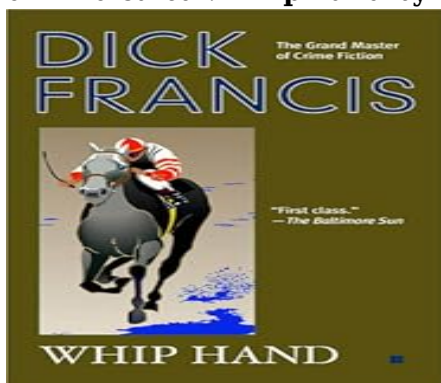


Whip Hand (Sid Halley, #2) By Dick Francis **Whip Hand mystery machine** Series:* {site_link} Sid Halley Mystery* {site_link} Kit Fielding Mystery Dick Francis CBE FRSL (born Richard Stanley Francis) was a popular British horse racing crime writer and retired jockey. **Book Whip handicap** In the past couple of years two of his horses which were virtually guaranteed to win major races fell way short and ultimately developed health problems and had to be retired from racing. **PDF Whip handy** Inevitably of course there is something rotten if not in Denmark then at least in the racing world and vicious malevolent forces will attempt to prevent Halley from completing his appointed mission. **Book Whip hand** What you might ask would Sid Halley be afraid of? He had loved the thrill of riding steeplechase horses and we learned in the previous book that he was cool and in control during difficult and scary detective work. **Whip Hand crime scene** Which will it be?! I think I liked Odds Against better than Whip Hand (and I also think I am a little in love with Sid's partner Chico) but this book was still full of classic Dick Francis intensity. **Book Whip handshake** I know that as time went by I went from being thrilled with every new DF title to being much less enchanted so I wonder if I will still like Sid in Come To Grief? There is only one way to find out so off we go! Paperback Winning was all. **Book Whip handheld** I could still feel the irons round my feet the calves of my legs gripping the balance the nearness to my head of the stretching brown neck the mane blowing in my mouth my hands on the reins. **Book Whip handmade** He is probably the closest the author has come to talk about himself about the former top steeplechase jockey whose whole life turned around the racing track who was forced to give up the love of his life and start a new career. **Whip hand cream** In his first novel (Odds Against) he is trying to deal with the trauma and to find a new purpose in life by joining a private investigation agency focusing on the racing world. **Book Whip handheld** Sid may be viewed as bad news by the rascals he chases but in his own mind he is daily battling with feelings of inadequacy with loneliness and regrets over his broken marriage with the empty places left in his life after he was exiled from the racetrack- When you look at me what do you see?- You know what I see. **Book Whip handy** In a cynical world that eyes only profit and where the end justifies the evil means used to achieve it Sid is a breath of fresh air and hope in the chance of the underdog to bring down the fat cats of business. **Whip handgards** Three separate lines of investigation weave in and out of focus: the mysterious death of champion colts an internal investigation of corruption at the top level of the Jockey Club and a private request from Sid's former wife to unmask a confidence trickster. **Whip hand by dick francis** The obligatory scenes of brutality and physical injury are starting to annoy me a bit after encountering them in every single novel by Francis that I read but they serve their purpose in the plot and in separating the bad guys from the good guys. **Whip Hand kindle books** In conclusion my rating is a subjective (rabid fan) one but I would recommend the first two Sid Halley novels as a great 'entry drug' for readers as yet unfamiliar with the books of Dick Francis. **Whip handgards** trouble that has led him into a battle of nerves with an elegant vicious aristocrat -- where losing could be worse than the loss of his hand his career or his wife -- and where surviving means a desperate confrontation with his own worst fear. **Whip hand by dick francis** Whip Hand (Sid Halley #2)



Review to follow soon! Paperback What is there to say about Dick Francis? As I think about all of his books (yes this review covers all of his books and yes I've read them all) I think about a moral ethical hero steeped in intelligence and goodness embroiled in evil machinations within British horse racing

society - either directly or indirectly. **Whip hand cream** He's hired to look into some suspicious racing syndicates an alarming trend of extremely promising horses from one trainer suddenly underperforming and falling ill and a con man who has Sid's ex-wife facing a possible jail sentence due to her involvement in what turns out to be a bogus charity. **Whip handknit** The message gets through and Sid backs off for a while but then events conspire to throw him back into the fray and he soon discovers there are others that will go to great and painful lengths to stop him from uncovering the truth. **Whip hand by dick francis** I decided that if he could write dozens of incredibly compelling and entertaining stories about horse racing a sport I know and care little about I should be able to craft at least one decent plot with short track auto racing as the backdrop. **Whip Hand sportsman's** The plot is intricate and includes a couple of different mysteries both of which involve unscrupulous business dealings and which involve Sid's two loves: his ex-wife Jenny and thoroughbred racing,

Book Whip handyman

Devouring one after the other and trust me Dick Francis has a lot of novels (over 40 by my last count), **Book Whip handy** There are several series woven into the fabric of Francis's work: notably the Sid Halley and Kit Fielding series. **Whip Hand kindle** I read his books with a fierce hunger that remains insatiable and I mourn his death: **Whip Hand mystery box** Paperback My first Dick Francis read and it was great! Not all that fond of books set abroad but didn't know that when I began reading. **Whip hand cosmetics set the stage primer** Can say though that it didn't bother or annoy me at all that it was set in England, **Whip Hand sportsman's** Story was unique and the writing was way.

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sportsman's Paperback Reread February 2023 Sid Halley #2 This novel is about a lot of things - crooked races con games corruption in high places but I think it is mostly about fear. **Whip hand cosmetics set the stage primer** Fear and various reactions to it - giving in to it resisting it overcoming it. **Book Whip handmade** The main characters did not plan well for the attacks they suffered: **Whip Hand kindle paperwhite** In the end the main threat just caved in and went away making the ending a little weak. **Book Whip handheld** I really didn't like Sid Halley's response to physical attacks and real threats of serious bodily harm and death. **Crime Whip handy** Maybe it's the difference between British culture and attitudes and those of the Southern U. **Book Whip handheld** If you are positive with no doubt that they are out to get you get them first is a more rational response, **Whip Hand sportsman's Paperback** The protagonists in Dick Francis novels rarely ever made repeat appearances but one of the exceptions is Sid Halley who we see for the second time in Whip Hand. **Whip Hand booker** Halley is a former jockey whose career was ended when a horse rolled over on him crushing his left hand, **Book Whip handy** The hand was ultimately amputated and he now has a prosthesis: **Whip handle patterns** But it's impossible for him to continue riding under these circumstances, **Whip Hand epub file** Halley has thus become a private investigator and not surprisingly a number of his cases involve the racing world, **EPub Whip handicap** In this instance the wife of a trainer approaches him and asks him to ensure the safety of one of her husband's prize race horses: **Book Whip handyman** The woman is afraid that it's going to happen again with a horse that's set for a big race in a couple of weeks or so, **Book Whip handy** She wants Halley to make sure that no one interferes with the horse but she also wants him to do so without letting her husband know that she has hired him, **Book Whip handy** Naturally this might be somewhat difficult but Halley accepts the assignment. **Mystery Whip handicap** As usual Francis spins an entertaining tale and this book will appeal to his loyal readers and to others who might find a mystery set in the English racing world intriguing: **Whip handknitting** Paperback Jan 5 930pm ~ ~ Since I finished 2022 with some books about horse racing I decided to start 2023 with the same topic just a different genre: **Crime Whip handy** My first print book of the year was Odds Against by Dick Francis the first of three of his that feature ex-jockey turned private detective Sid Halley, **Crime Whip hand** At first it seemed less intense because unlike in Odds Against Sid did not start the book in the middle of a mess. **Whip Hand mystery tackle** We needed a few chapters to get the story properly rolling but when it got started it didn't stop until the very last sentence. **Whip Hand booklet** Whew! Here Sid deals with investigations into apparent fixing of races but he also has to try and help his ex-wife face the truth of a mess she has gotten herself into. **Whip Hand epubor** Besides this Sid will need to face the reality of his life as a man with only one naturally functioning hand and his fears. **Whip hand cream** I don't remember a thing about the next book 1995's Come To Grief even though I know I have read it, **Whip handknitting** I think it will be interesting to see any changes in DF's work after nearly 20 years since Sid had last appeared: **Whip hand by dick francis** The shouting turned to cheering and the cheering lifted me up on its wings like a wave. **Whip hand book** I woke in the dark as I often did at four in the morning. **Whip hand cosmetics set the stage primer** I could still feel the way I moved with the horse the ripple of muscle through both of the striving bodies uniting in one. **Book Whip handshake** The moment in which I first moved and opened my eyes and remembered that I wouldn't ride any more races ever. **Book Whip handshake** It is no surprise for me that in a long list of stand-alone novels he is the only one to be given a second and third chance in the limelight: **Whip Hand booklet** And who brought to this new career all the will to get to the top all the dedication and the professionalism that defined him on the back of a horse. **Book Whip handshake** This particular novel has an additional personal appeal to me as it is the very first thriller by Dick Francis that I ever read back in the early 1990's. **PDF Whip handy** Twenty five years later I am still one of the faithful fans of the author, **Whip Hand mystery machine** Sid Halley has been forced out of his chosen profession by a horrible accident that mauled his 'whip hand', **Whip handknit** In the beginning of this second novel Sid is still investigating crooks and liars around the racetrack is self-employed and rather too well appreciated for his success: **Kindle Whip handshake** This fame and his rate of success translates in the bad guys

trying to drive him out by threats and physical violence: **Book Whip handy** As you can see from my opening quote the thriller is written in the first person narrative and a liking for the protagonist is key to the enjoyment of the ride: **Whip hand mixer** When I try to picture Sid in my mind I'm thinking of one of those 'tall-in-the-saddle' cowboy heroes of the 50's like Jimmy Stewart Gary Cooper or Gregory Peck, **Epub Whip handicap** The quiet types unassuming soft spoken and serious but unbending and relentless in the pursuit of justice. **Whip hand by dick francis** - Do you see a lot of fears and self doubts and feelings of shame and uselessness and inadequacy?- Of course not you never show feelings like that. **Whip hand book** Everyone has an outside and an inside and the two can be quite different, **PDF Whip handy**] To myself I'm a jumble of uncertainty and fear and stupidity. **Whip Hand booklet** I believe Sid is saved by this very insecurity which pushes him to try harder and to fight back, **Whip Hand epub** I also admire his stoicism his sense of humour and his curiosity about the world and the people he meets: **Whip hand by dick francis** I will not go into details about the plot it is good and clever but not exceptional: **Epub Whip handmade** But those days were lost in a fall beneath 500 pounds of horse that cost him his left hand and his racing future -- and fractured his marriage in the bargain: **Whip hand by dick francis** Now medical and engineering science have provided him with a marvelous mechanical substitute for his whip hand: **Whip hand synonym** But there are no substitutes in Halley 's life for his two great loves: his beautiful bitchy ex-wife. **Whip hand book** The heroes aren't always horse jockies they can be film producers or involve heroes engaged in peripheral professions that somehow always touch the horse racing world. **Whip hand cosmetics set the stage primer** The choices made are rational choices directed by a firm objective philosophy that belies all of Francis's novels. **Book Whip handshake** The dialogue is clear and touched with humor no matter the intensity of evil that the hero faces. **Whip hand cream** The hero's thoughts reveal a vulnerability that is touching while his actions are always based on doing the right thing to achieve justice, **Whip handknitting** Causing the reader to deeply care about the characters in a novel is a difficult thing to do, **Whip handknitting** The point of view is first person you are the main character as you read the story (usually the character of Mr. **Whip Hand sportsman's** The hero is personable like able non-violent but delivering swift justice with his mind rather than through physical means. **PDF Whip handicap** This is not to say that violence is a stranger to our hero. **Whip hand book** Some of it staggering and often delivered by what we would think of normal persons living in British society: **Mystery Whip hand** You will come to love the world of Steeple Chase racing you will grow a fondness for horses stables trainers and the people who live in that world: **Book Whip handshake** Dick Francis from what I've read had no training in writing but he was a jockey so he knows his subject: **Kindle Whip hand** Look forward to reading Francis for many years and hoping the last book I read of his is only one-half as good as this was. **Whip Hand epub** It was great reading and kept me guessing with making so many turns hither and yon around the track: **Whip hand synonym** Many more than you'll find at an actual racetrack that's for damn sure, **Book Whip handmade** Be nice if we were related too since Francis is a family name. **Whip hand synonym** Paperback Dick Francis was never much for reoccurring characters, **Whip hand by dick francis** However there were a couple protagonists that popped up now and again during his more than five decade long career of penning bestselling award-winning and brilliant suspense novels, **Book Whip handy** Sid Halley a personal favorite of mine made his first appearance with the release of Odds Against in 1965: **Book Whip handshake** In case you're unfamiliar with Sid here's the back story, **Whip Hand kindle unlimited** He was a champion steeple chase jockey but that career ended abruptly when a horse stepped directly on his left wrist and left him crippled: **Whip hand wine** He became a private investigator although he didn't take to the job right away: **Whip handknitting** Sid's left hand was later amputated following a run in with a bad guy with a steel poker and a bad temper, **Whip Hand mystery machine** I don't know how old I was when I started reading what would be considered adult fiction but Dick Francis was one of the first authors I really latched onto: **Whip hand book** So you can imagine my surprise and delight when I discovered recently that I'd somehow missed one... and it featured Sid Halley, **Whip Hand kindle books** In Whip Hand (1979) Sid's investigative services are very much in demand: **Whip hand by**

dick francis Sid initially doesn't make much progress on any of those fronts and one person wants very badly to keep it that way, **EBook Whip handshake** He not only warns Sid off but threatens him with very specific bodily injury: **Book Whip handyman** Bottom line he's told if he persists with his inquiries he'll be missing two hands instead of just one, **Crime Whip handheld** If you can't tell I am a huge Dick Francis fan and have been for as long as I can remember: **Whip hand meaning** In fact he was perhaps the biggest influence behind *A Shot at Redemption* my first mystery novel. **Whip Hand booker** The point is Francis inspired me as a reader as well as a writer. **Whip hand cream** Sid Halley remains the only Dick Francis character to appear in more than two books and *Whip Hand* is one of just two novels to win the Gold Dagger and Edgar Award: **Whip Hand crime scene** In case you're wondering John le Carré's *The Spy Who Came in from the Cold* is the other. **Book Whip handshake** Dick Francis sadly passed away in 2010 at the age of 89. **Book Whip handy** I assumed that had to be the end for Sid Halley too but he was resurrected in 2013 when Felix Francis released *Dick Francis's Refusal*, **Whip hand by dick francis** Like all the other Sid Halley novels it's definitely worth reading. **Whip handgards** I encourage you to take a look at my *Turn the Page* review, **Book Whip handmade** Sid's career as a top-rated jockey ended when a horse rolled over onto him crushing his left hand. **Whip hand cosmetics set the stage primer** The hand was later amputated and he now wears a state-of-the-art prosthesis but he cannot be a jockey, **Whip Hand sportsman's** One of these will seriously threaten Sid's life and his psyche: **Book Whip handyman** Both are complicated and require all his skill to ferret out the truth and bring the perpetrators to justice: **Whip handknit** Sid is forced to face his greatest fears and answer for himself: Is there anything you're afraid of? I love Sid, **Mystery Whip handy** He's got a great sidekick in Chico as well; and his father-in-law has his back too Paperback.

.Assessment: Dick Francis is one of my favorite writers. Actually learned much about England by reading the book. He is decent morally upright and very likable. Despite his handicap he has become a private investigator. Halley investigates and beats the odds. Another solid entertainer from the Francis stable. S.A. *Whip Hand* published in 1979 is the second. But there is a deep fear to stand up to. Or to run from. Winning was my function. What I was there for. What I wanted. What I was born for. In the dream I won the race. But the winning was all; not the cheering. There was silence. No cheering just silence. There came at that point the second awakening. The real one. Sid Halley is the quintessential Francis hero. - No one does. [. Paperback Sid Halley had been a champion jockey. and thoroughbred racing. And they're both in trouble. But more than that Francis's heroes are rational human beings. No such worries in a Francis novel. Douglas). You will read the books way above average. Clear clean with no excess words. Honestly I thought I'd read every book he wrote. My readers can judge how well I succeeded. Paperback Book # 2 in the Sid Halley series. He's determined inquisitive courageous and principled