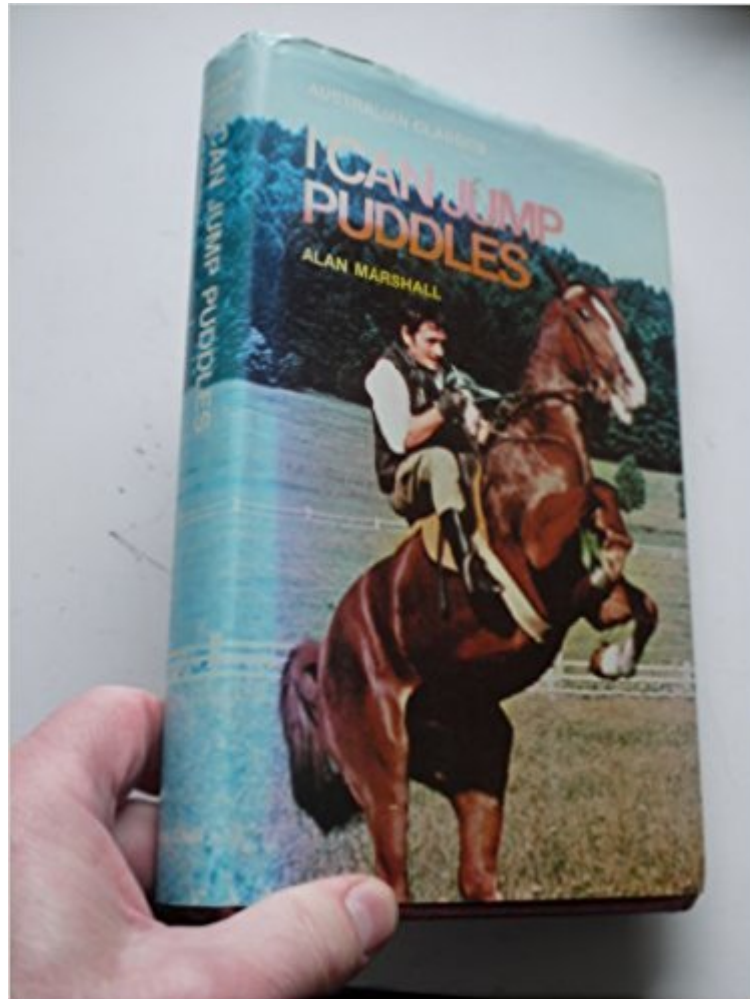




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## Customer Reviews

I loved this book because the writer is so honest. He contracts polio as a child, but never really grasps that he won't be able to walk again. He simply goes about finding new ways of getting around. He's courageous with not a shred of self-pity. And his descriptions of life on a sheep station in Australia give a really good sense of the time. Recommended for readers who like memoir, travel writing (because it's set in Australia) and stories of quiet heroism.

This was first read to us by our 6th grade teacher in Australia. It had such a lasting impression on me that although I am now 73 I have wanted to find the book ever since. Wonderful book!!!

no matter what. if you have a disability, nothing can stop you if you try. this is what this book proves. I've just recently started reading this CD on the way home from the library this afternoon and it is like a drug addiction. you can't help but listen to the whole book through and find out what is happening with the little kid in school, who was crippled. my favourite scene is when he fights with another school boy, gets the cane and his father tells him he has the heart of a bollick. this book brings me loads of courage. Update Jan 12, 2016 I just continued this book today and Allen goes to stay with a neighbour and goes camping with him. also in this book, he goes fishing with his friends and "Joe Mackentire's" trousers get burnt in the camp fire. my Mum told me this book was kind of sad. I need to continue listening to it to find out what happens in the end. I only have four more chapters left. Update I have just completed reading this book. Allen is determined to ride a horse. he

tries to prove to his old man he can ride. his old man tries to tell him he can't because of his leg. he rides, but tears his leg. he becomes an accountant and gets a scollarship and then has to move to Melborne. this book was easy to understand, wel written and is really inspiring for anyone with disabilities with confedence issues. if I was to work with special needs kids as a teacher, I would make them read this book and study up on it, then ask questions about what happened and then to put themselves in Allen's shoes. Allen is the author.

Anyone can relate to Alan's story because it's not so much about a boy with polio as it is a story about a boy getting through childhood as we have all had to do. Annoying sisters, demanding parents, schoolyard brawls and spending as much time with your friends as possible. The Australian vernacular may be a little difficult with someone not familiar with the language but doesn't detract from the enjoyment of reading about one boys' adventures growing up in the turn-of-the-century Australian bush. It's heartwarming and inspirational but not overly syrupy or preachy. It's just the facts as he remembers them. A definite recommendation especially for young readers.

A poor horse-breaker's son in turn-of-the-centuryAustralia contracts polio. There is no prevention and nocure. His legs and back are affected forever. Just aboutanyone in this situation is likely to become resigned toa cripple's life of excruciating boredom and self-mockery.Except... This is Alan, a boy with the indomitablespirit, an extraordinary family, and superb friends. Hebeats the odds, learns to do everything a healthy boy shouldbe doing (simple - he thinks he IS a healthy boy!), andgrows up to be an accomplished professional.The story is often heart-breaking, and I do notrecommend it to the lily-livered. But those who have known pain anddesperation borne of physical handicaps will weep with joyat seeing Alan triumph. I know I did when, as a c

This book was translated to Czech language and published in former Czechoslovakia in 1963. I read the book then and thought it was a wonderful, heartbreaking and triumphant story. It made me realize that person can overcome huge obstacles in life with the right attitude and positive thinking. I escaped Prague in 1968 during the revolution. I have been living in the USA for thirty years now. I recently found this book among my collection of Czech books. I read it again and only wish I could find this book in English so my two young boys could also read it. The surroundings in which we live have changed so much since this book was written and since I read this book but some things just never change.

I read this book a long time ago. We are talking decades. And the memory of this AUTOBIOGRAPHICAL story still make me smile and give me a the joy of life again and again. This book will renew in you -- an ability to keep hope, an ability to see best in the worst circumstances, an ability to see light in the moments of dark and despair.... It will help you to remember how to keep smiling through tears...Thank you Alan Marshall!!! When I get kids, I'll make sure this is a book on the "to read" list :)

That's a great book! My children and I love it. Would recommend it to read everybody, especially to whom who has children.

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