

Born to Run

Australia : 1976 : dir. Don Chaffey : Disney : ? min
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[Robert Bettles](#)
 Tom Farley; Andrew McFarlane; Mary Ward

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Source: *The Australian Film Book 1930-Today*

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review:

“A young boy becomes involved in the world of harness racing.”

The Moving Picture Boy entry on Bettles:

“Bettles, a tough, square-faced boy with riding skills, was thundering across our screens four years before Kelly Reno of **"THE BLACK STALLION"**. If not such a dazzling rider as Reno, he was at least as good an actor, and could be very touching in the understated Australian manner. The Disney studio took him up, and his honest chips of eyes and pleasingly unreconstructed teeth shone through six leading roles.”

[no listing in "Halliwell's Film Guide", "Leonard Maltin's Movie and Video Guide 2001", "Speelfilm Encyclopedie", "The Critics' Film Guide", "The Good Film and Video Guide", "Movies on TV and Videocassette 1988-89", "Rating the Movies (1990)", "The Sunday Times Guide to Movies on Television", "The Time Out Film Guide", "TV Times Film & Video Guide 1995", "Variety Movie Guide 1993", "Video Movie Guide 1993" or "The Virgin Film Guide"]

No further information currently available. Surprising to find a Disney title absent from all the principal film guides. Bettles, here 13, had previously made the better known horsey-horsey film **"RIDE A WILD PONY"** (75) in the US, and **"HARNESS FEVER"** (75), but he first came to my notice, at any rate, in a lachrymose Australian dying child film called **"THE FOURTH WISH"**. Like all such heart-rending Kleenex operas, it bordered occasionally on the emetic, but Bettles gave a winning account of himself as the boy soon to be summoned to god's bosom. His other films, presumably with Disney, were **"LET THE BALLOON GO"** in 76, and **"SHIMMERING LIGHT"** in 77.

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