

# 'The Racehorse Who Wouldn't Gallop'

## **AUTHOR**

Clare Balding was born in Hampshire, 1971 and grew up in a farm. She has a brother called Toby who was a horse trainer. When she was young, Clare thought she was a dog and was disappointed to discover she was only human. She dreamt of winning the Grand National or riding for Great Britain at the Olympics. As a television and radio presenter, Clare has worked at six Olympic games in London 2012. Clare lives in London with her wife, Alice and their dog, Archie. 'The Racehorse who wouldn't Gallop' is her first book for children.

## **ILLUSTRATOR**

Tony Ross is born in 1938 and illustrated Horrid Henry books by Francesca Simon. He also illustrated Frank Cottrell Boyce's award winning books. He trained at the Liverpool School of Art and has worked as a cartoonist and a graphic designer.

## **PLOT AND CHARACTERS**

This book is about a family called the Bass family who lived at Folly Farm. Ten year old Charlie Bass accidentally bids for a horse named Noble Warrior who won't gallop without his palomino pony friend Percy. Charlie is determined to make Noble Warrior gallop in the Derby.

## **OUR FAVOURITE PART**

Our favourite part is when Charlie waves at her best friend Polly and the auctioneer thinks Charlie is bidding for Noble Warrior and points at her.

## **RECOMMENDATION**

We definitely recommend this amazing book because



it is a funny and brilliant for children aged 6 and over. I assure the person or child that when they read it, they won't stop.



### Quick Quiz

NAME 3 of the characters in the story from the Folly Farm family.

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Who are Charlie's brothers?

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Which celebrity did Charlie meet after the race?

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