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**Jim Bolus : The Insider's Pocket Guide to Horse Racing** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised The Insider's Pocket Guide to Horse Racing:

1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Good for what it is.By Robert BeveridgeJim Bolus, The Insider's Pocket Guide to Horse Racing (Taylor Press, 1990)The main problem with The Insider's Pocket Guide to Horse Racing is the copy on the back. As with most Thoroughbred-themed books aimed at the adult populace (save biographies of great horses), the copy on the back cover promises you that The Insider's Pocket Guide to Horse Racing will tell you how to pick winners. And, to the copywriters' credit, Bolus does spend some time introducing the reader to the fundamentals of handicapping. That is not, however, the book's sole, or for that matter, main goal. The Insider's etc. makes a good overall introduction to the game; Bolus spends more time introducing the reader to then-current lists of the top trainers and jockeys, and giving brief bios of them (as well as interview excerpts), letting the reader know about the country's most beautiful tracks, and other such things, than he does teaching the reader how to handicap a horse race. All of which, of course, is entirely well and good, and certainly has its place. If you're expecting a handicapping manual, all you're likely to see is about an hundred pages of filler.Filler, however, it is not. It's a solid intro to the world of horse racing. Buy copies for your friends who don't know that, at the track, a fog isn't something green and croaking, and grabbing a quarter doesn't mean you're broke and need to call home. \*\*\*

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From Library Journal With separate chapters on how to read a racing form, what to watch for during the race, the basics of betting, weight and other factors, and how to handicap, the first half of this book is too general to be helpful to the novice and too simplistic for the experienced bettor. Newspaperman Bolus doesn't fully explain place and show betting, and sees nothing wrong with betting your birthday as a handicapping strategy. The second half contains capsule biographies of great active jockeys and trainers, the nine best racetracks in America, ten great races, award winners, a glossary, and breeding terms. The last three are the most valuable for reference. Not recommended as a trackside guide.- Susan Hamburger, Virginia State Lib. Archives, Richmond Copyright 1990 Reed Business Information, Inc.