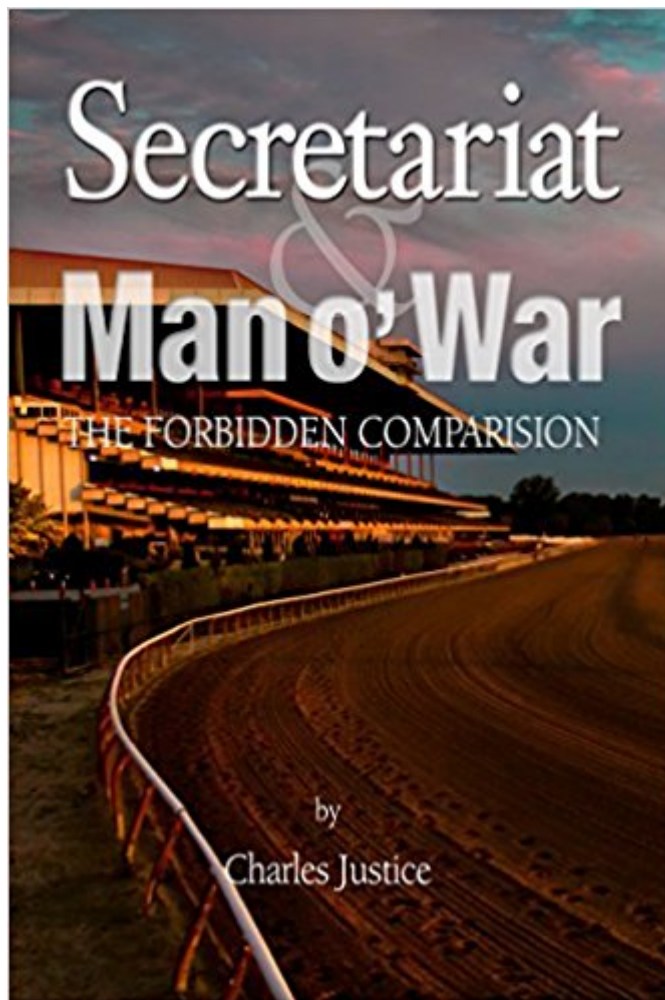


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Charles Justice qualifies as a native Hoosier. He was born and raised in the Indiana cities of Vincennes and Terre Haute, respectively. Both cities are within mere hours drive of the famous Kentucky Blue Grass region a fact of major significance in Charles life.

Mr. Justice examines the records of these two splendid horses that are separated by fifty-three years. He applies statistics on every facet of the historical records of these thoroughbreds. That includes impost, that being the weight of the jockey and the horse shoes, a factor taking into consideration of track conditions, race distance and other parameters. He discusses mass, average speed, acceleration, momentum and kinetic energy. Mr. Justice has tirelessly sought out historical records from times, distances, the health of the subject horses, the physical mishaps during the races and even the jockey's strategy during those races. You will enjoy the biography of these two thoroughbreds and appreciate Mr. Justice's thorough treatment of horse racing. He leaves no stone unturned in the subject matter. He displays his great knowledge of physics and statistics as he addresses many questions regarding era effects, track differences, the competing horses against Secretariat and Man O' War and allows the numbers and graphs to speak for themselves. In the back of the book he expresses his deep respect for these animals and their abilities. If you are

worried about digging into statistics, don't be. Mr. Justice explains as he proceeds in the book and also in the appendices. I highly recommend this book.

A challenging read for the open minded. Charles Justice raises some provocative questions, how good are our modern runners relative to those of the past? Flying Childers and Eclipse may have been the breeds greatest stars. As for Secretariat and ManOWar, after an exhaustive analysis, Charles concludes 'too close to call'. I for myself give Secretariat an edge, especially as distances get longer. I have just finished reading Marianna Haun's latest and final work on the X-factor, published last year 2013. After 2 decades of research she concludes her trilogy with a few new discoveries, read it to find out. I personally conclude that in the end, its the Eclipse heart (ManOWar) against the Darley Arabian (Secretariat), traceable to the antiquities of Syrian history and its mares, an 18+ (Sec) against a 14. All things being equal, or nearly equal, this may be the only real difference. But in this work, The Forbidden Comparison, Charles strives to leave no stone unturned. Based on new information, he in fact overturns much of what he concluded in the first two works of his trilogy. I still lean towards those first two as I sense they were more precise and had greater clarity, fewer assumptions. This his third and last? is a more difficult and provocative read for the inquisitive and open minded. Have fun readers.

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