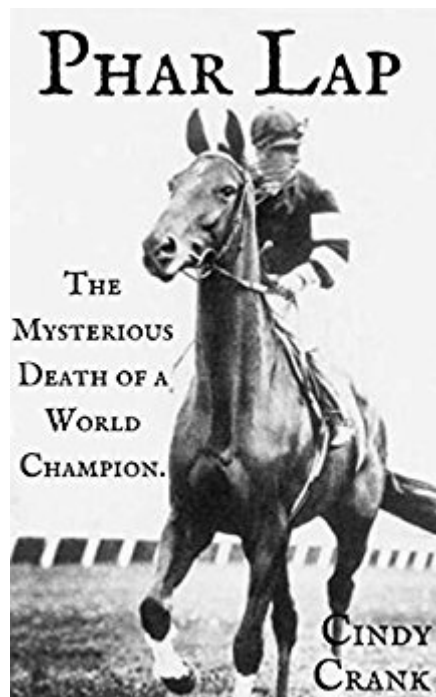




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Synopsis

Everything you knew about the death of champion racehorse Phar Lap is probably wrong. The Great Depression descended upon the world in 1929, and Phar Lap, a gangly legged, spotty faced horse with few redeeming features made his first inauspicious steps onto the racecourses of Australia. He won just one race after four starts and was the brunt of more than a few jokes. Yet, from 1930 to 1932 he would win 32 races including the prestigious Melbourne Cup and the Agua Caliente in Mexico. Just weeks later, the horse who had given people a ray of hope and a reason to smile amidst grinding poverty and unemployment was dead. His demise had all the elements of an international whodunit including possible poisonings and mafia involvement. The suspected causes of Phar Lap's death have swirled around like chaff thrown to the wind for decades and the world thought they had heard them all. Until now. Tommy Woodcock, Phar Lap's groom, had harbored a terrible secret since 1932. When the secret was finally revealed, the tragic tale of Phar Lap's death had just taken another twisted turn and the stunning revelation shocked and shamed the nation that loved "Bobby" and those associated with the "Red Terror". Nothing in the Phar Lap saga was as it seemed.

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Customer Reviews

I saw the movie of Phar Lap and always wondered what really happened. I loved the love story that he shared with his trainer also.

This is a fascinating story and I was very moved by reading about the relationship that Phar Lap had with Tommy Woodcock including separation anxiety when they were apart. There is a lot of interesting history in this book including the way the horse evolved from his initial appearance as unremarkable to a wonder horse. The mystery of his early tragic death showed a number of possible causes. Ms. Crank takes us through the various possibilities to the stunning confession. The deep friendship between the groomer and Phar Lap, his rise to fame and very interesting facts revealed in autopsies about why certain horses including Secretariat have superior abilities makes this a fascinating read.. I look forward to other works by Ms. Crank.

I loved that this book was easy to read but packed with lots of historical information. I would highly recommend it to anyone interested in horses or even mysteries. I like that the end gives you the cause of death for Phar Lap, I'm not sure I could have dealt with not knowing! This book would also entertain people who enjoy mysteries, but don't know much about horses. The writer is very descriptive and explanatory when using more technical horse terms. Overall great book, I look forward to seeing more from the author!

This is a very interesting read for anyone who enjoys a mystery, or of course, all those who like horses and horse racing. Well written and concise, it opens our eyes to another of the racing industry's secrets. Kudos to well known writer and horse enthusiast Cindy Crank. I look forward to her next one!

OK - it was only 99 cents, but... wow, was it brief. Worth what I paid for it, I guess, although you could probably learn as much by googling.

Just not very good writing and several editing errors.

bounced around too much with too much innuendos...

Was expecting some new information, but there was none. Only more speculation. No answers. Which is a shame because so many people really want to know what happened to this great horse

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