

NEVER STRESS AGAIN ON A TWO-YEAR-OLD

THE TWO-YEAR-OLD GUIDE 2022

By Dan Briden, £20

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THE days when we were inundated with new books about racing are sadly a thing of the past but there are still some shining gems that are a must for every bookshelf.

One of those is undoubtedly the Two-Year-Old Guide by Dan Briden which has been published for the third year.

Not a lot has changed in the past 12 months - except the horses and this is an incredible feat of research, interviews and writing that adds up to more than 400 pages than anyone who bets on two-year-old racing will find invaluable.

There are interviews with most of the biggest names in the sport - including William Haggas, Andrew Balding, Ralph Beckett, Jessica Harrington and Roger Varian.

That's just the tip of the iceberg with more than 30 handlers giving quotes to the book.

There is also a section with owners, breeders, syndicate managers and bloodstock agents along with the author's thoughts on juveniles trained



by those who haven't given interviews for the book.

The book is nicely produced on quality paper and includes photographs.

It is published by Marten Julian and he adds a useful section with his own thoughts and there's a look at France and first-crop sires that will come in handy.

You may think that heading into July isn't the ideal time to buy the book -

but don't let that put you off as there are masses of useful information that you can add to the form of horses that have already seen the racecourse.

It's easy to see the hard work that has gone into the book and it deserves to be a regular feature of the Flat season in the way the Weatherbys guides and excellent Mark Howard offerings have.

For £20 this is a must-have and is sure to repay that reasonable investment many times over. **RA**