



The perfect Christmas gift for any racing aficionado, *Bayardo* is the story, told for the first time, of a great racehorse and trainer, an eccentric owner and a legendary jockey...

Bayardo was arguably one of the greatest racehorses of the Twentieth Century. During his career spanning three seasons, he won 22 races from 25 starts including ten that today form part of 'the Pattern', of which six were Group One races. He was also remarkably versatile with race wins notched on his illustrious CV over distances ranging from five furlongs to two and half miles. His full story is told for the first time by Peter Corbett in *Bayardo, the Life, Times and Legacy of an Edwardian Champion*

Trained by the masterful Alec Taylor at the historic Manton stables, Marlborough, Bayardo was owned by the eccentric 'Mr Fairie' whose early life would not even be credible in a work of fiction and who subsequently became a figure most were scared to approach. His jockey, was the great Danny Maher, who was part of the "American invasion" of the early part of the Twentieth Century. *Bayardo* depicts how he was accompanied by some very unsavoury characters, whose nefarious activities permanently changed racing in Britain, and details their colourful lives and achievements, together with their eventful and, on occasions, volatile relationships.

A far from straightforward racehorse with numerous quirky habits on and off the track, Bayardo was considered "un-genuine" by a critical and vocal group who always doubted him. However, he gloriously refuted all such opinions with a performance in the Ascot Gold Cup which has never been surpassed in the history of the race.

The ways of Edwardian life are also illustrated within the book, with all its excesses and sometimes squalor, during a period of considerable change as Britain was swept unknowingly towards the horrors of the Great War.

*Bayardo* complete with 68 stunning pictures is on sale now at £23. For a list of stockists visit [www.bayardo-champion.co.uk](http://www.bayardo-champion.co.uk)

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