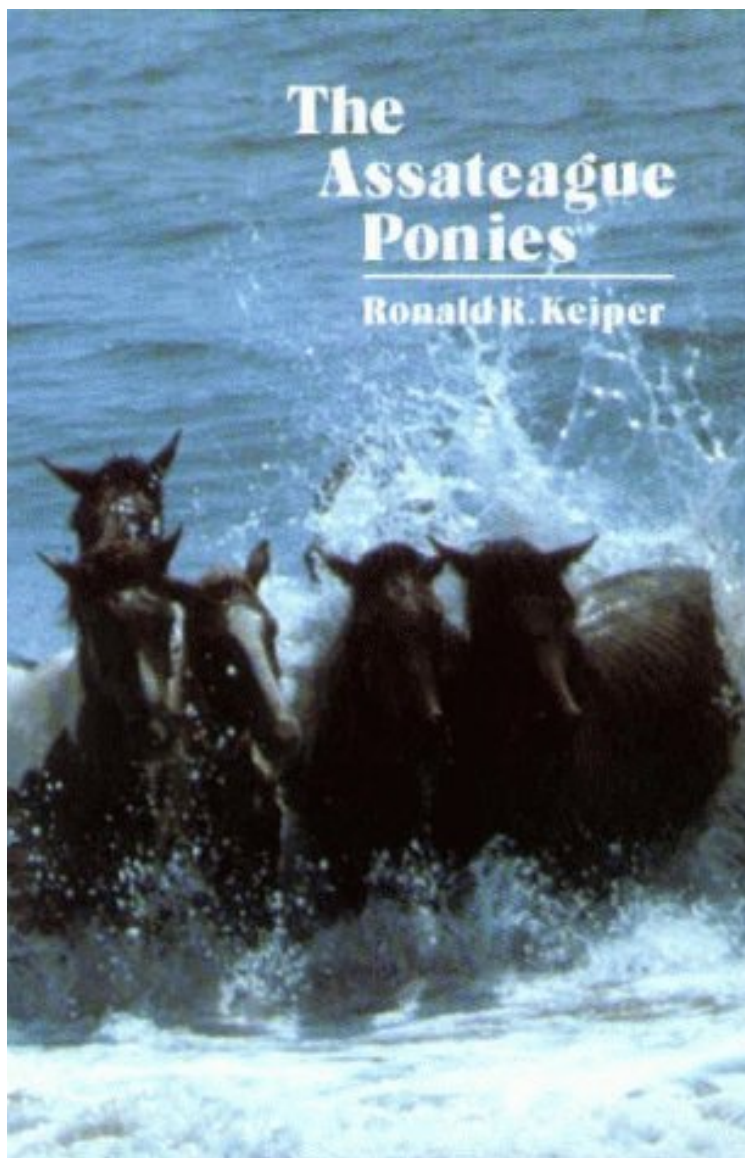


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sales. The Spanish bloodlines were introduced by two Spanish mustang studs introduced into the herd after disease decimated the herd. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. a wonderful study wonderful creaturesBy Judith KemmererI may be a bit biased, because Ron Keiper was a classmate of mine from first grade through Muhlenberg College. But thanks to his remarkable endeavors a program to help ensure the survival of these marvelous animals was initiated. Assateague Island National Seashore and its wildlife is one of the country's premier treasures, and we spend many days there every year enjoying it. How fascinating it was to read his study of the ponies - the work that went into it, under some very trying conditions! He has inspired many others to keep on in the efforts to sustain these animals. My husband and I like to "adopt" ponies through the Park Service, and the next one we "adopt" I think we'll name Ron! 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Five StarsBy Jean JolkovskiGrandkids loved it.

Ponies have lived on Assateague Island for hundreds of years, but have been studied scientifically only since 1975. In 1965, twenty-one ponies were released into the northern portion of Assateague, within the Assateague Island National Seashore, where their numbers have risen gradually and the animals have flourished. It is these feral horses--free to roam, forage for their own food and water, and live and reproduce as they choose--that Dr. Keiper, an animal behavior specialist, has studied and photographed. In this book, he presents the fascinating results of his investigations, enhanced by a generous selection of photographs from the vast collection he assembled over a ten-year period of study.