

Jewels of the Desert

■ *by Francesca Messina*
photos by Judith Wich

Anxiously awaited by so many, the new book “Jewels of the Desert” by Judith Wich has now been published. It is a celebration of the Egyptian Arabian horse, a tribute to the cherished treasures from the Middle East.

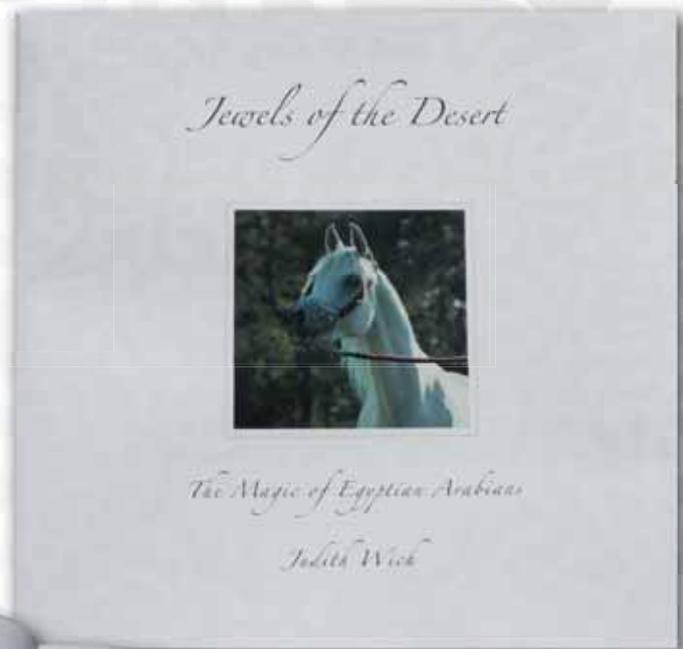
The author Judith Wich is a well-known freelance journalist from Germany. She has studied journalism and today photographs and writes for international magazines. Judith Wich also contributes regularly knowledgeable stories for Desert Heritage and Tutto Arabi. Furthermore, she has established a fine breeding program of straight Egyptian horses at her stud farm “Orienta Arabians”. In the past years, Judith Wich has travelled around the Arabian Gulf to collect information and take photos for her book “Jewels of the Desert”.

Judith Wich



The Magic of Egyptian Arabians

A Book Review



A nsata O siron



(Ansata lemhotep x Ansata Selket)
owned by Al Arab Stud - Kuwait

"This project was a true labour of love," relates Judith Wich. "I wanted to show the uniqueness and beauty of the Egyptian Arabian horse while also providing facts and information. In the past ten years, Arabian horses have experienced a renaissance in the Middle East. Excellent straight Egyptian breeding programs have been founded along the Arabian Gulf. A new era has now begun thanks to the commitment of the breeders there. This is why I put the main emphasis on this region. However, my book also features photos of special Egyptians I have encountered in other parts of the world. These horses cast a spell on everybody who loves beauty. With 'Jewels of the Desert' I would like to inspire people and give them something to dream about."



A nsata H ejazi

(Ansata Halim Shah x Ansata Sudarra)
owned by Ajmal Stud - Kuwait

A shhal A I R ayyan



(Safir x Ansata Majesta)
owned by Al Rayyan Farm - Qatar

Highly respected Arabian horse connoisseur Sheikh Abdul Aziz Bin Khaled Bin Hamad Al-Thani wrote the foreword for this book. The introduction was contributed by Judith Forbis of the legendary Ansata Arabian Stud, USA. In her first chapter, Judith Wich takes a look at the Egyptian Arabian and its timeless fascination. Thereafter, the author provides a short history of Egyptian Arabian horses and of their glorious past. In the chapter "A Journey to the Arabian Gulf" Judith Wich takes us on a travel to the Gulf region. This guide to spectacular stud farms in Qatar, Kuwait, the U.A.E. etc. will delight and inform all those interested in exquisite bloodlines and beautiful horses. It gives profound insights into breeding programs like Al Rayyan Farm, Al Shaqab Stud and many more.

The heart of the volume is its extensive "Photo Gallery". Here distinguished Egyptians in the Middle East, Europe and the U.S. are pictured. Large sized portraits of impressive straight Egyptians – often in Middle Eastern settings – are a feast for the eyes. Arabian horse enthusiasts will enjoy the numerous photos of legendary Egyptians like Al Adeed Al Shaqab, Alidaar, Ansata Hejazi, Ashhal Al Rayyan, NK Hafid Jamil, Ansata Jemhotep, Ansata Nile Pasha, Ansata Selket, Ansata Majesta, El Thay Bint Kamlah, Farres, Gelgelah Albadeia, Imperial Phanilah, RN Farida and many more ...

(Ansata Halim Shah x Ansata Samarra)
owned by Al Rayyan Farm - Qatar



A nsata Selket

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(Al Adeed Al Shaqab x Najdiyyah)
owned by Al Rayah Arabian Stud - Kuwait



Special emphasis was put on the design and "Jewels of the Desert" is indeed an immediate eye-catcher. A clear, modern layout with arabesque elements underlines the elegance and nobility of the pictured horses. The book is of high quality overall, printed on fine paper with lavish illustrations. 135 impressive colour photos and lithographies spread over 176 pages.

All text is written in English, being very comprehensive and in-depth. Newcomers as well as longtime breeders will be fascinated by this book. The luxurious dust jacket and the red bookmark are just some of the small details which make this volume so special. Other highlights of "Jewels of the Desert" are the pages decorated with Arabian calligraphy. They were hand-drawn by a calligrapher exclusively for this book. Sensitive poetry and historic quotes complement the artistic appearance. "Jewels of the Desert" is sure to appeal to all Arabian horse enthusiasts. This book is definitely a jewel itself! □

Farasha A l R ayyan

(Ashhal Al Rayyan x Classic Farida)
owned by Al Sharq Farm - Kuwait



At Al Shaqab Stud

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