

“Radio Reader” Book Description

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In November 1958, papers across the country ran headlines touting “the Cinderella horse.” Cold-war Americans were captivated by the incredible story of how Dutch immigrant Harry de Leyer and “Snowman”, an abused plow horse he rescued from the slaughterhouse, made it all the way to a blue ribbon in the nation's most prestigious horse show - and found in each other matching spirits and the determination to win against extraordinary odds.

Author Letts’ message is simple: never give up, even when the obstacles seem sky-high. There is something extraordinary in all of us.