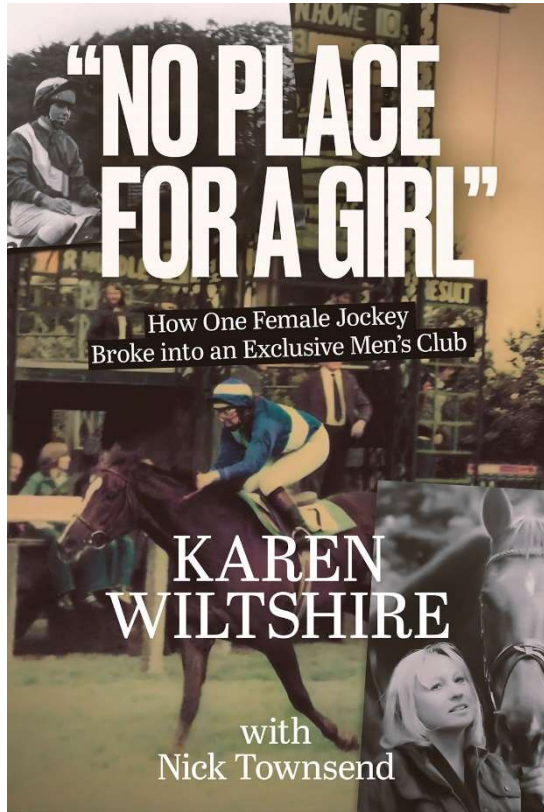




Title information



No Place for a Girl

How One Female Jockey Broke into an Exclusive Men's Club

By Karen Wiltshire with Nick Townsend

Key features

- Inspirational story of pioneering female jockey Karen Wiltshire, who still campaigns on behalf of women jockeys
- Uncovers what life was like for women who wanted to take advantage of the introduction of the Sex Discrimination Act 1975 by becoming professional jockeys, only to find themselves confronted by misogyny and prejudice
- Reveals how Karen suffered health issues and became anorexic due to 'wasting' required to get her weight so low
- And how her obsession destroyed her relationship – her fiancé gave her an ultimatum: 'Become my wife or continue racing'; she chose the latter
- Huge appeal among racing enthusiasts
- Publicity campaign planned including radio, newspapers, websites, podcasts and magazines

Description

No Place for a Girl is the little-known but hugely inspirational story of pioneering woman jockey Karen Wiltshire and her fight for acceptance in the male-dominated world of 1970s horseracing. There was a time when female professional jockeys were not welcome in British horseracing. But then one dauntless rider confronted the misogyny, prejudice and bullying she encountered both in the stables where she worked and on the racecourse, refused to accept that this environment was 'no place for a girl' and ultimately won her personal battle. This book tells the moving, humorous, controversial and on occasions outright shocking story of four tumultuous years in Karen's life, when she rode roughshod over prevailing attitudes and became the first woman to reach a significant staging post in the fight for equality, when she rode against some of the sport's most illustrious names. Her obsession brought the reward she craved. She became the first female professional jockey to win a Flat race, beating her male counterparts.

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