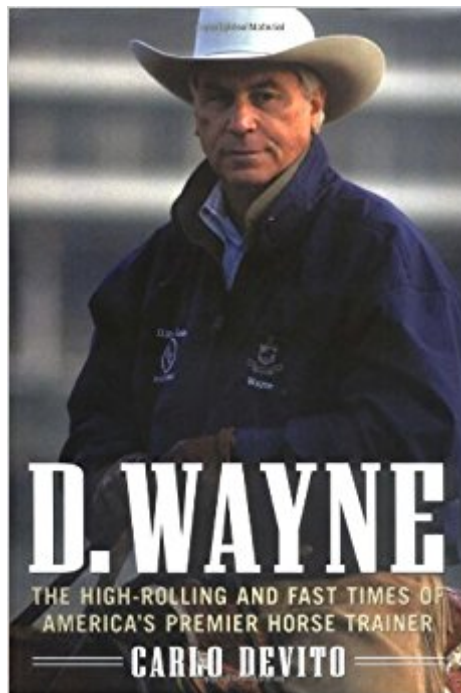




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# D. Wayne: The High-Rolling And Fast Times Of America's Premier Horse Trainer



## Synopsis

The first biography of the most successful and controversial horse trainer of all timeHis methods have been ridiculed, his business tactics declared questionable, and his plans derided. Yet, not even the most stiff-necked Southern patrician can deny that D. Wayne Lukas is the most successful horse trainer in history. In 1999, Lukas became the first trainer to surpass \$200 million in earnings. He has won 12 Triple Crown events (including 6 in a row)13 Breeders' Cups, 4 Kentucky Derbies, 5 Preaknesses, and 3 Belmonts. If horse racing is the sport of kings, then D. Wayne Lukas is surely its emperor. Now, in *D. Wayne*--the first book-length biography of D. Wayne Lukas--sportswriter Carlo DeVito tells the riveting life story of the man known throughout the sports world as the "Vince Lombardi of horse racing."He reveals the unorthodox business tactics D. Wayne used to wrest control of thoroughbred racing away from the handful of wealthy families who had held it for two centuries and to change the business forever. And with the help of candid interviews with Lukas rivals and fans, colleagues and competitors, and others, Carlo DeVito paints a fascinating portrait of the man who embodies Americans' most cherished images of themselves--self-made man, innovator, and cowboy. The first biography of the most successful--and controversial--horse trainer of all time D. Wayne Lukas has trained more winners, won more races, and amassed a greater fortune than any horse trainer in history. His unorthodox methods as well as his stormy personal life have also earned him a celebrity traditionally reserved for movie stars and big-league athletes. Now, in *D. Wayne*, journalist Carlo DeVito provides us with an intimate look into the life, times, and complex personality of one of the most colorful entrepreneurial mavericks of all time.

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His methods have been ridiculed, his business tactics questioned, and his plans derided. Yet not even the most stiff-necked Southern patrician can deny that D. Wayne Lukas is the most successful horse trainer in history. In 1999 Lukas became the first trainer to surpass \$200 million in earnings. During the course of his career, he has saddled more than a thousand stakes winners. He has trained twenty Eclipse champions (including two that won Horse of the Year awards) and has been the nation's leading money-winning trainer fourteen times, having hit the all-time single-season record of \$17.8 million in 1988. He's won thirteen Triple Crown races--including a record-breaking six in a row--counting up four Kentucky Derbies, five Preaknesses, and four Belmonts. He also is the all-time winningest Breeders' Cup trainer, with fifteen victories. This revolutionary genius has also trained an entire generation of hot young trainers that has already begun to leave its mark on the world of horse racing. In short, if horse racing is the sport of kings, then D. Wayne Lukas is undoubtedly its emperor. Now, in this first book-length biography of D. Wayne Lukas, sportswriter Carlo DeVito tells the riveting life story of the man known throughout the sports world as the "Vince Lombardi of horse racing." DeVito traces Lukas's career from his days as a basketball coach to his rise in quarter-horse racing, from his emergence as a driving force in thoroughbred racing to his induction in the Horse Racing Hall of Fame. He reveals the controversial strategies and business tactics D. Wayne employed to wrest control of thoroughbred racing from the handful of wealthy families who had held it for two centuries. Using more than five hundred articles and interviews with Lukas, rivals and fans, colleagues and competitors, wives, and friends, author Carlo DeVito paints a fascinating portrait of a man who embodies Americans' most cherished images of

themselves--self-made man, innovator, and cowboy. The first biography of the most successful and notorious horse trainer of all time, D. Wayne is must reading not only for horse-racing aficionados but for everyone who finds inspiration in tales of true grit and determination along the road to the winner's circle of life. Praise for D. Wayne "Winning isn't everything, but it's the principal goal in all sports. Wayne Lukas has accomplished it with skill, dedication, attention to detail, panache and controversy more than any horse trainer before him. It's a fascinating story from starting gate to finish line." --Jim McKay, ABC Sports Emmy-winning journalist and commentator, Olympics and "Wide World of Sports" "A fascinating look into the history and career of America's most famous horse trainer." --William Nack, Sports Illustrated "D. Wayne is the complete story of the man who, quite simply, changed the game of training thoroughbred racehorses. Lukas also raised the bar for those who follow. All of that, and he still gives the best sound bite and quotes in the game!" --Chris Lincoln, host of ESPN's "Racehorse Digest" and global television presenter for the World Series Racing Championships. The first biography of the most successful--and controversial--horse trainer of all time D. Wayne Lukas has trained more winners, won more races, and amassed a greater fortune than any horse trainer in history. His unorthodox methods as well as his stormy personal life have also earned him a celebrity traditionally reserved for movie stars and big-league athletes. Now, in D. Wayne, journalist Carlo DeVito provides us with an intimate look into the life, times, and complex personality of one of the most colorful entrepreneurial mavericks of all time.

A story and lesson from one of the best that has ever done it. I liked this book because I learned a lot about the horse business. I enjoyed it as a fast read that did not lumber along but rather kept you interested in each story and chapter. I would recommend this as a good read for anyone interested in the business of horse racing. A lot of useful information is in between those book covers

Being a long time professional horseman, I am used to authors and writers getting mixed up about horsey facts and figures and not knowing the he's from the she's. I totally discounted the errors and did not let them detract from enjoying the story of D. Wayne. Chances are that had someone fact checked the book they too would know no more than the author! D. Wayne was super influential in horse racing and I thoroughly enjoyed his story. I met him once and can visualize him in every scenario of this book. My husband was a jockey for many years and he too thoroughly enjoyed the story.

Great book! Enjoyed it immensely!

This is a very interesting book about one of the most successful Thoroughbred trainers in racing. I savored every page.

Anything about thoroughbred race horses I love

loved the book and found out I graduated with his son, just attended there my senior year ...wish I'd have known then .

Great read!

I was at the AQHA Convention when D. Wayne Lukas was inducted into the AQHA Hall Of Fame. I very much enjoyed the book and D Wayne's enthusiasm and passion for Horse Racing.

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