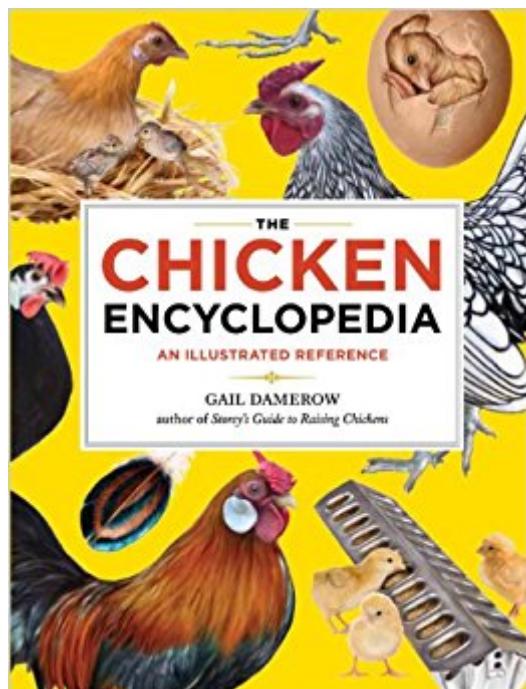


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The Chicken Encyclopedia: An Illustrated Reference



Synopsis

From addled to wind egg and crossed beak to zygote, the terminology of everything chicken is demystified in The Chicken Encyclopedia. Complete with breed descriptions, common medical concerns, and plenty of chicken trivia, this illustrated A-to-Z reference guide is both informative and entertaining. Covering tail types, breeding, molting, communication, and much more, Gail Damerow provides answers to all of your chicken questions and quandaries. Even seasoned chicken farmers are sure to discover new information about the multifaceted world of these fascinating birds.

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The A-Z Chicken Companion From addled to wind egg, crossed beak to zygote, if it concerns chickens, it's covered in this comprehensive encyclopedia. Now you can find the answers to all your chicken questions quickly, easily -- and accompanied by illustrations. What do mille fleur and mooney spangled feathers look like? Which breeds lay blue-green eggs? What's the difference between inbreeding and outcrossing? What's the difference between outer thick and inner thin egg white? Why do chicken legs have dark meat, while breasts have light meat? What's the difference between a flat and a flight? A false wing and a wingette? What are the key signs of the most common chicken predators? What's the difference between brooding and incubating? What are the best ways to catch a chicken? How (and why) do you hypnotize a chicken? Why do chickens molt? How is a crested chicken's anatomy unique?

Gail Damerow has written extensively on raising chickens and other livestock, growing fruits and

vegetables, and related rural know-how in more than a dozen books, including the best-selling Storey's Guide to Raising Chickens, The Chicken Encyclopedia, The Chicken Health Handbook, and Hatching and Brooding Your Own Chicks. Damerow is a regular contributor to Backyard Poultry, Countryside, and Rural Heritage magazines. She lives in Tennessee with her husband, where they operate a family farm with poultry and dairy goats, a sizable garden, and a small orchard. 

Very good beginner book for chickens. I have found myself reading it from the front cover and am about 3/4 of the way through. Some parts I skip that I am already knowledgeable in. But lots of new info for me. It lacks some detail in a few spots. But gives a good general descriptions of a huge amount of chicken facts.

I have been messing about with other peoples' chickens for two or three years and realized that I didn't know the right questions to ask, let alone the answers. A blog that I hit on by chance was very informative and well written; the author was credited with The Chicken Encyclopedia so I went for it. It has entries that don't concern me but provide interesting background information (and who knows when I might need to know; for example; how to candle eggs?). This book has answered questions that I didn't know to ask as well as those that I was aware of but didn't bother with - and some of them are much more important than I realized. Buy it.

This book has a lot of info and it is useful. It's almost more of a chicken dictionary though. The terms have a very short description rather than any sort of depth to the topic. This was not quite what I was expecting. If I had leafed through it in a bookstore, I would not have purchased...but just a personal opinion based on the sort of reference material I was seeking.

Love this book! Very informative and has helpful illustrations. Charts with varieties of birds and problems are very helpful additions. I've learned a lot and prefer this to googling on many occasions. I recommend everyone who owns chickens, even old pros, to have this book handy.

Was not what I expected. More like a dictionary of terms used in raising chickens. This book is not a learning manual of how to raise chickens but rather a descriptive book of terms, equipment, and supplies used in the chicken world.

This is a good extra resource

good info like it alot

If you have read Gail Damerow's book Storey's Guide to Raising Chickens, you will find The Chicken Encyclopedia's content to be redundant. That being said, there are nice pictures and diagrams that are very useful, the index is a bit different which may help you find something, and entries are short and sweet. If you only need one chicken book buy Storey's Guide to Raising Chickens after that City Chicks is a terrific choice or H. Ussery's The Small-Scale Poultry Flock if you are going to be mixing your own chicken rations, growing fodder, etc. And Damerow's Chicken Health book is good to have on hand. Pros: Nice illustrations, pictures, diagrams; easy to read charts, relatively compressive entries for most of us. Cons: Damerow's other books have much of this content already, not a first chicken book

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