

Gryder, Aaron: Born: June 5, 1970. From: West Covina, CA

Growing up fifteen minutes away from Santa Anita, as a boy Gryder had no contact with horses other than his grandparents' interest in attending the nearby races. But from as early as he could recall he wanted to be a professional jockey. At the age of 13, he left home to learn to ride at the invitation of widely respected jockey, Rudy Campas, who retired from racing after a 26-year career.

At 16, Aaron began his career as a professional jockey in Tijuana, Mexico at Agua Caliente Racetrack. His first winner came on January 18, 1987, at Agua Caliente aboard Ragen Henry.

Has been riding for more than 30 years and has won over 3,800 races.