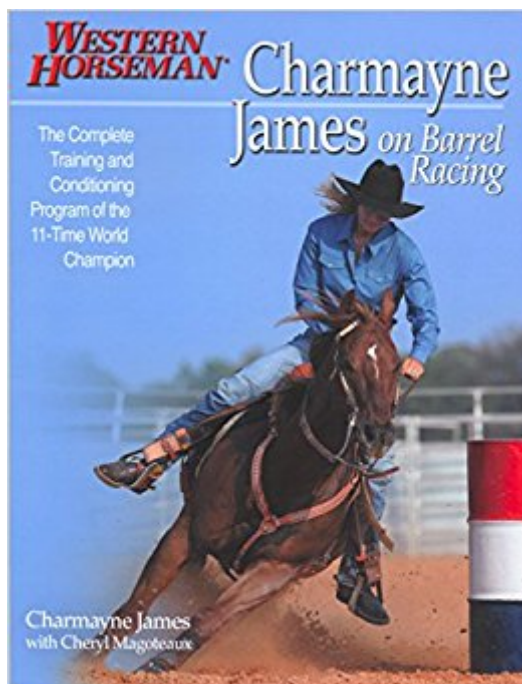


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# Charmayne James On Barrel Racing (Western Horseman Books)



## Synopsis

Her name identifies an industry. Say "Charmayne" and it's like dropping Babe Ruth's moniker or Michael Jordan's or Lance Armstrong's. People who don't even follow the sport know that Charmayne James is the greatest barrel racer of all time. She burst on to the professional rodeo scene in 1984, winning the first of eleven world championships before her fifteenth birthday. In the next nineteen consecutive years, she qualified for every National Finals Rodeo and became the most decorated female equine athlete of all time. Although in the beginning she was discounted as just another kid with a great horse, rodeo fans around the world soon realized that this rider had something extra. She had trained Scamper herself, and had actually trained her prior mount, one she earned over \$20,000 on before switching to Scamper. And she never stopped learning. Absorbing knowledge like a sponge, Charmayne has worked with trainers, equine health professionals, nutritionists, and other experts to always be on the leading edge of competition-based horse care. In a world where longevity is measured more in months than years, she kept Scamper sound and winning in world class competition an incredible ten years--over three times as long as the industry average. Charmayne retired from rodeo competition in 2003, and began to devote herself to training horses and riders with the same single-minded determination that earned her over \$2 million in the arena. "The number one reason I am so passionate about writing this book is to let everyone know why I was so successful and hopefully help them along their own road to success," she says. "I won by following what I was always taught about my horses--treating them well, taking good care of them, making sure that I ride well enough so that they're never confused or hurt--and always keeping my focus on taking care of business." This icon of women's rodeo reveals that she also won because, to keep going, she had to. "I didn't have a rich daddy or a big sponsor. I did have a horse I had faith in and parents that believed in me. They said we could keep going to the professional rodeos as long as we could pay our way." "I knew that if I could be a good partner to Scamper, we could win. I had to believe in myself and stay true to what I knew worked for me, even when it was new and intimidating to compete against people who had been there longer and won more. Once I learned to do that, we began to be successful." She continues, "My lifelong passion for running barrels kept me studying and working to find ways to make it easier for my horses to win. In this book, I share what my years of experience have taught me."

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## Customer Reviews

Her name identifies an industry. Say "Charmayne" and it's like dropping Babe Ruth's moniker or Michael Jordan's or Lance Armstrong's. People who don't even follow the sport know that Charmayne James is the greatest barrel racer of all time. Her record speaks volumes. She's the all-time leading money earner in the sport - the first-ever million-dollar earner. She's won the most professional barrel racing world championships (11) and was the first Women's Professional Rodeo Association member to earn the coveted #1 back number at the National Finals Rodeo. She holds the record for most consecutive NFR qualifications (19) for men or women, and she's won more individual world championships than any other woman in professional sports. She's also listed in the Guinness Book of World Records. Charmayne conducts barrel racing clinics that are booked years in advance, and she's in demand as a speaker/clinician at horse expos and events worldwide. She's been featured in every major horse publication, as well as in Sports Illustrated, People Magazine, USA Today and others, and has appeared on "Good Morning America," the CBS "Morning Show," ABC "Wide World of Sports," and other major programs. In her book, Charmayne shares the training techniques and philosophy that made her the most successful barrel racer in history. Also included are vignettes of horses and riders that illustrate Charmayne's approach to identifying and correcting problems in barrel racing, as well as examples and experiences from over 20 years as a world-class competitor in this exciting event.

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Loved it. Took a lot of info from it to use with my own horse program. She spells it out very simple and easy to do.

This book was recommended by my granddaughter's Barrel Racing Trainer - it is awesome. Meet our expectations and more. I feel that this is the GO to book for barrel racer trainees!

Great and well written book. Easy to read if you are a cover to cover reader or a topic jumper. I like the approaches and explanations that she provides. So far it has helped me focus more on the riding instead of the pattern!

My niece has recently started to compete in barrel racing. Although this book is written for the adult, she is 10, she is gleaning tips to help her improve. The book has a wide array of helpful hints from one of the world's barrel racing champions, the fact that she is a woman is encouraging to my niece. I think that the experienced rider would also find the tips in this very useful.

The best book out on barrel racing. I love her techniques in training both your horse and rider. This is a very easy to understand book and an excellent tool to have on your shelf for training your horses on barrels.

Great buy.

I've been barrel racing along time (longer than Charmayne as I'm about 10 years older) I have watched her career with great interest along with all other barrel racers around the globe. There has been none better in our history. About three years ago when my old horse retired I thought I would

too - however that decision has since been reversed & I purchased a new horse - good time to purchase Charmaynes book and DVD's. The general horsemanship is the same message I always tried to practice -however the pattern its self is way different and just makes so much sense. I'm loving this book, love reading up, practicing the pattern on my new horse and sharing with my friends. I feel like the old dog that can learn new tricks and its exciting. Totally love this book and recommend it to all barrel racers, young - old, green - experienced. thanks Charmayne and Scamper.

Great book for barrel racers of all levels and ages. Highly recommended. It is always good to brush up on the skills and even learn some new techniques along the way.

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