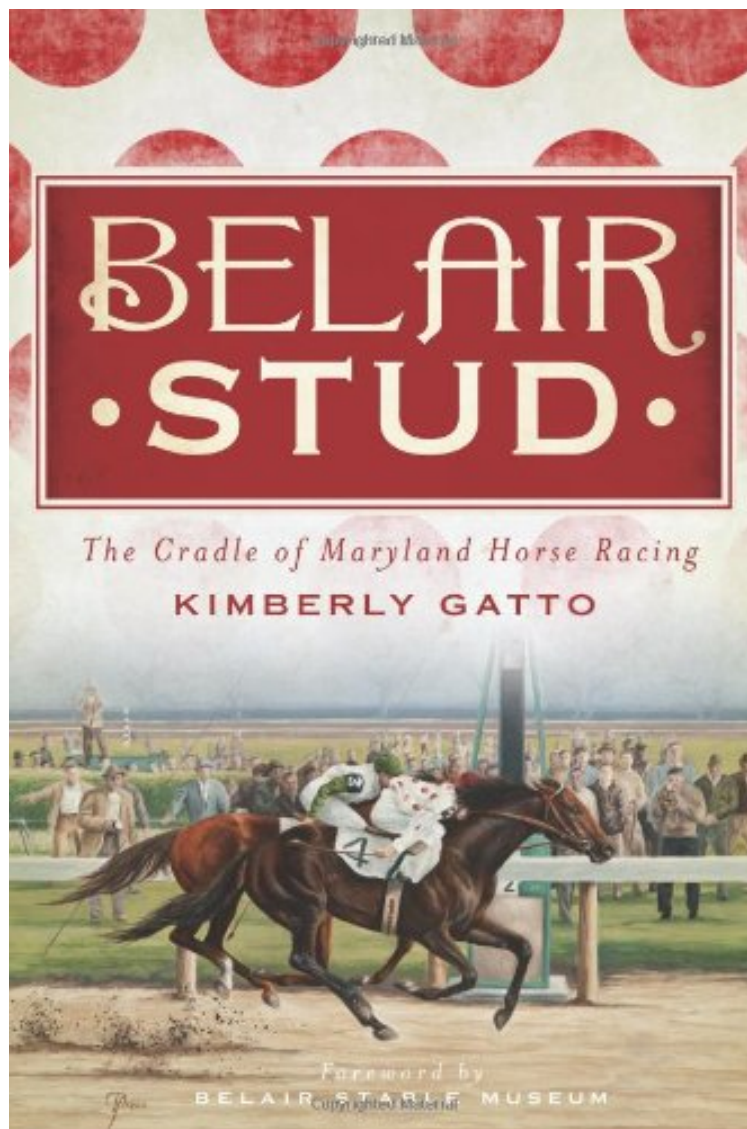


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About the Author Kimberly Gatto is a professional writer specializing in equestrian and sports books. Her work has been included in various publications, including the Blood Horse, the Chronicle of the Horse, the Equine Journal and Chicken Soup for the Horse Lover's Soul. Gatto is an honors graduate of Boston Latin School and Wheaton College, a lifelong rider and horsewoman.