

Book Review

Rimfire

The Barrel Racing Morgan Horse

by Ellen F. Feld

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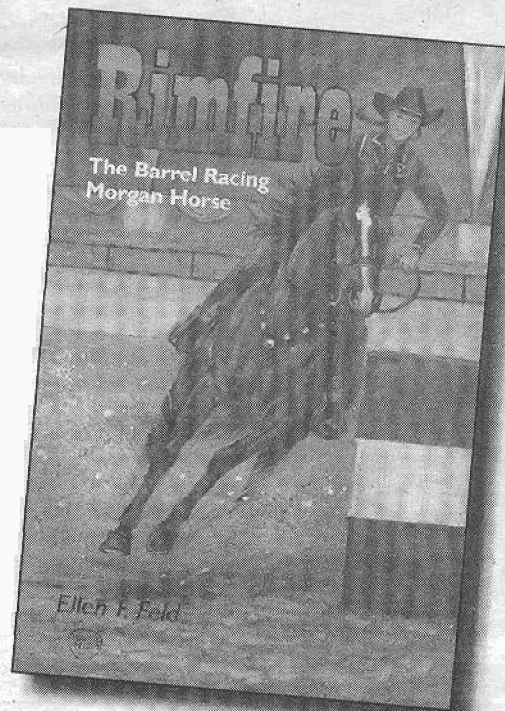
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The entire set of Morgan Horse books by Ellen Feld—*Blackjack*, *Dreaming of a Morgan Horse*; *Frosty*, *The Adventures of a Morgan Horse*; *Rusty*, *The High-Flying Morgan Horse*; *Robin*, *The Lovable Morgan Horse*; *Annie*, *The Mysterious Morgan Horse*; *Shadow*, *The Curious Morgan Horse*—makes seven with *Rimfire*, *The Barrel Racing Morgan Horse*. I've read a few of them, but my teenage granddaughter has read them all.

The fictional *Rimfire* is a great story about the Gang from Gallant Morgans Farm centered around teen Heather Richardson who goes to Oklahoma for a short vacation with her folks and gets hooked to the maximum on barrel racing in all its exciting forms. It takes her awhile to learn that controlled speed is cool. When she returns home to Maine she convinces her friend Nicholas and his family to buy *Rimfire* and sign on for the excitement of the sport. He does, *Rimfire* excels, and Heather adds another horse into her world. This one is another blast, like the other Morgans she owns.

Where modesty is a hallmark of Heather's personality, it certainly shows in this story. In *Rimfire*, her honesty is



confounded by impetuous judgement and, ultimately as the story unfolds, courage and love for horses sets everything straight. Above all, *Rimfire* is the story of how friendship prevails. The author's son, Nicholas, won the real *Rimfire* in a national essay contest sponsored by the Berkshire Morgan Youth Club. If you have kids who love horses you could do no better than familiarize them with this series.

Fasten the gate,

Bob Howdy, PhD