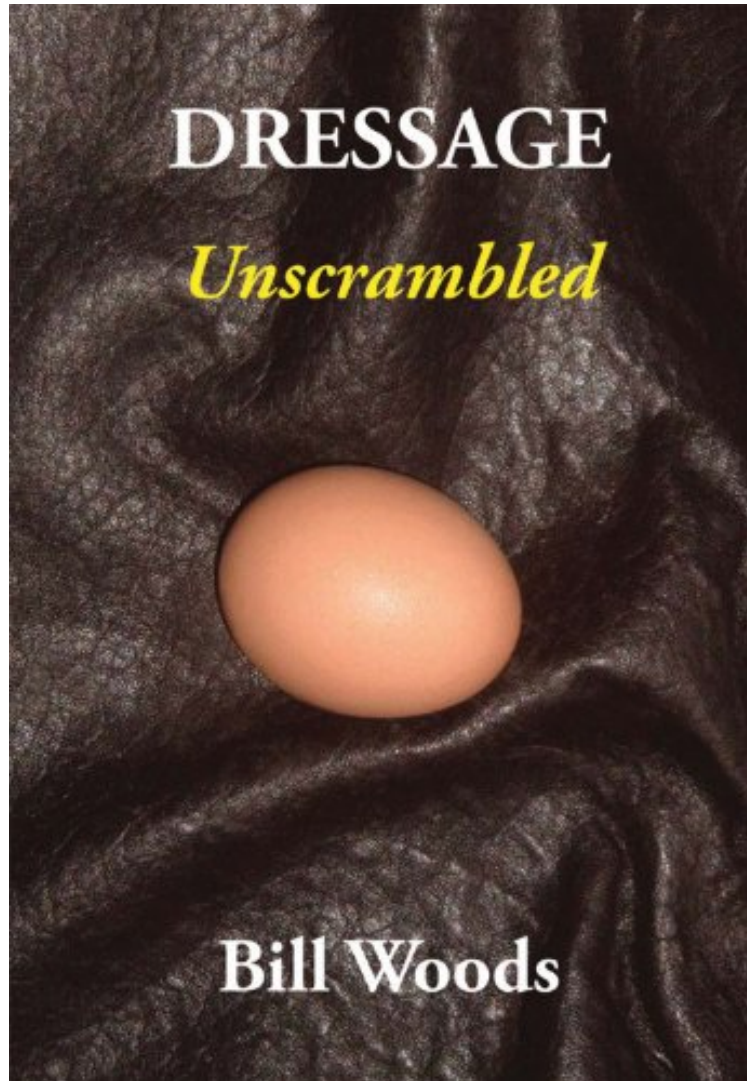


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About the AuthorBill Woods began learning about dressage at the American Dressage Institute and was nurtured by the Vi Hopkins National Instructors Seminars. He has ridden literally thousands of horses and taught that many more riders at all levels over the past nearly-f