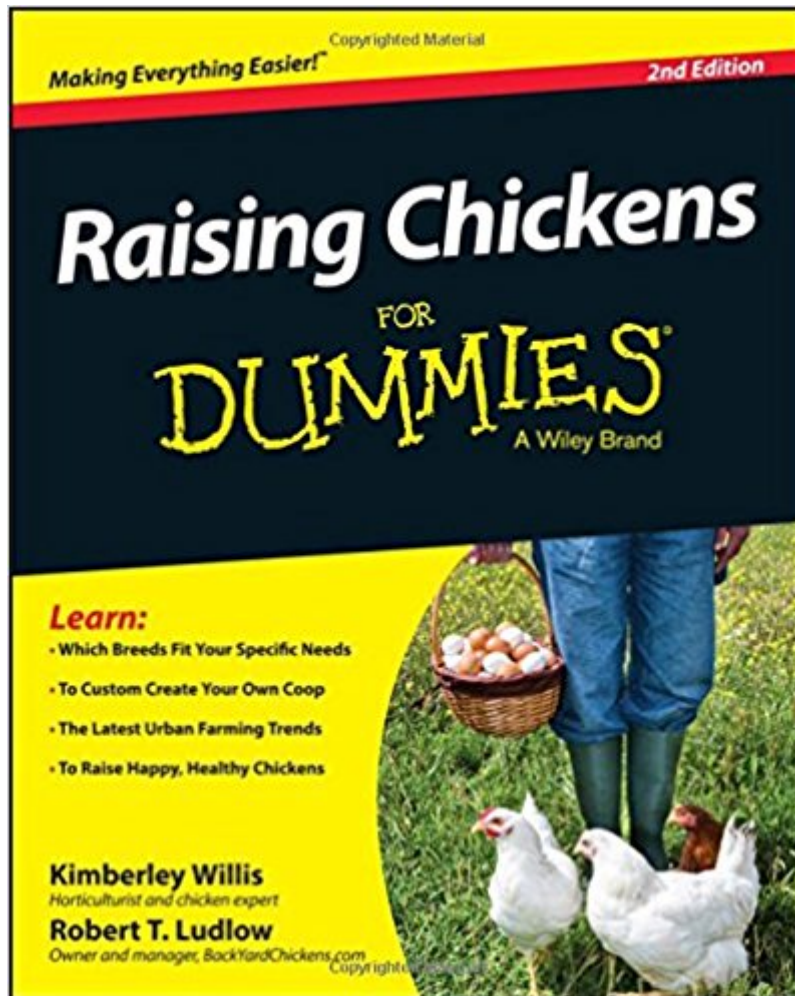




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Your hands-on guide to modern chicken-raising methods Thinking about raising chickens? You've come to the right place! This new edition of *Raising Chickens For Dummies* provides the most up-to-date, thorough information on the many aspects of keeping chickens in your backyard. Inside, you'll find hands-on, easy-to-follow instructions on choosing and purchasing chickens, constructing housing for your birds, feeding your chickens for optimal health, combating laying issues, controlling pests and predators, optimizing egg production, and much more. Raising chickens on a small scale is a popular—and growing—pastime. If you're interested in keeping chickens as pets or as a source for eggs, *Raising Chickens For Dummies* gives you plain-English explanations of everything you need to know to about caring for chickens. Inside, you'll learn about basic chicken biology, breeds, and behavior, which chicken breed is best for you, how many you need, ways to spot healthy chickens, how to build a chicken coop, best practices for mating your chickens, how to incubate eggs, how to hatch and nurture chicks, manage laying hens, collect and store eggs, and butcher meat birds. Offers practical advice on choosing and purchasing chickens Helps you construct the right housing for your chickens Provides tips on feeding and caring for your chickens Includes top tips for raising healthy chickens Whether you're a first-time poulterer or you've been raising chickens for years, this comprehensive guide provides practical how-to advice for keeping chickens in virtually any backyard.

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Kimberley Willis has raised numerous breeds of chickens and other poultry for eggs, meat, and showing for more than 40 years. Robert T. Ludlow owns and manages BackYardChickens.com, the largest and fastest-growing community of chicken enthusiasts in the world.

Great book for novices. My husband bought a different one initially and it was worthless. This is our first time raising chickens and this book was highly recommended by a seasoned chicken farmer. It is concise and has lots of information. Easy to follow.

I am new to raising chickens and this book is a big help. It is easy to find the answer to a quick question or concern and a fun read. I gave it four stars because I would like to see a few more illustrations and an expanded description of the different breeds. My chicks are alive and well, so far, thanks to the great advice in this book.

Very comprehensive book for a complete beginner such as myself. I'm sure I could have searched the internet for much of this information, but who has the time to sit for hours researching every aspect of raising chickens? This is a handy book to whip out when you have a question or concern. Highly recommend.

Wow! Great info!!! Big book..lots of information. This is the first time that we have raised chickens so we have a lot of questions and this book has a lot of answers!!! I researched before buying the correct chicken book and I was impressed mostly with this and I'm glad that I decided to get this one. I know we will use this as a go-to for any questions that arise, and just to read through to educate ourselves on our new journey with raising sweet chickens!!! :)

Its ok. A lot of generalized information. Mostly what I read I already knew from other friends that raise chickens. I suppose if you have ZERO experience handling or raising animals this would be worthwhile. I have had my share of pets from dogs and cats to much more exotic and time demanding animals so a couple of chickens in the yard is a breeze.

I feel after reading the book I am ready to start my own small flock! Very informative and easy to understand for someone who knew nothing about raising chickens

My wife is totally new to raising chickens, and I have some experience from my youth, but not a lot. This covers everything you need to know without getting too technical like some of the other books do.

The book pointed me in the right direction and was a valuable resource for me. All info I needed I found in this easy to read book

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