

# Ruffian: The Unforgettable Story of the Legendary Thoroughbred

Ruffian was foaled on April 17, 1972, at Claiborne Farm in Paris, Ky. She was a beautiful bay filly with a white star on her forehead and three white socks. Her sire was Reviewer, a stakes-winning son of Bold Ruler, and her dam was Shenanigans, a daughter of Native Dancer.



## Ruffian: Thoroughbred Legends by Milton C. Toby

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Ruffian showed early promise as a racehorse. She was a natural athlete with a powerful stride and an unyielding determination. In her first start at Aqueduct Racetrack in New York in November 1973, she won by an astonishing 15 lengths.

Ruffian went on to win her next five starts, including the prestigious Acorn Stakes at Belmont Park in June 1974. She was undefeated in seven starts as a 2-year-old, earning the Eclipse Award for Outstanding 2-Year-Old Filly.

As a 3-year-old, Ruffian continued to dominate her competition. She won the Kentucky Oaks in record-breaking fashion and was then sent to Belmont Park for the Preakness Stakes, the second leg of the Triple Crown.

The Preakness Stakes was one of the most anticipated races of the year. Ruffian was the heavy favorite, and she was expected to become the first filly since 1915 to win the race. However, tragedy struck in the final furlong. Ruffian suffered a catastrophic break in her right foreleg and had to be euthanized.

Ruffian's death sent shockwaves through the racing community. She was a beloved champion who had captured the hearts of fans around the world. Her tragic demise was a cruel reminder of the dangers of horse racing.

Ruffian's legacy lives on today. She is remembered as one of the greatest Thoroughbreds of all time. Her indomitable spirit and her tragic death continue to inspire horse lovers and racing fans alike.



Ruffian was a remarkable horse who left an indelible mark on the sport of horse racing. Her story is one of triumph, tragedy, and enduring legacy. The book "Ruffian: Thoroughbred Legends" by Milton Toby captures the essence of this extraordinary mare and her unforgettable impact on the racing world.

In his book, Toby paints a vivid portrait of Ruffian, from her humble beginnings to her rise to stardom. He captures the excitement of her victories and the heartbreak of her tragic demise. Toby also explores the legacy of Ruffian, her impact on the sport of horse racing, and her enduring popularity among fans around the world.

"Ruffian: Thoroughbred Legends" is a must-read for any horse lover or racing fan. It is a beautifully written and deeply moving tribute to one of the greatest Thoroughbreds of all time.

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