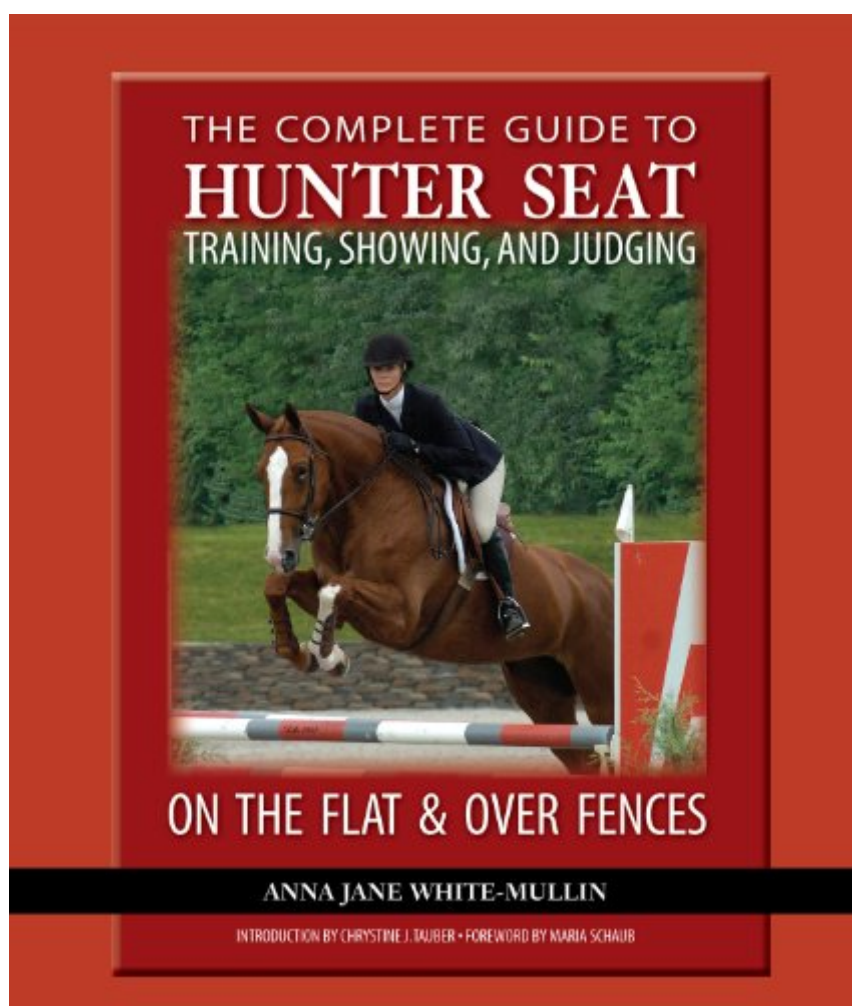


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# The Complete Guide To Hunter Seat Training, Showing, And Judging: On The Flat And Over Fences



## Synopsis

Written by an expert clinician and judge, this is the first truly comprehensive manual on training horses and riders for hunter seat competitions. The opening chapters describe the best training methods, from flatwork and walking courses to advanced jumping exercises involving cavalletti and gymnastics, all set within a sound overall training program. The technical aspects of judging are covered in later chapters, with full details on scoring for all classes, including conformation, under saddle, hunter over fences, equitation on the flat, and equitation over fences. A final round of hints and tips for show day provides an insider's look at what officials are really thinking as they write their judge cards.

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## Customer Reviews

I had previously used Anna Jane's book on Judging Hunter Seat Equitation and loved it - this book surpasses that one! The photographs are excellent, descriptive, and complete the narrative. The line drawings are an excellent way to assist students in understanding what we are trying to convey. The explanations of correct execution of the tests are superb. I also coach an interscholastic riding

team and testing is required, so I have begun using these explanations to enhance the weekly work. I have recommended this book to other trainers and my riding students and will continue to share it with others.

I host monthly horse shows at my farm (Rivermont Farm) in NW GA and several years back I noticed one of my judges had a book sitting in front of her titled "Judging Hunters and Hunter Seat Equitation". This was the first time I was introduced to Anna Jane White Mullin. This judge told me her book was a must have for anyone in the hunter world. I began reading Anna Jane's books from that point on and have highly recommended them to my students and friends in the horse world. Anna Jane has such a wonderful way of explaining everything to where anyone can understand. I have no doubt you will not be disappointed in any of Anna Jane White Mullin's books!

I purchased the book after 20 years in the saddle riding equitation and training hunters. I hadn't had a good riding lesson in years... One where I was challenged, received good information, or was told anything I didn't already know. At less than the cost of just one riding lesson, this book is going to put bad instructors out of business left and right! For advanced riders who are ready to train on their own and just want to know what the expert has to say about training and showing this book answers questions you didn't even know you had, and it is filled with photos and diagrams. The section on judging was incredible, after reading it over I'm even thinking about studying some more and experimenting next summer along those lines. Every rider should have a copy of this book! Especially the newly formed "natural horsemanship" crowd, as there is not a speck of cruelty in this book, rather, guidance on forming a better bond with your horse through the logical and kind methods of classical training.

Bought this book as a visual to accompany my ongoing equitation lessons. What a wonderful addition to the library. The best part about this book are the pictures and diagrams. It wasn't until I was able to see where and what each limb was supposed to be doing in a diagram that my instructors words finally clicked. Highly recommend this book for anyone who is struggling with coordination of hands, feet, legs, head, eyes, etc.

Anna Jane's updated "Guide to Hunter Seat" builds on her previous two books. Her systematic approach begins with the basics and smoothly transitions through the steps to become a more proficient rider. The judging section is not just for judges, it helps prepare the rider for the ring by

exploring performance and skills through the judge's eyes. There are many valuable topics related to solving problems with both the rider and horse. All of this is supported by an array of illustrations and spectacular color images demonstrating the proper movements. This is an excellent guide for riders at any level and provides the tools to successfully train and compete.

This book does show you the basics, but it goes much deeper than that, with photos to illustrate along the way. This book is extremely informative, but it isn't difficult to read. Once I had read this, I was excited to go out and try what I learned on my horse. I really like that it had both a training section, and the judging section. I feel like it gave me a full picture on what goals I should be setting. I think a good way to gauge whether you will like this book would be to check out the author's website. She has a few articles she's written on there, so read them and if you like what you see, buy this book!

This book covers so much required of a modern, competitive hunter horse and rider, with excellent detail from flatwork through to jumping. Really rapt to have bought it!

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