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3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. The Guru of Horseracing By Rick Coppola A great read- Andy Beyer has had more of an impact on handicapping and horse racing than any single person over the past 50 years. His book Picking Winners led me into the racing game at 18 and I was hooked. I got to meet Andy at a handicapping seminar on Conn Handicap Day at Gulfstream Park this year. Great guy...Love the stories in this book-interesting to read about racing during a time where the exact and the daily double were the only exotic bets. If you love playing horses, you have to read everything Beyer writes. 3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. Yes, it's possible. By Thomas Hathaway It's an interesting story and the application of mathematics to horse racing appealed to my intellect. I gave it four stars because the "year" was 1977 and all the individual calculations have been superseded by computers. Nevertheless, if you've ever speculated about making a living solely on betting the horses, Andrew Beyer will give you hope. 3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. Quick read - hard to read charts By N. Lewis Unless you have terrific vision this Kindle book is very difficult to read the Daily Racing Form charts that Andy includes to explain his handicapping choices. I enjoy Andy Beyer's writing style and has been one of my favorite turf analysts so it was nice to read how he started out as a professional handicapper. My advice - buy the hardcover.

In 1977, before he was known as the creator of "The Beyer Speed Figure," Andrew Beyer set out on a gambling

odyssey, determined to prove himself as a horseplayer. He would marshal all his handicapping skills for assaults on four racetracks: Gulfstream Park, Pimlico, Saratoga, and the Barrington Fair. The then thirty-three-year-old Harvard dropout had the credentials for this undertaking: two years earlier, his book *Picking Winners* had won a claim from bettors and critics alike. But the theory of handicapping and the practice of it are two very different things, and Beyer did all he could to prepare himself for this new challenge. He consulted with other professional horseplayers. He undertook detailed analyses of trainers and their methods. He refined his speed-handicapping techniques. He developed a revolutionary method for evaluating horses shipped from one track to another. He formulated a bold betting strategy. During the year, he experienced the dizzying thrill of winning more than \$10,000 in an afternoon, and agonizing frustration that drove him to bash a hole in the wall of the Gulfstream Park press box. When it was over, Beyer had amassed a profit of \$50,664. His account of the year offers a rare, unromanticized look at the world of professional gambling. For horseplayers who have dreamed of beating the races, he proves that the dream is, sometimes, attainable. And he explains, in specific detail, how it can be done. There are no gimmicks in *My \$50,000 Year At The Races*. Instead, there is a proven method of beating the races- and Andrew Beyer's marvelously entertaining story of how he put it in practice.