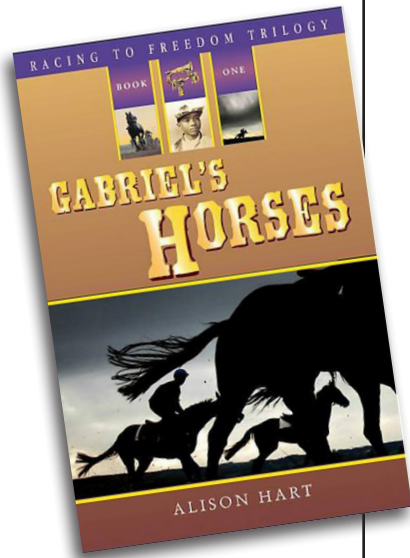


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Gabriel's Horses by Alison Hart

(Grades 3–5)

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The year is 1864, and young Gabriel hopes to become a famous jockey one day. Although he is the son of a free black father and a slave mother—making him a slave as well—he enjoys helping his father Isaac, one of the best horse trainers in Kentucky, care for Master Gile's Thoroughbred racehorses.

But the violence of war disrupts life at Woodville Farm. Confederate raiders are threatening local residents—destroying property and stealing horses. When Isaac enlists in a colored battalion to help the Union army and to earn enough money to purchase freedom for his wife and son, Gabriel is both proud and worried. But the absence of his father brings the arrival of Mr. Newcastle, a white horse trainer with harsh, cruel methods for handling horses ... and people.

Now Gabriel must find a way to protect the horses he loves from Mr. Newcastle and also keep them safely out of the clutches of the Confederate raiders.

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