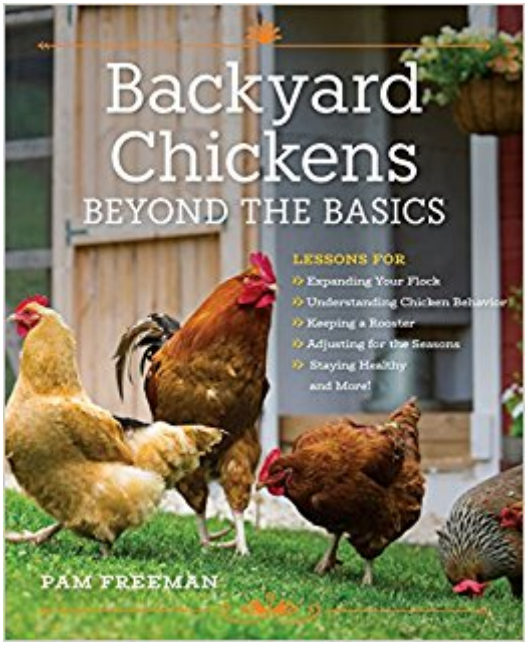
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Synopsis

A must-have for every backyard chicken keeper, Backyard Chickens Beyond the Basics goes beyond introductory lessons and explores the realities of raising a flock for eggs -- and entertainment, of course! From odd eggs and molting to feeding and preparing for the seasons, this book covers the subjects beginner books don't adequately address and re-examines common knowledge that may not actually hold true. It's a resource to turn to time and again for expert advice to make sure your birds are happy, healthy, and productive.Author Pam Freeman, an editor and "Ask the Expert" columnist at Backyard Poultry magazine, draws on her years of experience fielding reader questions to identify and clearly explain many common - and some not-so-common - issues in chicken keeping. How do you add new chickens to your flock? What is the pecking order and how can you change or control it? Is it better to raise chicks by hand or with a broody hen? What do you do when you collect eggs and discover: lash eggs, calcium deposits, soft eggs, eggs within eggs, or wrinkled eggs? In Backyard Chickens Beyond the Basics, readers will find not just answers, but a book full of "coop truth" that helps them continue on their journey. Because as every chicken owner knows: Chickens are individuals and real-life chicken keeping often takes you far from the beaten path.

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Customer Reviews

"...has info not always found in other chicken primers" - The Cleveland Plain Dealer

Pam Freeman is the editor of Backyard PoultryÃ Â magazine and Countryside magazine.Ã Â After

she received four Silver Laced WyandotteÃ Â chicks from the Easter Bunny, her flock quicklyÃ Â grew and Pam launched pamsbackyardchickens.com. In the years that followed, she hand-raisedÃ Â chicks, nursed chicks and chickens back toÃ Â health, and experienced the entire lifecycle manyÃ Â times over. During that time, Pam also joinedÃ Â the Countryside Network, where she is now anÃ Â editor managing a roster of her fellow chickenkeepingÃ Â writers. Pam is a resident Ã¢â ¬Å“Ask theÃ Â ExpertÃ¢â ¬Â• columnist for Backyard Poultry magazineÃ Â and continues to write regular posts about chickenÃ Â keeping and homesteading for Backyard PoultryÃ Â and other publications.

This is the chicken handbook that should be on every chicken keeper's shelf. Pam Freeman did a wonderful job of tackling the tough subjects. And she did it while making the book appealing to the eye! The photos are beautiful, and I do have a soft spot for gorgeous chicken photography!. After you get past drooling over the pretty pictures, the book is full of meaty information that we all had to learn as we traveled the backyard chicken journey. I appreciate how Pam tackled the tough questions, and the unpleasant topics such as illness and predators. As a chicken keeper, writer and blogger, we do get these sad questions frequently. Now there is a book that has up to date, realistic information that can help the chicken keeper work through a problem or health issue. The in depth review of predator behavior is so helpful when you are deciding if you should free range your flock or keep them in a run attached to the coop.Being a keeper of multiple roosters in our flock, I loved reading the chapter on roosters. Their care, behavior, and the nitty gritty facts of chicken mating are covered here. Don't miss the interesting information on what characteristics are found attractive by a hen! Your roosters may enjoy hearing what makes them more attractive to the ladies!Lastly, I must mention and area near and dear to my heart. I am so glad that Pam covered the natural feeding and use of herbs subject in the book. I am always looking for more resources in this area.I highly recommend the book to you; I will be honest and say that although I bought my copy and am doing this review without being requested to do so, I do personally know Pam and consider her a fine editor and writer. I think you will agree with me after you read Backyard Chickens - Beyond the Basics.

Very informative book for those looking to expand on their "chickenkeeping 101!" I would definitely recommend this.

Terrific information - I felt like I was talking to a neighbor, and fellow chicken keeper - very easily

accessible information - great book!

As someone who has not only read nearly every chicken keeping book in print, but also written books on raising poultry myself, I don’t necessarily expect to learn a lot these days from new books coming out. That doesn’t mean I don’t still enjoy reading books about our favorite feathered friends. I mean who doesn’t? Pam’s book however is different. I found myself not only enjoying the beautiful photography, but also Pam’s easy, friendly way of writing AND picking up some great tips.Basic chicken keeping or chicken health books are a dime a dozen. Many don’t subscribe to the same tenets that I do, focusing mainly on commercial medications and antibiotic, doing very little in the way of natural care or preventives, and basically regurgitating information that can easily be googled. Common sense seems to have flown the coop (pardon the pun!) in many of the contemporary books being written. This book however is very different. It’s a breath of fresh air honestly.Full disclosure, Pam is my editor over at Backyard Poultry magazine, and I’ve enjoyed the advice she gives in that magazine’s Ask the Expert column for quite awhile now. She shares much of my philosophy, believing in natural preventives, boosting immune systems, etc. but this book is so much more than that. Unlike any other chicken keeping book on the market, this book delves into some of the most common questions chicken keepers have once they’ve gotten the basics down pat.Consider this book Chicken Keeping 2.0. It’s not a beginner’s book, but it certainly is something the anyone considering raising chickens should have on their shelf. It will provide guidance and answers to questions that pop up as you begin (and continue your journey). Pam relies on her personal experience, but more than that, she draws on her vast experience fielding questions from readers of the magazine.Whether you’re brand new to backyard chickens or have years of experience, this book is filled with advice and tips that will make you a better, more informed chicken keeper. I know it’s given me a few things to think about incorporating into my flock maintenance. And that’s saying something!Lisa SteeleFresh Eggs DailyAuthor, 5th generation chicken keeper and professional chicken enthusiast

This is one of the most helpful books I’ve read about raising backyard chickens. It’s easy to find a book that covers the most basic setup and feed requirements of a new flock, but what happens when you graduate from novice to intermediate chicken owner? That’s where this book really shines. The author’s casual voice is like having a conversation with a trusted friend ... a trusted friend who has amassed years of experience raising her own chickens. As the editor of Backyard Poultry magazine, Pam has fielded hundreds for questions from backyard chicken owners. It’s clear

she understands the common challenges, and she doesn’t hold back from sharing everything she’s learned along the way.The full-color photography is simply gorgeous and helpful, and the "Tip" boxes make it easy to grasp key information. Even if you are just starting out, this book has wonderful insight into the challenges and opportunities you will soon face as you get more experienced with your chickens. Every backyard chicken owner should keep this book handy to understand unusual behavior, seasonal issues, odd eggs, feed and health concerns, expanding a flock (even adding a rooster or two!) and more.

This is an awesome book. Filled with more than just the basics- all great information about treating the chickens with natural ingredients. Like what to put in their water and feed etc... Its been very useful.

Really great book. Lots of very helpful and useful information contained to learn about taking care of your backyard flock.

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