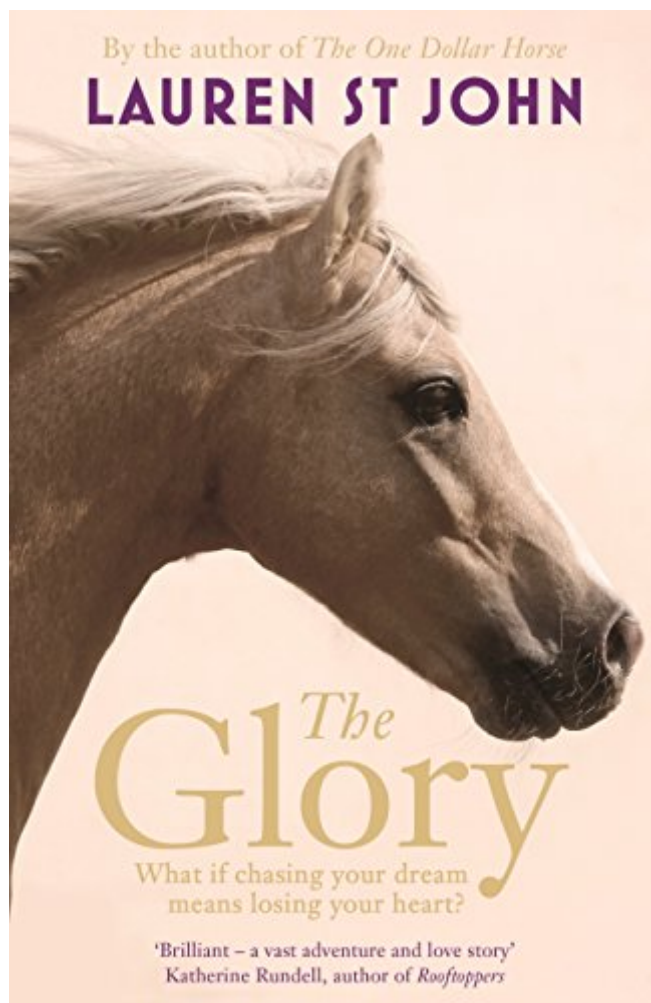


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I absolutely loved this book because it had a sense of adventure mixed with romance. The setting of

this book made it seem like anything could happen.

I received a copy of this in exchange for a fair and honest review on my review blog, Nayu's Reading Corner! I received a copy of the book in exchange for a fair and honest review on my review blog, Nayu's Reading Corner Squee! Yet another brilliant horse read from the talented Lauren. There's all her trademark points of complex main characters who have attitude & life circumstances which are less than ideal. There are 'enemies' (for lack of a better word) who are cruel, manipulative and underhanded. I liked how dramatically both Will and Grace enter each others' lives, continue to be at odds for a fair part of the novel, and how much they grow as people by the end. They both endure heartache for themselves and their animals. They face lots of trouble, which to be fair Grace not so much deserves but she does have attitude issues so the difficulties she and Will face develops them personally, helps them draw on inner strength neither knew they had. I mean that both literally and figuratively, since The Glory is a month long race that is daunting for all who entered it. Grace is a little bit too wishful in leaving her troubles behind her, but rest assured by the end things have a way of working themselves out, even the parts which I thought Grace couldn't get out of but thanks to the generosity and mercy of other characters she doesn't have to deal with the fall-out. Not being a direct horse fan I found it interesting learning how horses needed to be treated when they are on a super long race, how much rest they need and the type of nutrition they are given while in the race. Whatever faults Grace and Will have, they adore their horses and do anything for them. Grace can be a little minx but I had to give her credit for some of her 'crimes' because she put a lot of thought into what she did (mostly...she did also act on spur of the moment which did put her in danger). I'd better stop here as this part of the review isn't quite short (but I did type at top speed) or I'll end up telling the entire story! Know that you will need tissues when you read this, you will get a wide range of emotions for all the characters, and will definitely want to reread this one day. You might like to know that since reading it I've learnt there will be a film!

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