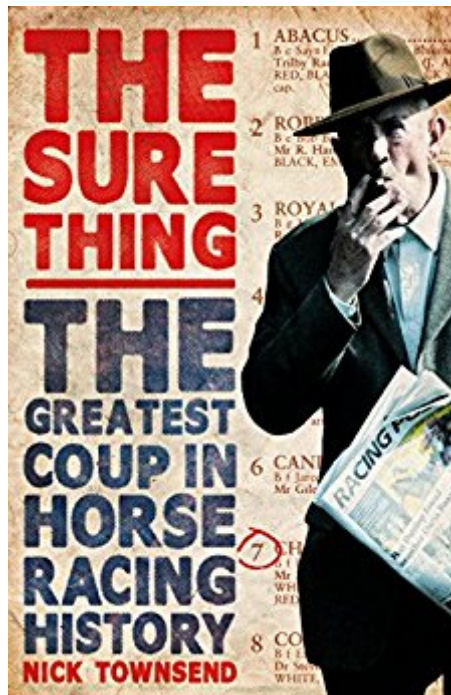




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The Sure Thing: The Greatest Coup In Horse Racing History



Synopsis

The bookies always win. But one man has been proving them wrong for four decades. In the summer of 1975 Barney Curley, a fearless and renowned gambler, masterminded one of the most spectacular gambles of all time with a racehorse called Yellow Sam. It cost the bookmakers millions of pounds. They said that it could never happen again. But in May 2010, thirty-five years after his first coup, Curley staged the ultimate multimillion pound-winning sequel. *The Sure Thing* tells the complete story of how he managed to organise the biggest gamble in racing history – and how he then followed up with yet another audacious scheme in January 2014.

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Customer Reviews

This dive into the world of British racing and betting was a fun romp ! Well written, witty and mostly fast paced, it draws the reader into the planning and execution of the biggest coup in betting history, as well as the why of it and the fascinating characters it brought together. What Barney Curley did was akin to working a 3D jigsaw puzzle with moving pieces in its complexity and sheer audacity.

The fact that it was not illegal and that Barney Curley also ran a charity from his winnings was icing on the cake. One can't help but admire both his mind and the dispensation of the wealth it brought him. We only gave it 4 stars instead of 5 because some of the betting minutiae bogged it down, but since we didn't understand it anyway, we just skimmed through and enjoyed it despite. Highly recommend!

I loved this book! I knew very little about Curley, but this book was wonderful to read. I didn't realize that he helped jockeys like Frankie Dettori and Tom Queally who rode Frankel. Also his great friend was Tommy Stack, the rider of Red Rum. Very fascinating man and I was interested in the Yellow Sam Coup and of course the one in 2010.

A good read, well described and lovely to see the punter get something back.

A fantastic, unbelievable, nerve tingling story about a man who beat the odds in every way in his life, profession and came out a winner. An absolutely wonderful read. I read it in one session because I couldn't put it down. Barney Curly, the bravest man I never met, and the coolest under pressure.

Well written book with all the details + alot of baggrund information about the charecters. Interesting Read. Could not stop after i started.

You will cheer and be amazed at the mind who gathers this all together and who has such a "touch" with horses and humans alike.

The story of a good man's battle with the bookies! Reads like a thriller. Will the man in the white hat succeed where so many fail.

Excellent book that I would highly recommend. Offers a great insight into the murky world of horse racing and gambling

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