## Sham: In the Shadow of Superhorse Revised -The Definitive Biography of the Legendary Racehorse



### SHAM: In the Shadow of a Superhorse - Revised

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In the annals of horse racing, the name Sham will forever be linked to that of Secretariat. In the 1973 Belmont Stakes, Sham finished second to Secretariat in one of the most thrilling races in history. But Sham was more than just a footnote in Secretariat's story. He was a great racehorse in his own right, winning 14 of his 21 starts and earning over \$1 million in prize money.

*Sham: In the Shadow of Superhorse Revised* is the definitive biography of this legendary racehorse. Joe Hirsch, a renowned horse racing writer, has spent years researching Sham's life and career. The result is a fascinating and in-depth look at one of the most underappreciated horses in history.

Hirsch begins by tracing Sham's lineage back to some of the most famous horses in American history. Sham's sire, Princequillo, was a leading sire in the 1950s and 1960s. His dam, Retread, was a stakes-winning mare who produced several other successful racehorses.

Sham was foaled in 1970 at Claiborne Farm in Kentucky. He was a large and powerful colt, with a dark bay coat and a white blaze. Sham's early life was not without its challenges. He was orphaned as a foal and had to be hand-raised. But he overcame these obstacles and developed into a promising racehorse.

Sham made his racing debut in 1972 at the age of two. He won his first two starts and quickly established himself as a top contender in the juvenile division. Sham finished the year with a record of 5-1-1, including a win in the Champagne Stakes.

In 1973, Sham continued his winning ways. He won the Wood Memorial Stakes and the Kentucky Derby, setting himself up as the favorite for the Belmont Stakes. The Belmont Stakes was a rematch of the Kentucky Derby, with Sham facing off against Secretariat. Secretariat was the overwhelming favorite, but Sham gave him a run for his money. Sham led for most of the race, but Secretariat caught him in the stretch and won by a nose.

The Belmont Stakes was the defining moment of Sham's career. He finished second to one of the greatest racehorses of all time, but he proved that he was a great horse in his own right. Sham retired from racing in 1974 and went on to a successful career as a sire.

Sham: In the Shadow of Superhorse Revised is a must-read for any fan of horse racing. It is a fascinating and in-depth look at one of the most underappreciated horses in history. Joe Hirsch has done a masterful job of capturing Sham's life and career. This book is a valuable addition to the literature of horse racing and is sure to be enjoyed by readers for years to come.

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