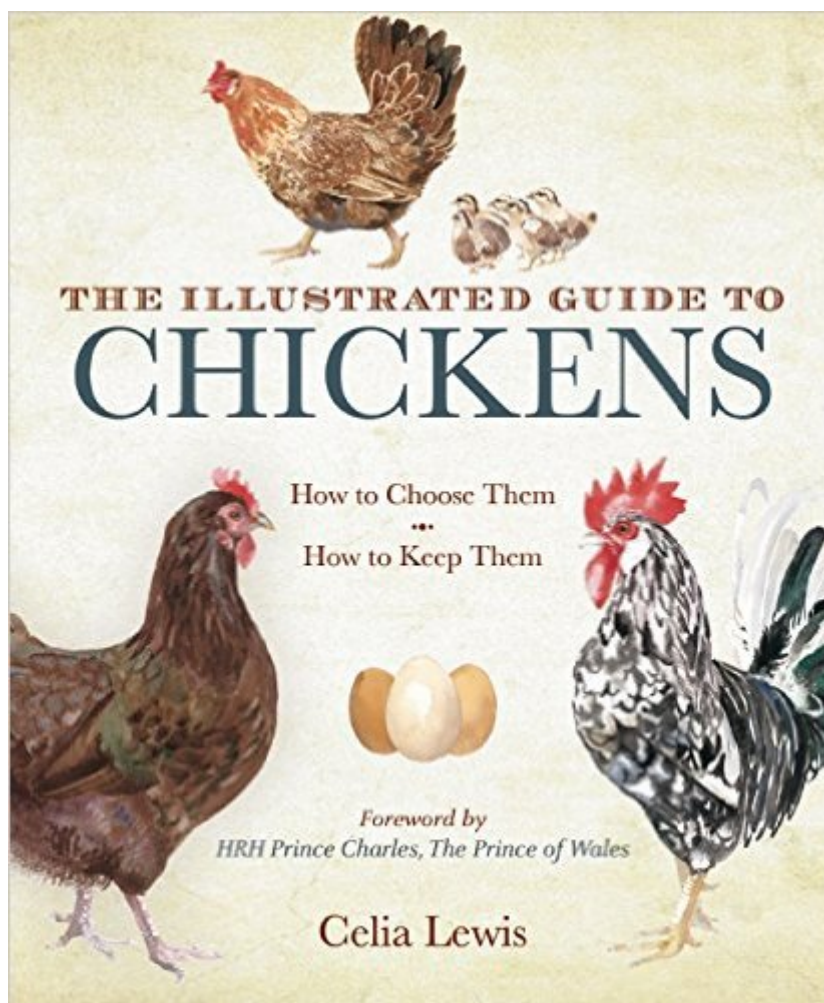


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# The Illustrated Guide To Chickens: How To Choose Them, How To Keep Them



## Synopsis

An illustrated guide to the selection and care of chickens. Chickens are fun, useful, and easy to keep. If you have ever considered raising your own backyard flock, *The Illustrated Guide to Chickens* is the book for you! This book offers practical advice and contains all the information you need to choose from one of the hundred most familiar breeds of chicken in North America and Europe. Each breed's profile is written in engaging text that covers its history and main characteristics. You will also find practical advice about poultry rearing and husbandry, including the pros and cons of pure breeds, hybrids, bantams, game fowl, and more. The breeds include: Appenzeller, Hamburg, New Hampshire Red, Transylvanian Naked Neck, and many more!

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Published by Skyhorse Publishing, the latest book from Celia Lewis advises on how to raise chickens for eggs. You learn how to select the chickens best suited to your needs as she illustrates and describes over 100 breeds of chickens. She includes detailed information on the parts of a chicken, combs, types of feathers, parts of a wing, and other characteristics of the chicken. Whether you want to purchase new stock of chickens or hatch your own, Ms. Lewis provides ample information for the beginner on feeding, housing and caring for those young chicks. Artistically brilliant in capturing each breed, both the rooster and hen as well as the chick. She also illustrates the typical egg. Gorgeous renderings!!! can't get over how detailed and gorgeous the paintings are!! With this book you can get a fantastic idea of which breed you most would enjoy raising. It is a great

book for 4-H kids or FFA to learn about the variety of breeds and have details to go with each including the origin, egg color and the breed standards. I have seen many chicken books on breeds and there were some in here that I hadn't even heard of! The drawings are so incredibly realistic that you can easily envision the true chicken in your coop. Truly the best illustrated guide of chickens I have ever seen! Ms. Lewis is gifted not only in her artistic ability, but in her presentation of the wonderful world of chickens!! I received a copy of this book from Skyhorse Publishing in exchange for an honest review.

I've read a lot of chicken books and the content of one sort of blends into the others, so I can't fairly rate the content of this book. But the watercolor paintings of the chickens are prolific and absolutely gorgeous! Worth the money for the illustrations alone. Beautiful, beautiful! Even paintings of the slightly different tints of each egg shell. Wonderful book!

I like the book because it is informative of the different breeds of Chickens breeds. It gives an overall knowledge of housing, keeping, feeding these birds. Very nice pictures of each breed with detail description was very helpful to me. It is easy to read and understandable by young children as well.

Beautifully illustrated book! I am a visual person so seeing all of the colorful watercolor pictures along with detailed information about each breed made this educational book so enjoyable too. Very informative beginners book about getting started as a chicken keeper. Written by someone who obviously knows chickens. My only negative, and this is just me, is that this book was based out of the UK, and I am from the US, but most of the information was still useful to me here in the US. I would recommend this book to other beginners wanting to get a backyard flock. After reading the book I am happy with the breed choices that I already made. I learned that all of my breeds will lay lots of eggs and most will be broody as well, in case I decide to raise a next generation of chicks from these. All in all a very enjoyable read!

Worth the full price for the wonderful illustrations alone, at the current 0.99cents offer its a no-brainer. As a novice who is intending to keep chickens, I can't comment on the accuracy or completeness of the text, but it appears good compared to other chicken books i have looked at. There is detailed information on each breed, plus information on chickens in general, coop space, diseases and their treatments etc.

Filled with luscious watercolor illustrations, *The Illustrated Guide to Chickens* by Celia Lewis is also loaded with helpful information about caring for the birds. I was surprised by the incredible variety in the species and delighted by the artist's skillful portrayal of them. A wonderful gift for art lovers, even if they don't raise chickens. I bought it for a friend who has just started raising the birds and I believe she'll find it to be very helpful. ~ Darlene Blasing

I may have chickens again one day. I love having them running around in the yard. The fresh eggs are something to crow about!! I really enjoy looking up the different breeds and the pictures are lovely. From a chicken fan.

I really liked this book. It helped me to choose the breed of hens because of the great information in this book. Plus it has a great glossary of terms and table of contents. Loads of references!!

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