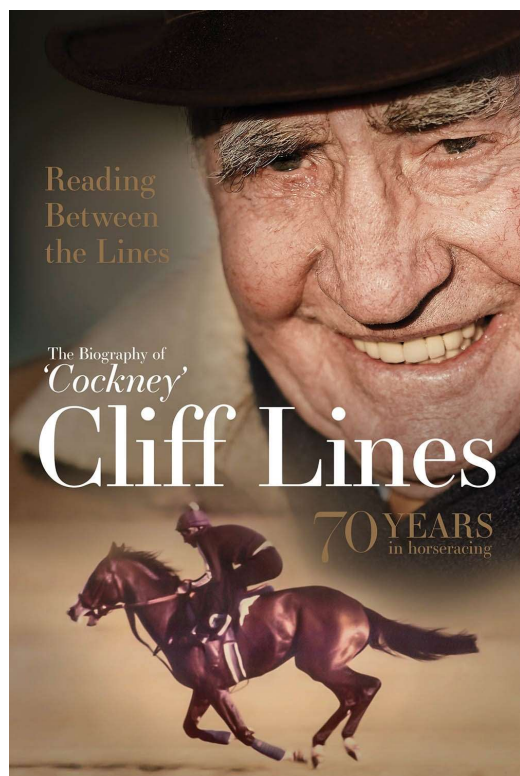


Title information



Reading Between the Lines: The Biography of 'Cockney' Cliff Lines – 70 years in horseracing

Amanda Tanner

Key features

- A biography written very closely with Cliff, taking an in-depth and personal look at his time in Thoroughbred horseracing
- Covering a period of 70 years of horseracing history, including the time he spent with kidnapped racehorse Shergar
- A true story written with warmth and humour to reflect a golden career that Cliff has no regrets about
- Supported by an extensive publicity campaign across racing media at home and abroad, and fully support by the *Racing Post*

Description

This is the story of 'Cockney' Cliff Lines and his memories of 70 years spent in horseracing. Knowing nothing about racing or even how to ride, Cliff started as a 14-year-old apprentice to Noel Murless, and the book details his life, from riding a winner for the Queen, trying to make it as a jockey, through to being a work rider/head lad to Michael Stoute, pre-training and eventually training himself. It covers the trials and tribulations he endured: apprentice accommodation, bullying, doping scandals, the stable lads' strike and his own health issues, including a brain tumour. The stories of famous horses he worked with, such as Jo Tobin, Shergar and Sonic Lady, and those he nurtured in their early years, including Pilsudski and Fujiyama Crest, the last runner in Frankie Dettori's Magnificent Seven, are all covered, as are his travels with horses around the world by boat and plane from 1954 to the present day. And despite all the ups and downs, Cliff genuinely has no regrets about his lifetime in the Thoroughbred racing industry.

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