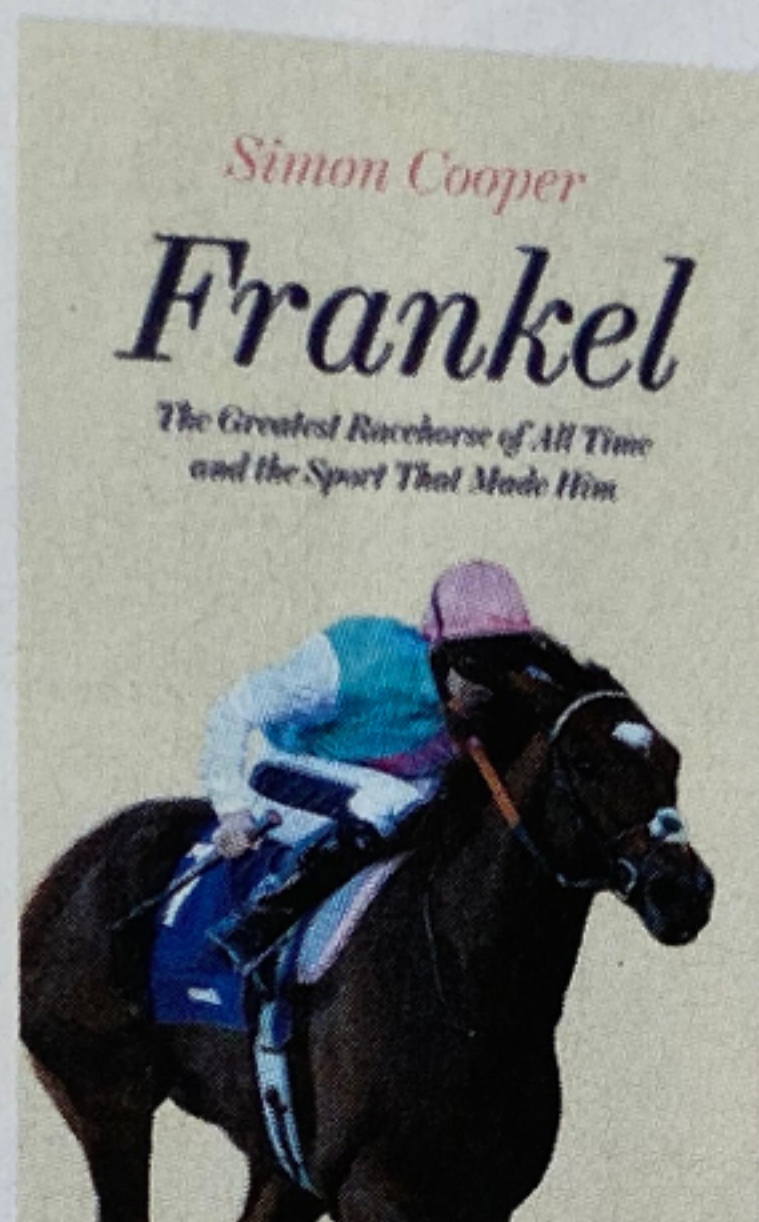


FRANKEL

You know the name, the legendary trainer and those colours. You might even know the statistics: unbeaten over 14 major races; the longest unbeaten streak in Europe for more than 60

years. Frankel is a horse like no other. But what made him into the greatest racehorse of all time?

Simon Cooper's book charts the story of Frankel's early life and subsequent racing career. It is well-researched and written with an enthusiast's brio. Moreover, it is utterly engrossing. I read it in one sitting, swept up in the strands of Frankel's history and the roll call of legendary people



and places: Juddmonte, Coolmore, Warren Place, Gallileo.

Frankel's story is an extraordinary one and Cooper tells it in an easy, compelling style, from stableyard, to stud to stalls

over 22 chapters.

A standalone section at the end describing the Newmarket 11 (the horses that ran alongside the legend in his first race) and what happened to them forms a neat context.

Cooper takes the reader on an equine pilgrimage, all the more thrilling as the object of veneration is still just 12 years old and standing at stud near Newmarket.

By Simon Cooper
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