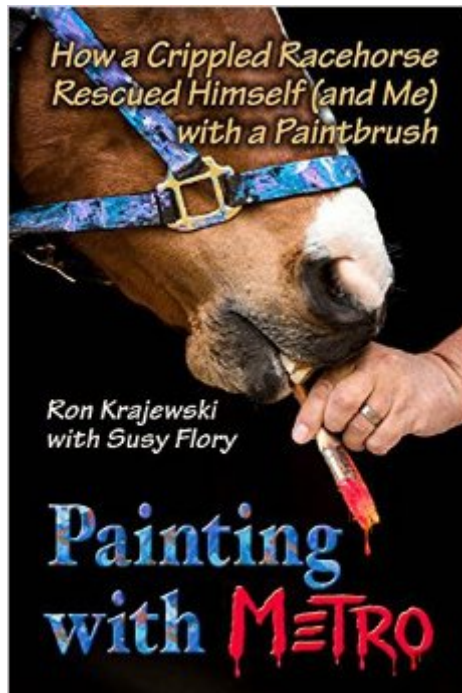


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# Painting With Metro: How A Crippled Racehorse Rescued Himself (and Me) With A Paintbrush



## Synopsis

With all the magic and wonder of a Disney movie, *Painting with Metro: How a Crippled Racehorse Rescued Himself (and Me) with a Paintbrush* by Ron Krajewski (with New York Times best-selling author Susy Flory) tells an inspirational story. Ron is a shy, Gulf War Air Force veteran. Metro Meteor is a feisty, bad-kneed two-year-old Thoroughbred racehorse destined for the slaughterhouse. An unlikely pairing, the two bonded through art: creating stunning abstract paintings to be exact. Each painting brought much needed strength and hope, plus a new lease on life to both man and horse. For Metro, painting became an escape from a death sentence; for Ron it meant overcoming his extreme introversion. Today, Metro and Ron have used their fame to highlight the perilous nature of the racing industry. Thousands of Thoroughbreds are bred for racing each year, but only five to ten percent ever see a racecourse. Unless they are lucky enough to find another career, these horses are disposed of. To date, Metro's paintings have raised over \$50,000 for New Vocations Racehorse Adoption Program, and he and Ron are regulars on TV, radio, and print, spreading the message that "every horse deserves a loving home."

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## Customer Reviews

Sure, I'm a fan; Metro (and Ron K, of course), are quiet heroes! I knew they were providing New Vocations the chance to save many other retired racehorses, with funds from Metro's painting supporting medical rehabilitation and adoption efforts for many. And I knew I loved Metro's propensity for creating vibrant abstract art, as I have his work all over my house. What I didn't know was that the human author has something in common with me: a childhood love of watching those

beautiful track runners and a wish to keep them safe. Reading this book has allowed me to understand more, appreciate more and get to love even more the horse himself. Caring for animals is personal for me, and it's obviously personal for Ron K, but it was surely serendipity that led Metro and Ron to each other. Now we all get to enjoy a really good story about the two of them, The style is easy and engaging, and this tale of a tragedy averted is just what people need to keep their spirits up in these troubled times. Metro's story is proof positive of the ripple effect of good deeds!

I have been a follower of Metro and his great art (I own 6 of his paintings). I have a love of horses and feel badly for the tragic loss of such great and beautiful animals as they come off the track with absolutely no safety net. Metro's story is unique because Metro is unique. In reading the book it was nice to have everything filled in about his parents and childhood and what makes Metro, Metro. Recently I saw one of City Zips son's up for adoption. I wish more programs, such as New Vocations, were available to these horses or that the Horse Racing Industry require rehab and placement of these animals before they can even be registered to race. This is quite a unique journey for both Ron and Metro. Hopefully this book will sell extremely well and help enlighten people about the plight of these wonderful race horses and the value and love they can bring for their next 20 - 30 years after racing. Man o' War lived until he was 30 years old. These horses have so much to give. Thanks to Ron for loving Metro as much as he does and for bringing his story and art to the world.

I generally prefer fiction to anything nonfiction, but I have been a fan of Metro's and Ron's artwork for awhile. I have a number of their paintings or prints. I was also lucky enough to get an autographed by Metro - really! - copy of the book. I also really enjoyed reading Roselle's - Thunder Dog - story by Susy Flory. The nice thing about this book is that you can read it straight through, in large chunks, or simply a chapter at a time as individually, they are not long. It makes it easy to read in stages or when you only have a few minutes. A plus for a book, in my opinion. The early chapters detail both man and horse's formative years before fate brought them together. The book does not bog down with minute details but only highlights the key items that the author feels shapes who they are. Ultimately, it is a story of transformation and redemption, in my opinion. There is no sugar coating the issues both had before their collaboration. We could all benefit from the human animal bond these two share. The value of the lifesaving treatments Metro was able to receive because of his human's creativity and persistence cannot be over stated. The fact that their work is also being used to save the lives of other horses is gobs of gooey icing on the cake. The book is a pretty fast

and enjoyable read and should be added to everybody's book list.

This is such an amazing book, as is Metro's entire story. The best part of the book is the message that all horses deserve a happy ending! So many people get horses for all the wrong reasons, and only think about how the horses can benefit the owners. Then when the horse is no longer a "winner" or they have outgrown the horse phase, their horses are discarded. Not many people get it, and the Krajewski's attitude is so incredibly refreshing. It is a LIFETIME commitment! I love their dedication to giving Metro the time, attention, and care that he needs to get him through his physical and behavior issues. I salute them for not considering the option of returning him after he bit Wendy, but instead taking time he needed. We have 2 Metro paintings, and he is a very talented boy! Highly recommended to all true horse lovers!!!

I am in love with this book, and sad that it is almost finished. Just sitting in a quiet room I get so engrossed with all that Ron did for his horse Metro. There were literally times when I woke the cats because I was laughing so loudly. Also there are times when I feel like I am right in Metro's stall with him 'being Metro'. This has to be one of the best books I have read in a very long time. The way it is written puts you right there with Ron, or Ron and Metro. So many quotes I would love to say, but that would spoil it for the reader. All in all a fabulous read!

This is a story that all ages will enjoy! A true story, written so well about a horse who is loved. I was blessed to be part of the group who read along as the words were brought to life before my eyes. Metro is a gift, and all of you who read this book will see the reality of what it means to make a difference. This book is a treasure to me, and all of those who love Metro and his family. Just today received my books, and will be ordering more!! Can't wait to begin reading this to my Dad, who's in a nursing home...it will be something to share with him and can't wait!! Just know, this should be a movie, and hope it will be someday. It does make you feel everything, as it was written so well, and heartfelt. Thanks for the opportunity to share my thoughts of these wonderful people who give so much, and love Metro!!

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