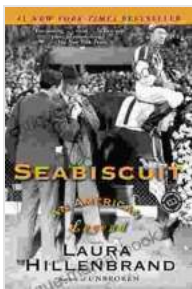


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## **Early life and career**

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In 1936, Seabiscuit was purchased by Charles Howard, a wealthy automobile dealer from San Francisco. Howard hired Tom Smith to train Seabiscuit, and under Smith's guidance, Seabiscuit began to show his true potential. He won his first race for Howard in 1937, and by the end of the year, he had won five of his seven starts.

## **Rise to stardom**

In 1938, Seabiscuit began to emerge as a top racehorse. He won the Santa Anita Handicap, one of the most prestigious races in the country, and was named Horse of the Year. In 1940, he won the Pimlico Special, another major race, and was again named Horse of the Year.

Seabiscuit's success was due in part to his unique running style. He was a front-runner, and he would often take the lead early in a race and never let it go. He was also very tough and determined, and he would never give up, even when he was behind.

## **Later career and legacy**

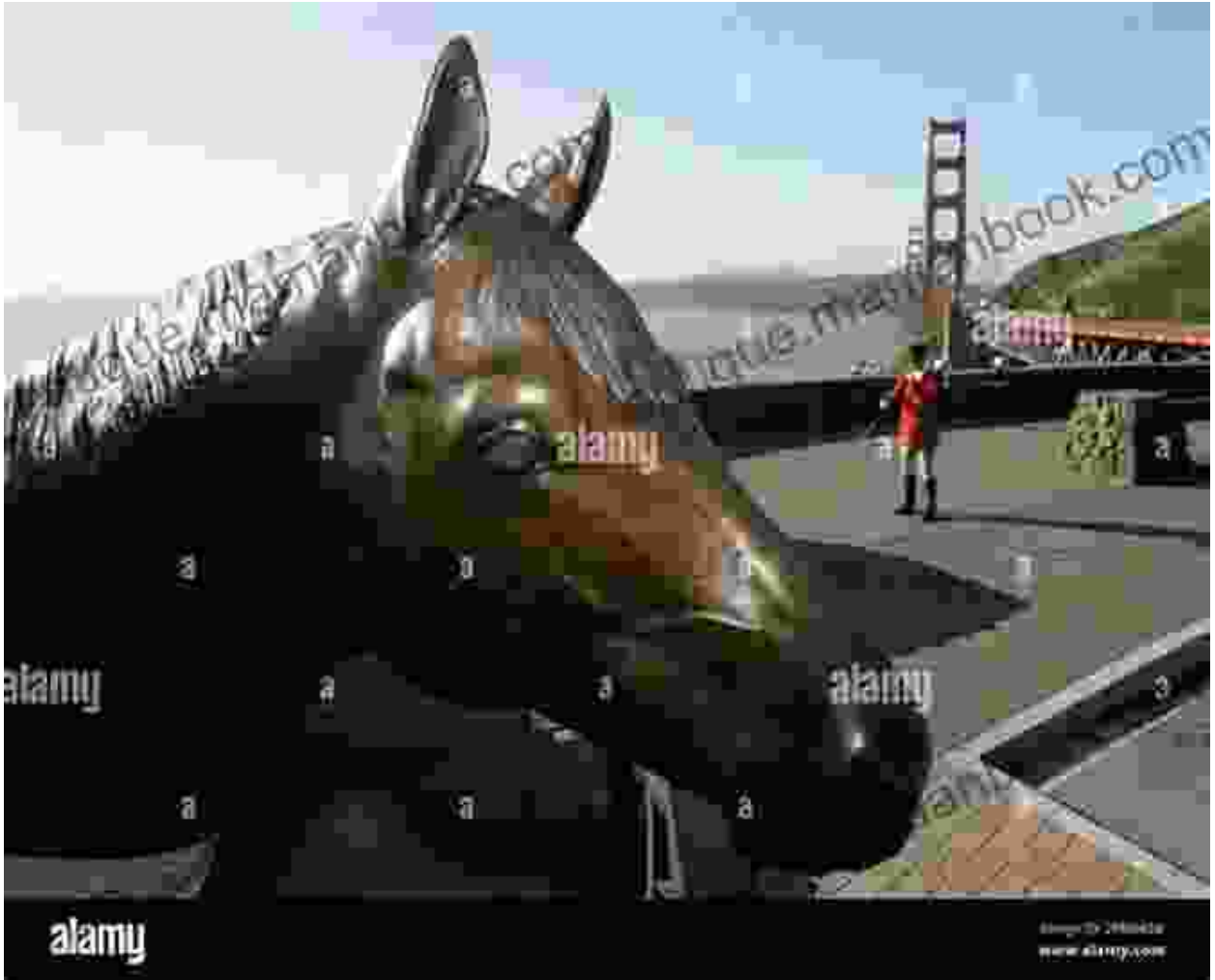
Seabiscuit retired from racing in 1943, after winning 39 of his 89 starts. He was inducted into the National Museum of Racing and Hall of Fame in 1958, and his story has been told in several books, movies, and television shows.

Seabiscuit is remembered as one of the greatest racehorses of all time. He was a small horse with a big heart, and he overcame great odds to become a champion. His story is an inspiration to us all, and it reminds us that anything is possible if we set our minds to it.

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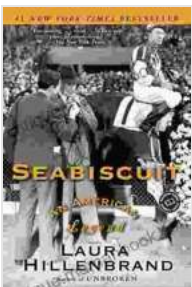






## Further reading

- Seabiscuit: An American Legend by Laura Hillenbrand
- Seabiscuit (2003 film)
- Seabiscuit (PBS documentary)



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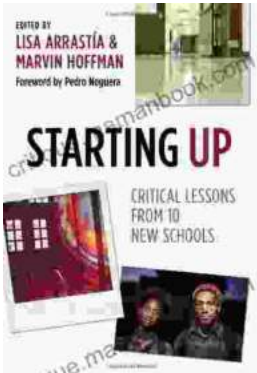
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