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# Backyard Chickens For Beginners: Getting The Best Chickens, Choosing Coops, Feeding And Care, And Beating City Chicken Laws



## Synopsis

Exclusive for 2016! Valuable, short guide for beginners on how to start a backyard mini-flock of 2-4 chickens and get fresh eggs every day. Written by the author of the best-selling Fresh Food From Small Spaces book, a former columnist for Urban Farm magazine. Topics include:<sup>\*</sup> Fresh Eggs Every Day \* How Much Space Do You Need?<sup>\*</sup> Building or Buying a Coop<sup>\*</sup> Feeders, Waterers, Nesting Boxes, and Roosts<sup>\*</sup> Getting Chicks or Chickens<sup>\*</sup> Feeding Your Chickens<sup>\*</sup> Tips for Cold Climates<sup>\*</sup> Health and Safety<sup>\*</sup> Dealing with Neighbors, City Chicken Laws, and Other Challenges<sup>\*</sup> Resources: Everything You Need! Fresh eggs every day This 36-page booklet provides the ultimate beginner's guide to raising chickens for eggs in a city or suburban backyard. You can pay \$10-\$30 for a longer book containing lots of filler material you don't need. Are you really going to start a chick hatching business, compost doggy doo, or perform surgery on a sick hen? Stick to the essentials and pay a lot less. Everything You Need to Get Started! Are you ready to start raising chickens on a small scale? This booklet has all the information you really need to know on getting chicks or chickens for the city, where and how to find a good coop, what other items you need (feeders, waterers, nesting boxes), and how to feed your chickens nutritious food that will make the best eggs you have ever tasted. Learn some tips for proper chicken health and safety as well as for getting your chickens through cold winters in freezing climates. Learn how to deal with neighbors and restrictive city chicken laws so that no one can stop you from raising chickens for fresh eggs. Includes Free Resources Section Includes a great Resources section with organized links to every important piece of information available for free online, including more information on coops and city chicken laws. Some people say this section alone is worth the price of this booklet. Get access to all the resources and support you will ever need to help you have a great experience raising backyard chickens. Never pay a penny more for chicken info! Get started today and enjoy fresh eggs from your own backyard! (36-page booklet with 20,000 words) If you're looking for an introductory guide to raising chickens, this is the one!

## Book Information

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## Customer Reviews

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Excellent book. Easy to read, informative, eases the intimidation of starting to own chickens. I would add or clarify just a few things: First and most importantly, the author makes reference to poultry wire when discussing coops. In passing he mentions half inch hardware cloth. Readers should not infer that poultry wire is the large-holed hexagonal chicken wire. That wire is too open and too flimsy to use to protect your chickens. Racoons will make short work of it. Though more expensive, invest in the half-inch grid hardware cloth and save yourself the expense and trauma of losing your birds to predators. Second, I would have liked to see some info on how smart and trainable chickens are. There's a downside to that trait. If you hear your chickens crowing one morning and as a result go out and let them free range or give them a treat, you have just trained them to crow every morning for the same thing again. (Don't ask me how I know.) As with children, don't reward behavior you don't wish to see repeated. BTW, there's a very interesting youtube video on clicker training chickens. Third, the subject of pecking order and introducing new chickens to established flocks would have been very helpful. Finally, I would just add my chickens' number one treat, one they will fly up to peck the bottom of the clear container for: leftover cooked brown rice.

I must confess: I don't have any chickens and I doubt I ever will. But, I am curious about the urban farming movement. It seems like a great idea and a huge step in the right direction. With GMOs secretly infesting all our food and Big Ag, like Monsanto, spending the big bucks to keep it that way, growing your own food is kind of like guerrilla warfare. If you want to stay healthy or get healthy, it's about the best thing you can do for yourself. Raising your own chickens is part of the movement

along with keeping bees or rabbits. We've all heard that most chickens today live miserable lives crammed into little cages covered in excrement. Then we eat their eggs and then the actual filthy chickens themselves. That can't be good. How do city folk figure out how to raise healthy, happy chickens? A great way is to buy this book for a starter. The coop is very important and here you will find just exactly how to make one yourself. -

Ridiculous. Just received the "paperback book" version of this. This is NOT a book. Beware. It is a glorified pamphlet. It's like this was an afterthought of the kindle version. First page jumps right in to chapter one. Not even a table of contents, no page numbers, nothing... Just requested my refund with . Disappointed as this was a gift, and I purchased it based on the positive reviews.

The author did an amazing job breaking the chicken language down for someone starting out!! We got everything in this book to start raising your own chickens!!!

I'm so glad I got this book, the author is right about getting right to the info your looking for. It skips the long winded and sometimes unneeded info you pay for in a larger book. This is the perfect book to get you started with chickens, from what kind to get, how many , what you intend and how to keep them. One helpful hint I got was to slightly bury my coop to keep other critters from digging in underneath. If it's not in this book it tells you where to find it! Perfect! Thanks!

Ok information but the book is very short and not that comprehensive. Instead of buying multiple books you are better off buying a book like *Keepinf Chickens* by Jeremy Hobson which is bigger, contains more photos, contains more information on a number of things like food, diseases, various breeds of chickens and their charactersitics. Honestly I am not quite sure why this book has such a high rating. It's kind of like a large pamphlet that gives a general overview.

Very thorough book. Had great references in the back of it too, such as the backyard chickens online community. I like that it was available as a Kindle version, so I can access it with my laptop, desktop, iPhone, & tablet (oh, and a 2nd gen Kindle). I go to it frequently with whatever I need to know/recall when I need to. Great guide for a beginner like me! Very educational and is something hard to put down! Getting my first chicks in a couple months and I feel prepared.

I chose this book because it contains excellent information for anyone thinking of jumping into

raising chickens.I've been raising chickens for over 12 years now and there's information in this book that helped me. It gave me some ideas that I haven't thought of.A must have book for starting out, it will answer many of the questions you have from types of birds, coops and runs. It covers just about everything you need to know.Excellent wealth of information and a book you will continue to go back to no matter how long you've been raising chickens.

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