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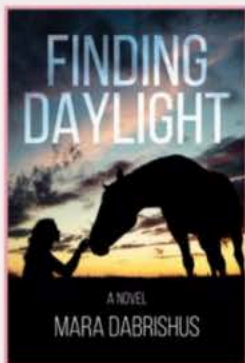
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Finding Daylight

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"Slowing the filly to a halt, Georgie turned her in toward the grandstand and ran her hand over Bell's pitch black mane. She could hear the track from here, a moving, living thing staring back at them. Bell bobbed her head, and Georgie felt her breath underneath her knees. It was sure, steady, a soft welcome home."

For any horse lover, Mara Dabrishus' racing novel, *Finding Daylight*, is indeed a "soft welcome home." Young jockey, Georgiana "Georgie" Quinn, and fierce filly, Sweet Bells, are unstoppable. The

public sees them as the golden pair, and their victory in the Breeder's Cup Classic is just further proof of their top level status.

What the public doesn't see is Georgie's disastrous home life. Her family's Thoroughbred farm in Ocala, Florida, is falling down

around them. Her father is an alcoholic whose glass of whiskey is his ever-present companion, and her mother seems oblivious to everything and everyone.

But at least Georgie has Sweet Bells – until that changes, too. After one poorly-ridden race, Georgie loses the mount and, for the first time ever, her professional life takes a turn for the worse. But Georgie is a naturally gifted rider, and she's determined to reclaim her throne and her title as Sweet Bells' jockey!

While *Finding Daylight* is classified as Young Adult Fiction, this well-written novel will delight readers of all ages.

"Eleven horses walked the Donn Handicap post parade, their burnished coats shining under a perfect Florida sky. People pushed against the outside rail, hanging their arms over the partition, hands occupied with programs and half-filled plastic cups of beer. It was a common sight at the track, men puffing silently on cigars and circling picks in cheap ballpoint pens before going to the windows with their bets. Losing tickets littered the grandstand like forgotten white confetti."

If you love horse racing, a little romance, and a lot of drama, you will love *Finding Daylight*. And Mara's world of Thoroughbreds and trackside adventures doesn't end there. Check out *All Heart* (*Stay the Distance* Book 2), her latest novel, published this past September. **HS**



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