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**James Quinn : Class of the Field: New Performance Ratings for Thoroughbreds** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Class of the Field: New Performance Ratings for Thoroughbreds:

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From Wikipedia: The Thoroughbred is a horse breed best known for its use in horse racing. Although the word thoroughbred is sometimes used to refer to any breed of purebred horse, it technically refers only to the Thoroughbred breed. Thoroughbreds are considered "hot-blooded" horses, known for their agility, speed and spirit. ~~~ The Thoroughbred as it is known today was developed in 17th and 18th-century England, when native mares were crossbred with imported Oriental stallions of Arabian, Barb, and Turkoman breeding. All modern Thoroughbreds can trace their pedigrees to three stallions originally imported into England in the 17th century and 18th century, and to a larger number of foundation mares of mostly English breeding. During the 18th and 19th centuries, the Thoroughbred breed spread throughout the world; they were imported into North America starting in 1730 and into Australia, Europe, Japan and South America during the 19th century. Millions of Thoroughbreds exist today, and more than 118,000 foals are registered each year worldwide. ~~~ Thoroughbreds are used mainly for racing, but are also bred for other riding disciplines such as show jumping, combined training, dressage, polo, and fox hunting. They are also commonly crossbred to create new breeds or to improve existing ones, and have been influential in the creation of the Quarter Horse, Standardbred, Anglo-Arabian, and various warmblood breeds. ~~~ Thoroughbred racehorses perform with maximum exertion, which has resulted in high accident rates and health problems such as bleeding from the lungs, low fertility, abnormally small hearts and a small hoof to body mass ratio. There are several theories for the reasons behind the prevalence of accidents and health problems in the Thoroughbred breed, and research continues.

From Library JournalQuinn (The Handicapper's Condition Book) has written an ambiguous, convoluted, and wordy text. The first five chapters are overblown rhetoric. The last four finally get to his system, the "Competitive Quality Scale." The whole book could have been distilled into a magazine article. As it is, wading through the preliminary excesses will bore most readers. Although the system looks good and is touted as an easy-to-use numerical rating system for players at every level, it is wrapped in academic doublespeak that renders it impossible to understand. Not recommended.Susan Hamburger, Florida State Univ. Lib., TallahasseeCopyright 1987 Reed Business Information, Inc.