Whether you're running a farm or interested in keeping a few backyard birds, Storey's Guide to Raising Poultry covers everything you need to know to successfully raise your own chickens, turkeys, waterfowl, and more. Stressing humane practices throughout, Glenn Davis provides expert advice on breed selection, housing, feeding, behavior, breeding, health care, and processing your own meat and eggs. With tips on raising specialty species like doves, ostriches, and peafowl, you'll be inspired to experiment with new breeds and add diversity to your poultry operation.

**Synopsis**

This book has great information about raising all kinds of poultry. Its unique advantage over other books is that it covers the less common (i.e. non-chicken) types of poultry, especially gamebirds. The author does a great job of explaining what things are similar between different types of birds, and what things are different. If you are considering raising other birds, read this book first- it will help you get off to a great start. The information in the book tends to cover the more basic, common scenarios for chickens rather than being packed full of tons of less common details and facts. No
doubt, this is in order to cover all of the topics related to other birds while still keeping the book a manageable length. It is a great resource for all chicken keepers. It will answer most of your questions, but won't answer all of them (however, I rather doubt that any single book will). Some topics it covers particularly well- housing, bird biology, what to expect from your birds month-by-month (great for the beginner!), and appendices devoted to feed and incubation information. I was surprised at the relative lack of information about raising birds on pasture- while this topic is covered, it is not covered at the level of detail as some other topics, but there are other books specifically devoted to pastured poultry. The book also covers some more unique topics- a chapter each on breeding, incubating, showing, and poultry as pets.

I was hoping to get some basic info on breeding chickens and geese and to incubate hatching eggs. This book provides almost no useful information on either of these subjects, leaving me with more questions than answers. This book is best for backyard hobbyists who buy a few chicks at the feed store and just want to raise them for fun or eggs. The chapter on butchering was very basic and lacking in many details. You can get better information by searching the internet.

For backyard poultry keeping: this book is a must have! I am getting guinea fowl and Gardening With Guineas was much too basic and written in a childlike fashion. Storey's book is full of info and written in a clear concise way.

I bought this book for my daughter, who shows chickens. At her level of competition, the showman must master a wide variety of knowledge about all different species of poultry. The information in this volume keeps her very competitive! It is an all inclusive, thorough book with lots of information and covering many different kinds of birds. We still refer to it often!

Admittedly I knew what to expect from the book as it had the look inside feature and there was no disappointment here. Although I wanted more detailed information on how to use some heritage breeds in commercial production, the book has touched on most if not all areas (did not read it in it’s entirety). Saying how the book is on the general topic of poultry I'll can safely say it's a great book for hobbyist to persons interested in large scale farming. It may carry more than its penny’s worth!

Perfect level of information depth to springboard my poultry adventure! I have not raised poultry in over 20 years, so I wanted to refresh my memory. This book went far beyond that for me. I learned
things that I never knew—but wish I had—and even found answers to questions from way back when! This is a must-read for anyone wanting to get into poultry.

Very informative and I like this writer's style. The author has much experience with raising all types of poultry and writes with the perspective of encouragement for new beginners and facts for people with some experience or looking to try another type of poultry. Without going into enormous detail, I can say it was money well spent and I feel encouraged that when I am able to try to raise poultry, I will look to this book for the information I need.

Read this as soon as it arrived since hubby was going over the blueprints to keep rare breeds from mixing...very helpful...lots of info and the resources in the back for each state were a nice addition...

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