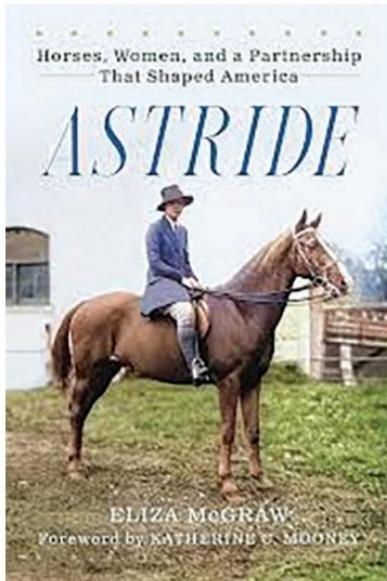


Astride With Author Eliza McGraw

Mark your calendars for Thursday, March 5, 5 - 7 p.m.
National Sporting Library & Museum



In 1913, a quarter of a million people gathered on March 3, in Washington, DC, to watch five thousand suffragists march down Pennsylvania Avenue. Leading the procession was a striking figure on a white horse: Inez Milholland, in long white boots and a cloak bearing a Maltese cross. Channeling Joan of Arc, she steadied the crowd and inspired her fellow marchers from the saddle.

The latter half of the nineteenth century ushered in a golden age of the horse—one that saw more American women riding, both aside and astride, and taking up greater space in public life. Reporters chronicled the riding craze, from Manhattan socialites shopping on horseback to women who trained unruly horses, rustled cattle, or raced as jockeys.

In *Astride: Horses, Women, and a Partnership That Shaped America*, Eliza McGraw explores these stories and more. She highlights women who pioneered in Thoroughbred breeding, the circus, rescue work, and the broader equestrian world. Through their partnership with horses, these trailblazers embraced risk, authority, and athleticism—redefining what American women could be. Richly illustrated with period photographs, *Astride* shows how even incremental cultural shifts can spark lasting progress.

“Eliza McGraw explores a little-known chapter of American history that has great resonance today. With fascinating anecdotes and rare period photos, McGraw brings to life the intrepid women who rode astride, challenging social norms and advocating for equal rights. This book is a must-read for anyone interested in history, horses, and American heroes.”—Laurie Prinz, content director at Equine Network

Astride: Horses, Women, and a Partnership That Shaped America will be available for purchase. Join in for an enlightening evening reception, discussion, and book signing with the author of *Astride: Horses, Women, and a Partnership That Shaped America*, and former NSLM John H. Daniels Fellow, Eliza McGraw. Reception 5-5:45pm; 5:45-7pm: Author discussion and Q&A followed by a booksigning with Eliza McGraw

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