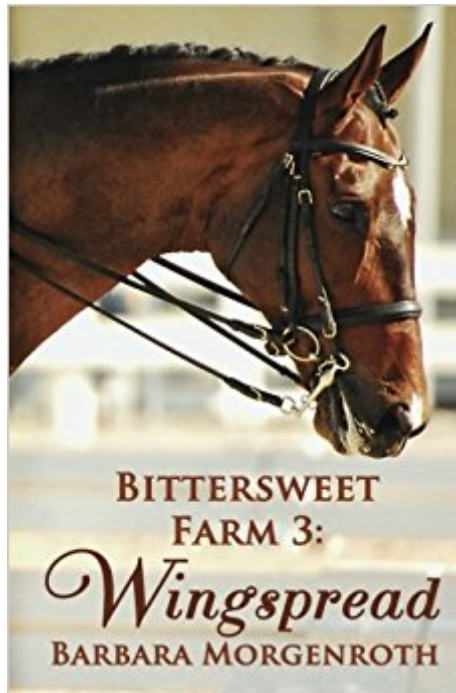




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Synopsis

"Surprise!" Greer's mother says with her unannounced arrival. What Victoria Swope is doing in town is puzzling but they quickly learn the reason and no one is pleased. When Greer demands to be home-schooled with Talia, the lessons at Bittersweet Farm aren't restricted to dressage, cross-country and show jumping. If the half-sisters can't get along, one of them will be sent abroad to finish high school. Unable to bear leaving the farm's trainer, Lockie Malone, or her horse, CB, Talia grits her teeth and tries to move forward. It's soon obvious that everyone at the farm faces changes and challenges. Solving them is difficult and maybe impossible.

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Customer Reviews

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Barbara got her first horse, Country Squire, when she was eleven years old and considers herself lucky to have spent at least as much time on him as she did in the dirt. Next came Yankee Doodle who was far more cooperative and patient with her. Over the years, she showed in equitation classes, hunter classes, went on hunter paces, taught horseback riding at her stable called Sunshine Farm, and went fox hunting on an Appaloosa who would jump anything. With her Dutch Warmblood, Barbara began eventing and again found herself on a horse with great patience and who definitely taught her everything important she knows about horses.

I'm really enjoying the Bittersweet Farm series. Despite the series title reminding you of other

saccharine 'girls love their horseys' books, this is not that. The dialog is intelligent, sharp, and witty; the characters are all well developed and are true to themselves. No one does something stupid or out of character to advance the plot; there are no 'overcomes all odds' improbable competition victories here. The author knows horses, and clearly likes them and presents them here well as horses, not as people in horse-shaped suits. And I like the way Morgenroth's stories deemphasize competition as the end-all-be-all in riding, while also still acknowledging it and enjoying it. All the characters are showing interesting growth, with Talia and Greer developing an actual relationship with each other in order to counter the very difficult Victoria, and their strengths and weaknesses are changing and molding who they are. Lockie still has most of the best dialog. Even their dad is becoming more interesting and human. Four stars instead of five, my lowest Morgenroth review ever, because my edition contained rather a lot of errors and typos, and could have used an additional shipment of commas before release. While I'm quibbling, I'll mutter under my breath that Wingspread barely appears in the novel bearing his name, and also that this novel didn't really have a clear plot arc - I was really surprised that I was at the end when it ended. Those are quibbles though, because even with the errors, the sparkling and professional quality of the writing is still apparent, and that it's just some stuff that happens is OK. You definitely need to read the series in order, and you're not going to stop with this one. If you liked Book 2, buy this and read it. I'm certainly moving right on to Book 4.

The author knows the horse world and the challenges teenagers face in that realm and their personal lives. In the third book in the series, the characters and horses become even more interesting, and the story is compelling. I didn't want it to end. Fortunately, book 4 awaits!

I really enjoyed book 3 in the Bittersweet Farms series. Ms. Morgenroth does an excellent job in further developing the characters, making each one more personal to the reader. More of the families past is revealed, Greer's mother takes stage, and we are drawn in to the emotional struggle it creates for Talia and Greer, providing common ground for their relationship to grow. Each girl, in her own way, finds love and solace in the horses that are such a big part of their life. I loved the story-can't wait for #4!

Such a great book series. Literally could not stop reading them! I wish these were real people that I could be friends with.

In book 3 the characters are developed further, and more of the past is revealed. Greer's mother comes to visit, or will she stay. We get to see the struggles that she creates and brings to both Talia and Greer. Also get to see the love that both girls have for the horses that are a big part of their lives.

I read all three books in this series TODAY. I absolutely loved them and can't wait for book 4. They made me wish I had a competition horse (and a gorgeous coach). One tiny nitpick -- a couple of times in book 3, they refer to Oliver as doing service work. He isn't. At most he's preparing for therapy work. There's a difference -- a legal difference. Service dogs are covered under the ADA and therapy dogs aren't. That's just a nitpick, though. The book is fantastic!

This is one of my favorite books from now on. I fell in love with Talia and Lockie. I love the bond between Talia and CB, it reminds me a lot of my horse and I. I love this series and can't wait to read the next book!

I didn't enjoy this book as much as the 1st two. I got tired of reading about their "project". But all in all it was a pretty good read.

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