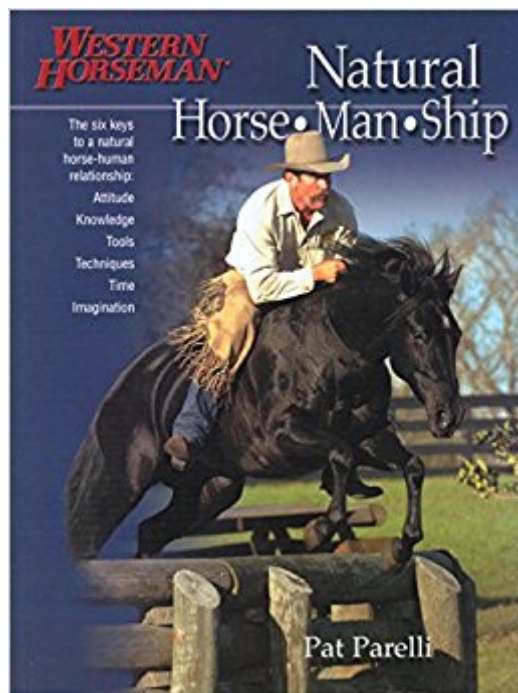




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# Natural Horse-Man-Ship: Six Keys To A Natural Horse-Human Relationship (A Western Horseman Book)



## Synopsis

The horse- and rider-training handbook of an internationally renowned master horseman.

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## Customer Reviews

Internationally known and respected as a horseman and clinician, Pat Parelli has helped thousands of riders understand and communicate with their horses through his Parelli Natural Horse-Man-Ship program. PNH offers riders achievable goals and measurable standards, no matter the discipline - English or western - or the activity - competitive or recreational. Pat's philosophies and concepts are based on a language of trust, leadership and respect, and a special bond between horse and human.

Pat Parelli, internationally known and respected as a master clinician, has helped thousands of riders on three continents (North America, Australia, and Europe) understand and communicate with their horses through his series of Natural Horse-Man-Ship courses. He has given demonstrations before capacity crowds at the National Finals Rodeo, the National Cutting Horse Association Futurity, the American Association of Equine Practitioners, the Australian Horse Congress, and Equitana in both Germany and the United States. He has also given bridle less reining and dressage demonstrations at the Olympics and the world championship snaffle bit futurity. He lives in Pagosa Springs, Colorado.

I love this book. I got my first copy as a much less book, photocopied for a class I took at the ranch up in Stockton, I lived in a tent in the field, these were long before the bunkhouses, and any hotels close enough to stay in that weren't filled by the members of the class who had taken time to make reservations.....I brought my dog, and started along.....I was teaching horse handlers for their licensing at the track, and needed some kind of credential for my Native American and just plain ranch kid upbringing.....I was very fortunate over the years to attend classes with some of the greats of horse training, such as Dr. Robert Miller, and some of the mustangers for the Bureau of Land Management.....This book gave form and words to explain what I had learned from Native American horse trainers and from relatives who lived on ranches where horses were a part of life.....I have to say to every horse loving person, YOU have never lived and loved your horse until that day you ride with NO TACK at all.....I rescued a barrel racing horse with a broken leg.....and after a year, the leg healed and I began her on her journey with me through Natural Horsemanship so she could be a therapy horse in our programs. The day I rode her, with only a string around her lower neck, and just moved my EYES, not even my head, and she did what I asked, I knew she was beyond all those ribbons and trophies and saddles she had won for her previous owners. She was and is my partner, and even after a horrible car accident and no more riding for me.....she has continued to work with other therapists, and me when I can .....and continues to heal veterans and high risk youth and their families.....This book truly helped me on this path.....

Pictures were taken back in the day before digital was available, yet they are still beautiful. This book is amazing, a perfect guide for anyone who works with or is around horses at all. No spoilers, but this is a truly amazing book. If you could have only one book for teaching you to work with your horse this would and should be it. If you've never read any of Pat's works before, start here. I grew up using a lot of these techniques and hadn't rode in a decade, so this is a perfect brush up on horse communications, handling, how to work with not against or bully your horse. Love that by using Pat's methods a person can take any horse really and help him/her to become a wonderful horse who is willing to work with their handler.

Natural Horse-Man-Ship has its underlying theory but it is a practical book with exercises and list of equipment that will help your horse become more responsive. The exercises have a clear description and are aided by photos. The author also encourages creativity in developing other exercises. There are photos of the easy to make, inexpensive gear. Natural Horse-Man-Ship can be

compared to studying the martial arts in that there are many levels and it takes time and practice to master each level. Actually, there are ten levels and the author claims that it takes about 500 hours of working with your horse to master a level. That's between two to five years per level. This book is the basic level and at the end there is a test you can take. Despite the fact that this is the entry-level book the exercises are still very good for all horses. My gelding could already do some things but not others. It will be a while before he learns all in this book. However, I can honestly say that the few exercises I have had time for have helped greatly. My horse seems to be more in tune to what I am asking and is more responsive. I recommend this book to all horse owners.

Interesting info but some of his general way of communicating puts me off. Just me; obviously his methods work.

I think everyone who is in anyway involved with horses should read this book. It is very well written, in simple systematic approach to help humans to understand what we have to do to help our horses to understand us. I've been training horses for many year and all the information I found in this book I had to learn hard way and it took many tries and errors to get to the point I am now in understanding a horse. This book summarizes years of experience and observation of horses nature and behavior. The book helped me to organize and reinforce my training methods. I very much recommend it, it is very easy and insightful reading. Thank you Pat Parelli, Kathy Swan and Karen Parelli for an excellent work with horses and for trying to help people to be a better horseman.

This may not be a "step by step" guide but it is perfect for obtaining a good grasp of the theory of natural horsemanship and some very good direction to work with your horse. It gives enough guidance to a beginner to start with ground work and establishing a relationship with your horse that in turn builds the confidence to make one a much better rider.

If you would like to find out about the Parelli method of Natural Horsemanship (using an understanding of how a horse thinks to train him and form a life-long bond) this is a good place to start. The writing is basic and repetitive, but it definitely gets the concepts across and gives you a blueprint for working with your horse. This is one of Pat's earlier books. Now the Parelli school of training is a world-wide enterprise with slick (and very expensive) training materials. Still, the technique is sound and gets great results!

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