

A Horse Inspires Teachers to Reach in the Classroom

Julie Cantillon, a fifth-grade teacher in La Jolla, California having no prior history with horses began this school year with a renewed feeling and energy after reading the best selling *The Soul of a Horse: Life Lessons from the Herd*. She believes the book speaks to educators. In her own words: "I felt that *The Soul of a Horse* has many parallels to my work with (human) students. I go to Warwick's in La Jolla quite frequently and was drawn to the book because it came highly recommended. While I was browsing, I heard a couple of employees talking about how they hadn't even ridden a horse before, but they learned several life lessons (patience, persistence, etc.) through reading your account.

"I have to say that I was fascinated by the story telling! I admittedly don't know much about animals, but found it refreshing that Joe questioned so many assumptions - particularly when it came to working with horses. I feel this is true with teaching, too. There are many assumptions in the traditional schooling process that need to be questioned. Patience and respect are key ingredients that are often lacking in the educational process. Since I read the book over the summer, I had a renewed feeling beginning the school year. I remember having the feeling that Joe was talking to a group of educators at many points in the book."

New York Times education writer Jack L. Kennedy agrees. He says, "This warm, cleanly-written and simply but powerfully-drawn book is a voyage of discovery that ponders how things fit together, how we learn, why we do what we do, and how much caring and patience outweigh discipline and over-direction."

Asked if he intended such multiple layers of meaning in the book author Joe Camp said, "Absolutely. These discoveries gave birth to the sub-title: *Life Lessons from the Herd*. Somewhere along our journey, Kathleen and I both began to realize that what we were learning about relationships, leadership, persistence, and patience didn't apply just to horses, and the experience changed our lives. We're ecstatic that readers are seeing that as well."

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