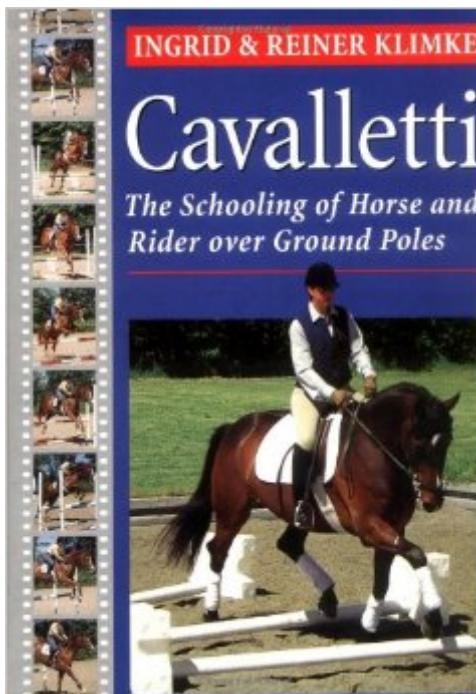


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Customer Reviews

I'm not a brave jumper and this book has really encouraged me to incorporate more ground poles and cavalletti into my regular training regime. My main interest is dressage but my enthusiasm for trying more pole and jumping work has been set alight by this book. They cover everything from the most basic information like boots for your horse, distances for different gaits and even how to adjust side reins correctly, right through to patterns and techniques to keep things interesting. The language used is simple, conversational and incredibly useful. Each topic - lunging, straight work over poles, gymnastic jumping etc - is addressed in detail with troubleshooting solutions provided for common problems. There are sample work schedules and cavalletti patterns for most objectives. This is a true working book that will be valuable to all levels of rider.

I read this the first time years ago and knew it was great. I read it again recently and was reminded by the great master Klimke just how important cavalletti work really is! This book lays out all the basics for teaching a horse to move better and to learn to jump. I recommend it for anyone wishing to train a horse. Cavalletti will improve your understanding of how to set elementary jumps and develop a standard for you to use when setting ground poles and teach a horse to jump.

I found this book to be both informative and easy to read. For any rider who does not have the option of a regular trainer, this is an excellent resource for both horse and rider. The use of Cavaletti is becoming increasingly popular for both English and Western riders. The included training plans are well thought out and extremely useful. The beautiful full color photos enhance the well written text. I highly recommend this book to young riders and experienced trainers alike.

I just love this book. I've never been so inspired to make a trip to Home Depot - I couldn't wait to build my own cavalletti and get out there and give it a try. Directions for building your own can be found here: [...] This book provides an excellent introduction to working with cavalletti and is a must have for the English rider. Easy to read, well illustrated, great schooling plans and the gymnastic jumping section at the end is an added bonus. FUN, FUN, FUN!

This book helped me immensely with training my 3 year-old standardbred and 4 year-old thoroughbred. I would recommend this book to anyone who is training their horse(s) on their own. It gives great detail in instruction and the lessons explained really do work on young and older horses.

I would recommend this book to anyone schooling a horse. The exercises are well conceived and explained and our trainer at the equestrian center has set up cavalletti courses from the examples. Our horses benefit, we riders benefit and, most of all, the courses are fun for horse and rider. Unfortunately, the book appears to be out of print currently, although there are some used copies available, at a slightly higher price. Hopefully, the publisher will reprint the book.

Not everyone knows that the late great Reiner Klimke (the most successful dressage rider of his generation who, until last week, still held the record for most Olympic dressage medals) started out as an event and show jumping rider. A back injury caused him to change discipline but he continued to incorporate his diverse experience into the training of his dressage horses. When I saw that he had collaborated with his daughter (the similarly immensely accomplished event and dressage rider Ingrid) on a revised version of his manual devoted to cavalletti, I bought it without hesitation and it has since become my most precious resource on the subject. This is a truly comprehensive handbook featuring a huge number of quality colour photographs and clear line drawings to complement the logical and extensive text. Anything you need to know about cavalletti and their proper and safe use in training horses is in the first half of this book. The second half (drawn from Ingrid's extensive international competition experience) deals with gymnastic jumping and will be

invaluable for event and show jumping riders. Great emphasis is placed on the rider's position and independent seat, the importance of following a progressive system and how it is essential to consider the horse's physical and mental comfort (sadly, these principles have become somewhat lost in the current rush for results). Every detail is covered, from tack and equipment to the distances and placement of ground poles. After an explanation of each exercise, there is a discussion of typical mistakes and how to correct them. The Appendix contains detailed exercise plans for each discipline. An essential practical handbook for both rider and trainer, and applicable to all riding disciplines.

I couldn't put this book down! Chocked full of color photos makes this pleasing to use and wonderful to leaf through for ideas and an excellent reference. A good reminder of sound, basic training principles. A great addition to any library for dressage, hunter or jumper riders.

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