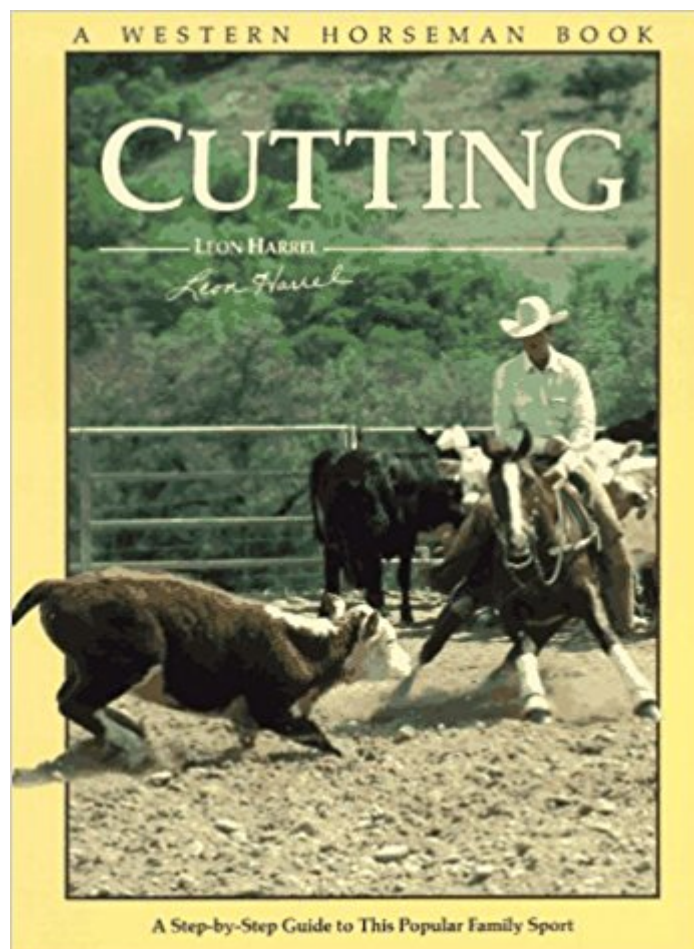


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# Cutting (Western Horseman Books)



## Synopsis

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## Customer Reviews

This guide explains everything a person needs to know to get started in cutting, how to ride a cutting horse, how to acquire a good beginner's horse, what equipment is needed, how the scoring system works, training cutting horses, and showing to win. (8 x 11, 144 pages, b&w photos)

I have only read 10-15 pages, but thus far I find the book to be very helpful, explaining fundamentals of riding and competing in cutting. The book is a little dated, but the substance is very current and relevant, with well placed illustrations.

Leon Harrell is one of the "greats" of the cutting world and the description in the front of the book on how he won one of his titles will give you chills! I wish he had spent a little more time on how to get started, however, instead of just assuming that the reader already is involved in the cutting world. It's kind of a tight community and a bit closed off.

The book told me what to watch for during a contest. It also said how Mr. Harrel picks and trains his

prospects in a manner that I could understand.

This book is great. I have only skimmed it, but its better than I expected. This is an old time reference book (well at least the book is aged and out of print.) I believe this was printer in the 70s. This is a great reference book.

Bought this along with Mr. Harrel's cutting video for my husband for his birthday. He is just starting out in cutting. It was a big hit--very helpful, easy to read and lots of information. We highly recommend this book or anything by Mr. Harrel if you are looking for guidance in cutting

My son really enjoyed this book and can't wait to go see cutting competitions in Fort Worth Texas again. I may go with him!

I think this step-by-step guide was very helpful and informative. The illustrations were great and helped me to understand the point of what was being said. Well put together :-)

Written by a two-time winner of the National Cutting Horse Association's Futurity and member of the NCHA Hall of Fame, Leon Harrell's folksy and illuminating cutting horse text is an excellent introduction to this sport. Harrell addresses the basic concerns of the novice cutter (and those who are wondering whether this is the sport for them at all) in understandable and clear terms. He offers tips on everything from selection of tack to finding the right horse, provides detailed descriptions of his training methods, and details the rules of cutting competition. Harrell's anecdotes provide effective illustrations of his training techniques and also let the novice know what to expect in competition. He is generous with advice to the newcomer and also with praise to those who have helped him become the NCHA Hall of Famer he now is. One of the most attractive features of this well-organized, beautifully-illustrated, clearly-written text is simply the feel of the book. Harrell writes about his horses like a man who loves them. His training methods are geared toward getting the most out of a horse, and making the horse enjoy it. He describes cutting as an exciting yet friendly sport, and when he advises the rookie cutter to ask for help from the best riders at a competition, the reader gets the feeling that anyone who asked Harrell for help would get all they needed. He describes his great horses (Smart Date, Nu Bar, Fizzabar, and the rest) with real respect and affection, and when he casually remarks, "I thought the world of [Fizzabar] and the mare thought quite a bit of me" the reader understands why. Leon Harrell has made a fine career of training

horses. He is especially good with the spooky, sensitive ones. After reading this book it is easy to understand why. Leon Harrell is an admirable trainer. He's clearly not too shabby as a man, either. If I am ever in Texas with a young cutting horse, I know who I'll call for advice.

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