

# **The Black Stallion**

## **By Walter Farley**

### **Characters:**

**Alec Ramsay** - Red haired boy who visits his uncle in India over summer vacation and is rescued by a black horse when his ship goes down during a storm on his return voyage to Flushing, New York.

**Captain Watson** - Captain of the ship (named the Drake) sailing from India on which Alec Ramsay was returning home to Flushing, New York.

**Uncle Ralph** - Uncle of Alec Ramsay. Uncle Ralph gave Alec the knife that he used for survival on the island.

**Pat** - Sailor on a freighter to Rio de Janeiro who helps rescue Alec and the Black

**Joe Russo** - Reporter who wrote about Alec Ramsay and the Black soon after their return from the island and later introduces Alec to Jim Neville.

**Henry Dailey** - Ex-jockey and owner of the barn where Alec Ramsay keeps the Black. Helps Alec train the Black to race.

**Napoleon** - Stablemate of the Black Stallion, he was a cart horse who belonged to a huckster named Tony.

**Whiff Sample and Bill Lee** - School friends of Alec Ramsay

**Jake** - Racing stable hand who lets Henry, Alec, and the Black onto the Belmont race track to train in secret.

**Sun Raider and Cyclone** - Horses entered in a match race with the Black Stallion

**Jim Neville** - Reporter who incites interest in a match race between Sun Raider, Cyclone, and the Black

**E.L. Hurst** - Owner of Cyclone

**C.T. Volence** - Owner of Sun Raider

### **Questions:**

What is the name of the ship Alec Ramsay sails from India for England on?  
(*the Drake*)

How long did Alec Ramsay stay in India? (**Two months**)

What did Alec's uncle teach him that he had always wanted to learn? (**How to ride a horse**)

How did Alec befriend the Black Stallion on the *Drake*? (**He fed him sugar**)

What was Alec's first food on the island? **(Berries)** His staple food later on? **(Carragheen)**

How did the Black save Alec's life? **(1. He pulled Alec to the island 2. He killed a poisonous snake)**

How did the ship that rescued Alec and the Black know they were on the island? **(The crew saw Alec's shelter on fire)**

How did Alec get the Black onto the boat bound for Rio de Janeiro? **(He put a band around him by swimming underneath the Black's belly)**

What was the name of the New York suburb where Alec's family lived? **(Flushing)**

What was Henry Dailey's first job? **(Jockey)**

Which horse did Henry Dailey ride to victory in the Kentucky Derby and the Preakness? **(Chang)**

Why did the Black jump out of his field on his first full day in Flushing? **(He was frightened by a low-flying plane)**

Where did Alec find the Black after he ran away? **(In the park by a pool of water)**

What did the Black do the first time Alec and Henry put a saddle on his back? **(He bucked it off)**

Which track did Henry and Alec take the Black to in the middle of the night to practice? **(Belmont)**

Where does the match race between Sun Raider, Cyclone, and the Black take place? **(Chicago)**

What was the name Jim Neville used for the Black in his newspaper columns? **(The Mystery Horse)**

How did Alec, Henry, Napoleon and the Black get to the match race? **(Train)**

How is the Black injured at the start of the match race? **(His leg is cut in a fight with Sun Raider)**

Who won the match race? **(The Black Stallion)**

**In which book does.... :**

A steamer called the *Drake* leave India headed for England?

A missionary give his nephew a knife?

A horse pull a boy to safety after a storm at sea?

A boy survive by eating carragheen?

A horse kill a snake?

A boat sailing to Rio de Janeiro rescue a shipwrecked boy?

A boy express relief that his family moved from the city to the suburbs of New York?

A horse get led down a gangplank with a blindfold on?

An old horse trainer give a boy a racing saddle and bridle?

A sportswriter suggest a match race?

A boy's father agree to let him ride in a horse race after final exams?

An old cart horse take a vacation in Chicago?

A boy's mother visit his aunt in Chicago?