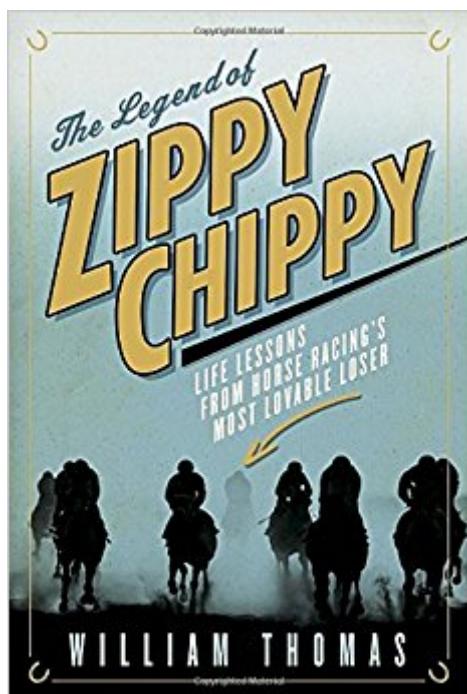


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winners.Â•Â•Lloyd Robertson, CTV News

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With the Kentucky Derby running this Saturday, one could have read a book about the great champion race horses - Secretariat, Man O' War, Bold Ruler, et al. Instead, I read this book by William Thomas about the oh for one hundred Zippy Chippy. If you are a racing fan or not, this is a fun book. It mixes racing history, sport anecdotes, and the intriguing story of the Zipster and his faithful trainer who never gave up on him. It is funny and heartfelt. There is much to learn from losing. Zippy loved to run and always showed up for work, even if he dwelt in the gate a few times. I have been to the Finger Lakes racetrack several times so I could really picture him running there. Zippy did turn out to be a winner. His memorabilia outsells stuff from champion horses like Funny Cide. He is retired and hangs out with his best horse friend at a farm in New York. I highly recommend this book.

Great story about a racehorse who unfortunately never won a race after 100 attempts despite racing his heart out. A lovable horse who now is living his last years out at Old Friends, New York.

I have come to know this horse personally. He is a resident at Old Friends at Cabin Creek, where I volunteer as a tour guide. I also remember him racing at Finger Lakes race course. You will love reading about this wonderful horse !!

I loved this book! It was a laugh out loud read, throughout its entirety! If you know and love horses, as I do, you won't be able to put this down.

I enjoyed this book and found it humorous, but the story was heavily added with tales of other sports. While these were amusing and analogous to Zippy Chippy, it broke up the flow of the story a bit. Any fan of the underdog, humor or sports will find reading this a charming way to pass the time.

A great read to which ALL of us can relate too. Highly recommended for horse lovers as well as

everyone who cheers for the " underdogs " in life.

Good read, but too lengthy, seemed to go on and on, but considering Zippy ran and lost 100 races maybe not. Loved the characters, and trainers love for the horse.

Entertaining story. I also really enjoyed the history and background on racing since I don't have any direct experience into that world.

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