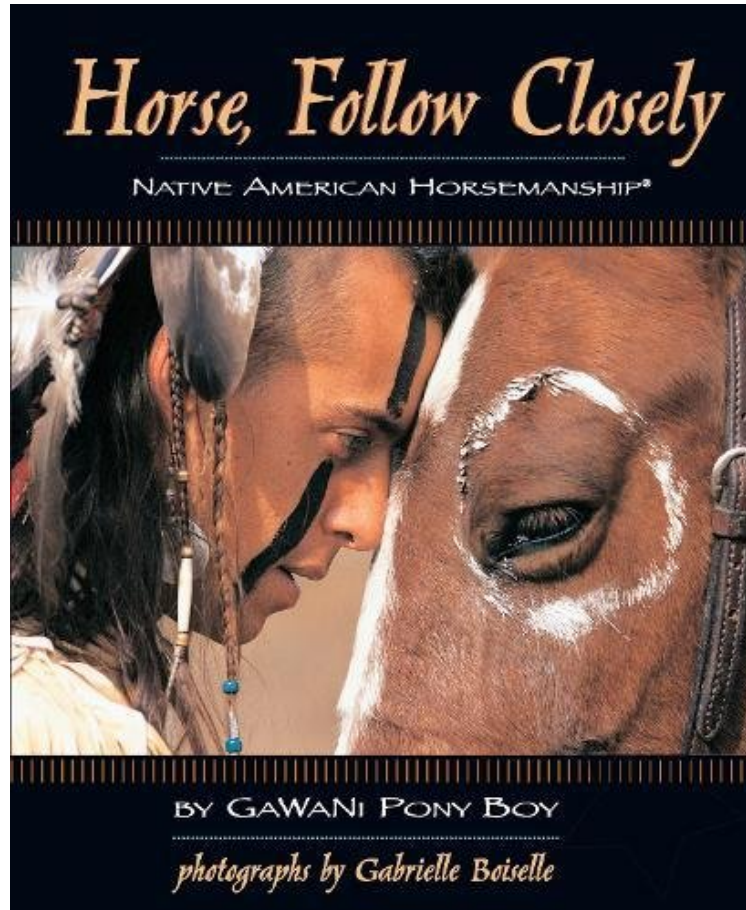


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decide for yourself. By S. Harbour Once again, this is supposed to be about natural training and natural horse care. As with Monty Roberts, I've read some reviews that just hate this author for whatever reason. It was a "nice" read, but not particularly informative, in my opinion. 2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Horse Follow Closely By Barbara I had recently rescued two horses and know nothing about them as I am a dog breeder. This book was and is an inspiration. It gave me insight into what a horse is and how to relate to this animal and how easy it is to understand a horse. Also the Indian way of life and view of the world and how we should live in it with other creatures was so simple. I have these two horses now and we can talk to each other and completely understand what the other is about. I know what they are thinking and they know me. It has been a wonderful experience for me and the book opened the door.

The bible of North American Horsemanship, *Horse, Follow Closely* is GaWaNi Pony Boy's signature title about the relationship training methods that are steeped in common sense and the age-old wisdom of his Native American ancestors. Of mixed blood Tsa-la-gi, GaWaNi Pony Boy was able to conceive his philosophy and compile the methods of relationship training while touring the United States with a Native American drum band and consulting the Tribal Elders from many different nations and backgrounds. The methods and beliefs of relationship training come directly from the first great horsemen of North America. Horse and rider are one. There is a relationship of trust, harmony, and respect born of a way of life that is all but lost. The stunning full-color photographs by Gabrielle Boiselle capture Pony Boy's serenity and unity with his close horse companions. The author's simple eloquence forges a deep, profound relationship with his readers that few books ever hope to achieve. As Pony Boy writes in the introduction, For many [the Native American horseman] represents the ultimate rider. The essence of a horseman, both his skill and intuition, goes beyond the hours he spends in the saddle. The folklore of every Native tribe are stories, tales, and beliefs to exemplify human relations to other animals. The book begins with an analysis of how horses came to live with the Natives of North America and horses' impact on Native life. The crux of relationship training, according to the author, is to understand what it means to be a horse, react like a horse, and relate to other things like a horse. Native Americans were able to create such strong relationships with horses in a short time because they understood that a horse is a horse. Learning to balance the relationship between horse and human is the missing link to becoming a masterful horseman or horsewoman. The book describes not only the techniques involved for relationship training but also the belief system and attitude that must be applied to all methods of horsemanship. In addition to presenting the methods and philosophy of relationship training, *Horse, Follow Closely* also includes many stories and legends of Native Americans and their horses, all of which teach the reader something new about himself and his relationship with his horse.