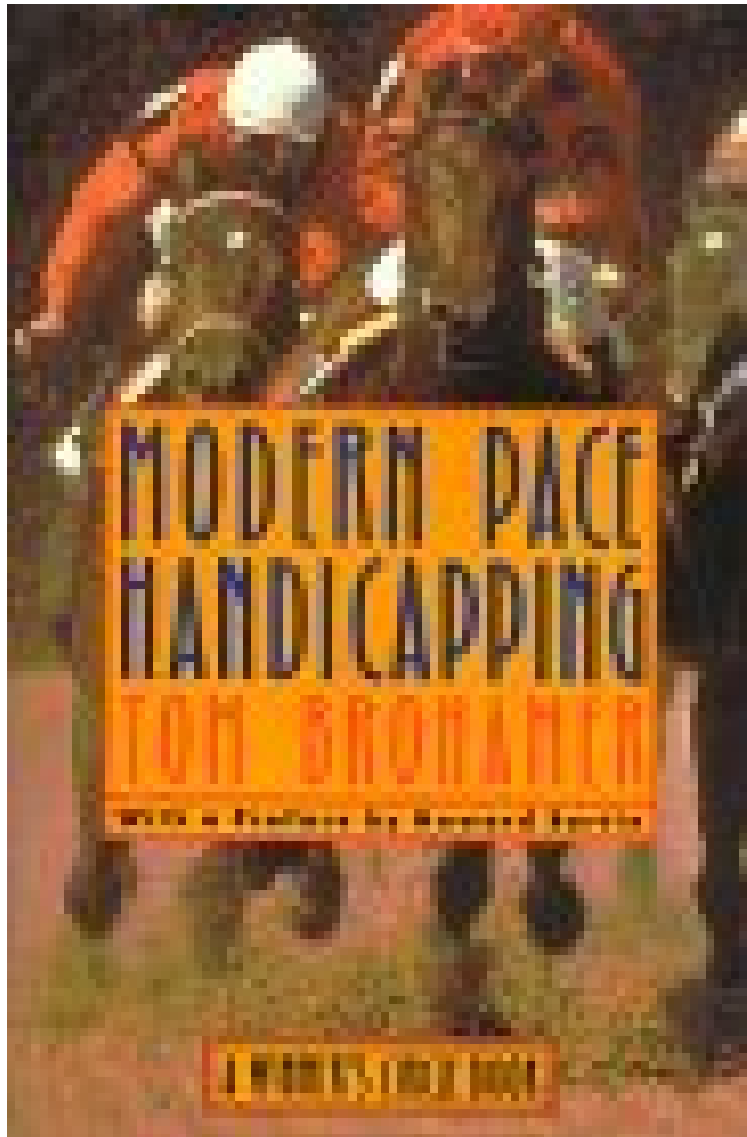


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Thomas A. Brohamer : Modern Pace Handicapping before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Modern Pace Handicapping:

6 of 6 people found the following review helpful. A "New" Classic By B.G.I never write reviews of books i've read. However, this book is excellent if you're a serious handicapper. When i first started handicapping races, i jumped right into the "classics" (Beyer's books on speed figure computations, Quinn's books on class/form, Doctor Sartin's works on pace, etc.). After only a few months studying/applying various methods/strategies regarding speed handicapping,

form, class, jockey-trainer combos, thoroughbred cycles, etc., I quickly realized that I wanted to know more than just what a horse's Beyer Speed Figure was in previous races. Then I came across Brohamer's book on pace and it literally changed the way I view horse races, and it has proven to be invaluable to me. This is not a book for someone looking to read cute anecdotes about horse racing and then provide "strategies" or "tips" to picking winners, those works are left for the majority of the betting public that wants to learn someone's self-proclaimed "secrets" to handicapping in 10 minutes or less-waste your money on those books/articles/programs if you want, I personally hope you do b/c horse racing is based on parimutuel betting...so i'm essentially betting against you if we are betting the same race. Brohamer's book is a work of art. He doesn't bore you to death about how he struggled in the 70's at betting horses and then one day started winning b/c he was enlightened w/some elaborate method to pick winners (which will of course cost \$ to anyone dumb enough to pay for it). Those types of books are published everyday and rightfully deserve a permanent home in my trash-can. Unlike those self-proclaimed "experts," Brohamer gives it to you straight up front. This book is not for those players devoted to speed-figures as they should stick w/Beyer's speed figures like the rest of the betting public. This is an extensive analysis of pace-handicapping and Brohamer does an excellent job explaining every step to calculating a horse's predicted pace at difference segments in a race (1st call, 2d call, etc). It is a wonderful system based on Feet-Per-Second calculations and yes, it does require you to actually put the effort into calculating a horse's pace rating with a calculator, notepad and pencil. It requires A LOT of hard work to completely understand and apply the principles, but if you follow his advice, you will be able to analyze a horse's performance in an entirely different light and predict w/confidence how a horse may run in an upcoming race. I stress the word "may run" b/c horseracing involves a multitude of variables, each of which may affect the outcome of a race. I'm not saying this book is the greatest ever written or that you only need this one book to succeed, but it will definitely assist you in evaluating past-performances regardless of what methods you are currently using. His methods are clear, concise and the FPS calculations can be easily converted into an Excel Spreadsheet. In short, this is an excellent book and allowed me to look confidently into the face of my buddy and say that the 20-1 overlay at Monmouth Park would pass the field after the turn going into the stretch even though it was 19 lengths behind the leader at the 1st call...when that horse did exactly that, I gave a silent "thank you" to Mr. Brohamer (as I walked to the cashier's window). 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. The math was somewhat tedious at first. By Steven Dewald The author accurately describes what the book can do for a horseplayer. The math was somewhat tedious at first, but after using it to handicap a few days of races it begins to come naturally. I also was pleased to find that my contest scores have jumped after using the book because the book's techniques finds horses that are missed by Beyer speed figures. I recommend the book! 2 of 3 people found the following review helpful. Very Good Pace Reference. By MarquisMark I got this book when I was a novice to thoroughbred racing and found it to be a bit over my head so I set it aside. Picked it up a few years later and it made more sense to me. The thing I like about this book is that it presents you with a number of tools that you can pick and choose from to help you analyze the pace factor in a race. The main focus of the book is the Sartin Method and while the recreational player might find the Sartin fps numbers a little cumbersome to calculate on a regular basis without the use of a computer or database, the sections on creating a track profile and analyzing turn times can be easily incorporated into the weekend warrior's toolbox. The last half of the book teaches you how to create the Quirin style pace and speed figures, which I personally find much easier to work and just as effective as the FPS numbers. I will agree with the previous reviewer about the editing on this book. Sometimes you think it never went by a proofreader before it got published. And writing tenths of a second and fifths of a second in the same way is maddening. I wish they could just publish fifths in a superscript like it's printed in the DRF...that way it would be very easy to recognize. You can make sense of these little glitches after reading over them a few times, but there's no reason it has to be so confusing.

In *Modern Pace Handicapping*, Tom Brohamer, a leading practitioner of the Sartin methodology and one of the handful of men able to make a living from handicapping, shares his knowledge of pace (the horse's rate of speed and the factors affecting it) and turns the handicapping world on its ear. Charts throughout.

From *Library Journal* Brohamer used the Sartin methodology of pace handicapping to develop his own technique for handicapping horse races. His system considers running styles, turn times, track variants, energy distribution, and par times in predicting race strategy and outcome. Daily Racing Form charts (not seen) illustrate the book. Brohamer relies on a hand-held calculator to compound ratings and generate energy percentages, something that may scare away weekend handicappers unwilling to devote hours to mathematical figuring and Form chartkeeping. Recommended for serious handicappers and libraries with strong racing collections.- Susan Hamburger, Virginia State Lib. Archives, Richmond Copyright 1991 Reed Business Information, Inc.