Black Beauty

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Anna Sewell’s famous story *Black Beauty* was published in 1877. This retelling by Ruth Brown is an adaptation that mimics Sewell’s classic story in an abridged version. This story is unique because it is told from a horse’s point of view. Black Beauty’s life was not always a happy one. The horse was passed from owner to owner and they were not always kind. This book brings awareness to the proper treatment of animals.

Ruth Brown has done a great job of retelling the story of Black Beauty. The beauty of her illustrations steal the show. Horse lovers and animal lovers alike will love reading this book which is geared toward ages four through nine. The information included about the original author is a welcome addition to the book. Animals deserve to be treated well and this book conveys that. The story of Black Beauty is one that will be around for years to come.