



## ***Black Beauty***

by **Anna Sewell (1820-1878)**

*Black Beauty* is a fictional memoir told by a horse, who recounts many tales of his life, both of cruelty and kindness. The book was composed in the last years of Sewell's life, during which she was confined to her house as an invalid. After its publication in 1877, Sewell lived just long enough to see her first and only novel become an immediate bestseller, as well as it encouraging the better treatment of animals.

Although initially intended for people who work with horses, *Black Beauty* soon became a children's classic. Sewell's detailed observations and extensive descriptions of horse behaviour lends the novel a good deal of verisimilitude. While outwardly teaching animal welfare, it also contains lessons about how to treat people with kindness, sympathy and respect.

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