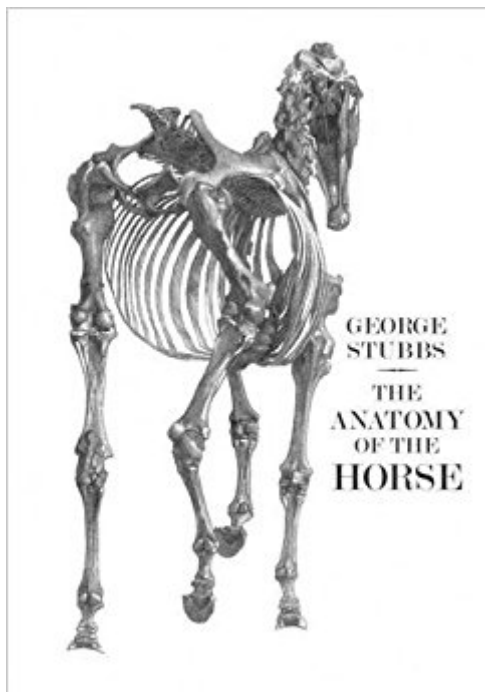


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# The Anatomy Of The Horse



## Synopsis

George Stubbs was one of Britain's most innovative artists. Such is the present reputation of his paintings, with their astonishingly convincing renderings of both animals and people, that it is easy to forget how much of his success was based on rigorous scientific observation. In 1756, Stubbs rented a remote farmhouse, where he erected a scaffolding to hold the cadavers of horses as he dissected and drew them. After 18 months of single-minded dedication, Stubbs produced the drawings for *The Anatomy of the Horse*, which he later etched himself. The result was a sensation. Letters of congratulation poured in from scientists all over Europe, amazed not only at the perfection of the finished work, but that it had been produced without patronage. It remained a textbook for artists and scientists for well over a century, and to this day, the strange, spare beauty of these prints continue to fascinate.

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## Customer Reviews

This handsome edition of George Stubbs' *The Anatomy of the Horse* reproduces all of his original etchings and commentary. Taken from the 1853 printing, the last to use the artist's original plates, it is a superb reprint of one of the classics of art and science.

I was so anxious to order this for my dad who is a cattleman and expert with horses. I admit I was expecting so much more than I received. It's about the size of a good coloring book. There's a few pages of forwards but not much reading. The bulk of the pages are diagrams of horse bodies in

different stages, skeletal, tendons, muscles etc, with miniscule letters or numbers to be looked up on the key pages in the back. Those keys are divided into 4 per page and printed landscape style making it difficult to use to explain the letters & numbers from the diagram pages of a horse's body. To top it all off, these pages are printed so tiny, even with a magnifying glass they are difficult to see. It could be interesting if printed differently.

Excellent book! Very informative. Helped me with my equine massage course completion.

My first (and lasting) impression was - oh , how disappointing. Although the book does indeed provide many, many drawings of anatomy and detailed views of important tendons and ligaments I found some of the work a little amateurish in that the overall shape of the horse was sometimes lost, so that it took several attempts to work out how the picture you were looking at actually fitted in to the horse's anatomy. In addition there is often no good way to 'drill down' upon a specific area of the body - for instance in the section on the hindquarters you cannot view one page which shows you a superficial view of the top layer of muscles - then view the next layer down - then the skeleton etc so that you get a visual picture of how the horse is put together. Because the artist often loses detail and perspective or proportion at the same time it is often hard to tell what exactly you are looking at. The drawings of small areas are most helpful - drawings of joints (such a a hock or pastern) on their own are generally very clear and detailed - but once they go to an overall drawing of the shoulder or entire horse the lack of proportion and detail is extremely distracting. For a better look at skeletons or musculature there are a number of excellent books that I would rather recommend - including 'The Art anatomy of Animals' by Ernest Thomson or even "Equine Massage : A Practical Guide -- by Jean-Pierre" which not only gives great anatomical guides but will teach you massage at the same time :)

yes for being a used book it wasn't to bad, but the information contained in it is useful..

I would definitely recommend this book to any art student or Equine enthusiast wanting to know more than just the outside beauty of the horse. While George Stubbs is known for his famous paintings of horses, most remarkably the Brood Mares and Foals which recently sold at Sothebys for a record \$15.9 million dollars, this book enlightens the reader on the inner workings of the horse. For those of you that wonder, "what makes them tick", wonder no more. George Stubbs dissects the horse in stages from the muscular to the skeletal. If you a lover of the man's works then

this is a must have for your collection.

We've had this for book for several years and it still refer to it.

Besides the introduction, the book is primarily detailed pictures with no labels or information on the horse anatomy. There are tiny numbers within the pictures that correspond to information in the back of the book (very very small print), so to get any info you have to flip back and forth all the time. I was very displeased with the overall layout and contents of the book.

This was a well done, very detailed book, which is good...almost more detail than I needed as I bought it for art reference, and it is more than adequate. Helped give a good grasp of the animal so that it would be easier to draw in general and with CORRECT musculature.

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