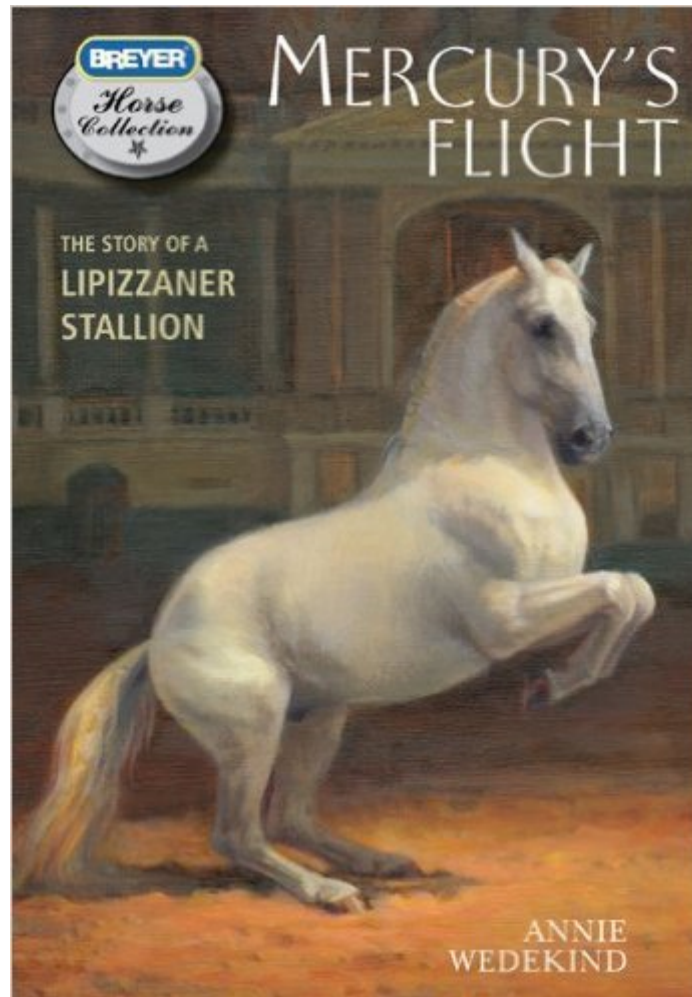


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# Mercury's Flight: The Story Of A Lipizzaner Stallion (Breyer Horse Collection)



## Synopsis

Our "American Girl" series of horses, each novel in the Breyer Horse Collection "based on Breyer Animal Creations"™ top-selling horse breeds "tells a compelling story that captures the true essence and personality of each horse. And now, for the first time, we have a historical novel. Annie Wedekind takes us back to Europe in World War II "a time and place that tested the courage of the noble Lipizzaner horses. In 1930s Austria, life for Favory Mercurio, a Lipizzaner stallion bearing the crest of the renowned Piber stud, begins with his mother's abandonment. From that moment on, the young horse feels different, as if he has a missing piece " even though, despite his doubters, he has talent enough to be accepted into the famed Spanish Riding School. Slowly, but doggedly, Mercury perseveres through the rigors of his years of training. But then, as the war bears down on Vienna and the school is forced to flee two advancing armies, his beloved trainer and rider, Max, with whom he has formed a true bond, is suddenly gone, and Mercury is abandoned once more. Will he have the chance to become one of the great Lipizzaner stallions, or will he lose the people, horses, and home that he loves?

## Book Information

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Age Range: 8 - 13 years

Grade Level: 3 and up

## Customer Reviews

Annie Wedekind has proven her talent again in this beautifully written story. Narrated by the character, just like in Samirah's Ride, Mercury's Flight follows the story of Favory Mercurio, or "Schneckki", as he was sometimes called, from his early life at Piber with his step-mother to his later life after WWII. Though there were some fictionalized parts (Wedekind pointed out these in the Author's Note), there was the humor and exciting, dramatic story-telling familiar throughout all of Wedekind's books. There were also footnotes explaining about different events/real people mentioned and the Australian/German words used throughout the book. I thoroughly enjoyed this book and would highly recommend it. It is a close match to Marguerite Henry's "White Stallion of Lipizza," and another great installment in the Breyer Horse Collection.

Any horse crazy girl, or young women will love this book. It tells you a lot about Lippizaners history and training methods. A delightful book.

thank you Annie Wedekind for another beautiful horse novel for young girls. I wish we had more written so well.

Bought as a gift. The kiddo really enjoyed it. Well written, I was told, and engaging.

my friends and me HATE this book. we're reading it for reading class and it's going SOOO slow!!! i bet i could read the whole Harry Potter series in the time we're reading Murcury's Flight.

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