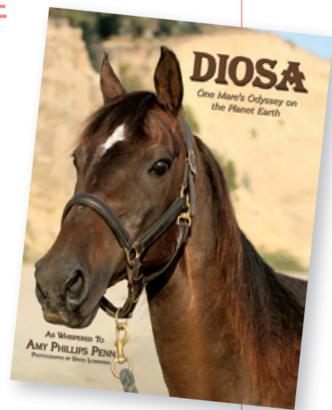
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IT'S A HORSE'S LIFE

Few people in the Hamptons know horses better than Amy Phillips Penn, who has made a career out of playing polo and writing about it. So it's of little surprise that Diosa—Penn's pony, who weathered a devastating wildfire in California by Penn's side—narrates her first novel, *Diosa:*



One Mare's Odyssey on the Planet Earth (\$17.95; AuthorHouse). The book chronicles that wildfire experience, following the two friends as they search for a peaceful place to live. "I think having an animal tell it from their perspective is an effective way of reaching people, especially children," says Penn, adding that the book is ultimately both a celebration of the sport and the animal she loves so much—and a call to take care of our environment while we still can.

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