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### 内容概要

ANNA SEWELL WROTE only one book. While sick in bed, she penned the story that would become one of the most loved ever written--an autobiography of a gallant black horse named Black Beauty.

Anna was born on March 20, 1820, in Great Yarmouth in the east of England. Raised as a Quaker, she learned compassion for animals at an early age. Anna's mother, Mary Wright Sewell, was a successful children's writer, and Anna learned the craft of writing by editing her mother's work.

Anna suffered a bone disease, and a fall at age fourteen left her crippled. She walked with a crutch, but could ride and drive well, often controlling horses by her voice alone. When the family could afford to keep a horse, Anna would drive her father, a bank manager, to work every day.

Her health, never strong after her injury, failed, and for the last ten years of her life Sewell was bedridden. When faced with a poor prognosis of survival, she began writing a story that she hoped would change the way people treated their horses. The story became Black Beauty, The Autobiography of a Horse, published in ~1877, a groundbreaking novel told from the point of view of a horse.

Anna Sewell died before she could see the phenomenal success of her book. Black Beauty sold thirty million copies in the next one hundred years (a fiction record), was the basis for multiple motion pictures, and inspired a popular series of children's books about horses through history. Sewell probably would have valued the book's success at reform more highly, however. Black Beauty made

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