race. However, disaster strikes when Whirlaway goes missing from the barn. The kids have to try to find the horse and the master mind behind the horse kidnapping. I would recommend this book to someone in elementary school, because it was an easy reader, and I do not think it would be too hard for them to comprehend.

Tara says

I've always loved horse books. This is a good horse mystery.

Stephanie Butzer says

This was a very cute book! I would recommend this book to elementary kids and middle school. Boys or girls would like this book. It has a great story line and keeps you reading. Readers want to find out where the "lost" racehorse went. The ending has a bit of a twist. The three kids in the story are so interested in racing, but they get very disappointed when their racehorse loses...Or does he?
Awesome short mystery!

Jasper says

This A to Z Mystery book is a good book for 2nd, 3rd and 4th graders. This story is about a race horse named Whirlaway. Whirlaway is a fast horse. After being lost for a short time, Whirlaway returns but is no longer fast. The heroes of the story Dink, Josh, and Ruth Rose, know that something is not right. Through good sleuthing, they figure out the mystery and save the day. It is a great introduction to chapter books for young readers who are ready to read longer stories. This book will be in my library for students that like this genre. I chose this book to read and review because my daughter read some of these fun mysteries when she was in the 3rd grade.

Jade Nichole says

This book was about a Racehorse that ran away. Three kids, Ruth Rose, Josh, and Dink all go out and try to find the racehorse. Whirlaway, the racehorse is one of the fastest horses Sunny has ever had. When the kids finally find him, it really isn't him, but they didn't know that. They end up taking him back and the fake Whirlaway loses his next race. Everyone is upset, they don't understand what went wrong ever since Whirlaway ran away. The kids end up going to Mr. Bunk's place and figure out that he switched the horses. In the end, Sunny got his Whirlaway back and Mr. Bunk went to jail. I recommend this book to any young

teenagers that like mysteries. I don't recommend this to anyone that is older, mainly because it's a really easy read.

Kori Looker says

The Runaway Racehorse is a story about a horse named Whirlaway that has gone missing. Three kids, Dink, Josh, and Ruth Rose, go out to solve the mystery of where Whirlaway has ran off to. They found Whirlaway with his mother eating hay. What they don't know is that it's actually not Whirlaway! The kids go the horse races to watch their friend Sunny who is a jockey. Sunny is the owner of Whirlaway. The race started and Whirlaway came in dead last, which is unusual because Whirlaway is one of the fastest horses out there. Sunny said, "It's as if I'm riding a totally different horse!" It was true! One of the other jockeys switched horses with Sunny without her knowing and used black shoe polish to cover up one of Whirlaway's white spots. I recommend this book to whoever likes mystery books. I couldn't figure out the mystery until the end, but I had an itch someone was messing with Sunny. The author of this book, Ron Roy, writes other mystery books like this one. If you like mysteries, check out some of Ron Roy's books.

Emma says

I love horses.

Deepthi Herga says

My 7 - year old has finished the entire set of the A to Z mysteries (including all the super editions). I started reading them because I wanted to find out how good these mysteries are and after I started, I finished the entire set myself. This will be a common review for all the books in the set (so please forgive me if you see this repeated under another book).

First of all, the mystery part of the book is fairly simple for an adult, but I can see how it can keep a kid engrossed. The characters are playful, around the same age as my kid now, so are very relatable. Yes, there are some characteristics which can be a little irritating, but they didn't really bother me too much as to take away from the stories. The other con is that these little kids are left unmonitored in many of their adventures (I am not a helicopter parent, but it felt a little strange, especially when they are out of the country altogether).

That being said, now what I loved about the stories -

1) Most of the stories are based in different cities, and sometimes different countries, so the travel perspective is amazing. We, as a family, love to travel and every time the kids in the books traveled somewhere it made the story more exciting to me (as well as my kid). My kid had comments on how they went to Key West and later Washington D.C "just like us".

2) There are strong characters of both genders, the villains are of different genders as well, so the stereotyping is considerably less (there was a female pilot in one of the books that stood out to me) and I love it that girls reading the books have some good role models. I would always like more female strong characters shown ofcourse :).

I'm sure my kids will be enjoying many more of the author's books in the future :)

luhvBOOKS says

Title: The Runaway Horse

Author: Ron Roy

Series: A to Z Mysteries #18

Rating: ★★★★★

Summary: R is for Racehorse... And they're off! Dink, Josh, and Ruth Rose are excited to see Uncle Warren's new racehorse, Whirlaway, in action. But the night before the big race, the horse disappears! He shows up the next day, just in time to lose the race. Why is Whirlaway suddenly so slow? Can the kids figure it out—or is Whirlaway out of the winner's circle for good?

Review: My two favorite series when I was in third grade... Harry Potter and *A to Z Mysteries*.

Things I Loved: The R mystery!

Things I Hated: N/A

Blue says

Not terrible. Maybe even "not bad".

This book pulled in some previously used characters, which is good. I found it odd that Forrest would not take the pony from O but has a horse now.

I suppose I will give the next audio (s-v) a go.

This was Summer, and presumably the summer after the one in), so one more year has passed. It is strange that the author has time moving so fast, especially without marking it at all and without many if any of the mysteries taking place during the school year/not breaks (which the grade levels/years would mark time).

Hunter says

"The Runaway Racehorse" was a good book that shows that kids can solve mysteries. The three kids Rose, Dink, and Josh go to their uncle's house to watch his horse race. The day before the race Whirlaway, the racehorse, gets out of the barn and runs away. Whirlaway comes back to the barn later that evening but she just seems different. Can the kids figure out what is different about Whirlaway?

I would recommend this book for anyone who wants to read a good book. This book is good for any ages. It is a short read but it has a lot of detail in it which makes it a great book for anyone.

Nam says

I knew that wasn't Whirlaway, and what had happened to Dancer! I did get suspicious of Sunny though. Plus, I didn't know who had switched horses, so I guess my deductive reasoning could use a little work. All in all, I did enjoy this one better than a lot of others. I think that is because I adore animal storylines.

Mandy anderson says

Josh, Dink and Rose head to see Uncle Warren's racehorse, but something just isn't right ... Quick and easy

Corbin Billington says

This book is about three friends who are visiting Forest Evens, who owns a winning race horse. People begin to get fureous that Forest's horse, Whirlaway, is winning and a friend of Forest steals WHirlaway. Whirlaway just so happens to have a twin who is much slower than he is and the man who stole Whirlaway replaces him with a horse called Dancer in Forest's barn. Eventually the kids put there detective skills to the test and find Whirlaway. I ratd this book four out of five stars, because the author kept me guessing on possible outcomes and was not predictable. I would recommend this book to mainly young readers around twelve years old of either gender. This book really grabbed my interest and kept me on my toes with detailed descriptions and scenes.

Dan Crist says

This book is about one of the best race horses around, and its mysterious getaway the day of the race. Whirlaway is the best horse Forest ever had. Whirlaway is winning every race he has been in; but the day before the big race Whirlaway runs away. Ruth Rose, Josh, and Dink try to find Whirlaway before the race happens. I really enjoyed this book, because the author, Ron Roy, does a great job on leaving big enough clues during the book so the reader is not completely lost. This book is great for any age group. This book is really an easy read and a great book to pick up for someone who is looking for good mysteries.
