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Description:

Heartland is a horse farm with the special mission of healing abused or neglected horses and finding them new homes. Fifteen-year-old Amy works alongside her talented mother, a gifted horse trainer who uses techniques similar to those of the trainer in *The Horse Whisperer*. While rescuing an abandoned stallion in a thunderstorm, Amy's mother is killed when a falling tree hits their car, and everything at Heartland--and everything in Amy's life--is thrown into turmoil. Amy's older sister, Lou, leaves her job to come to Heartland to help, and Amy begins to cope with the new circumstances of her life, relying on her work with her beloved horses to help her face the future without her mom.

Fans of the Saddle Club, Pine Hollow, and Thoroughbred series of horse novels will enjoy this

sensitively told story that combines lots of authentic horse-farm details with Amy's challenges in dealing with her bossy older sister and her mom's sudden death. The story of Heartland is continued in . (Ages 8 to 12) --*Marcie Bovetz*

From Gr. 4-7. This first volume of a projected paperback series introduces a Virginia horse farm run by the Fleming family. Heartland specializes in helping horses with behavior problems. When Mrs. Fleming dies, 15-year-old Amy begins working through her grief by following in her mother's footsteps, helping a pony whose master has died and a show horse nervous around trailers. Meanwhile, practical older sister Lou tries to put the business end of the farm in order. There are hints of budding romance and rivalries with a neighboring farm, as well as family issues that need resolving, which will presumably to be tackled in future books. The writing style is unexceptional; emotions are intense throughout, and there are a lot of characters introduced and many loose ends, all expected in a first book. But horse lovers who have devoured and outgrown such series as Pony pals may like this, especially the idea that someone can work with troubled horses and have a normal teenage life at the same time. *Catherine Andronik*
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