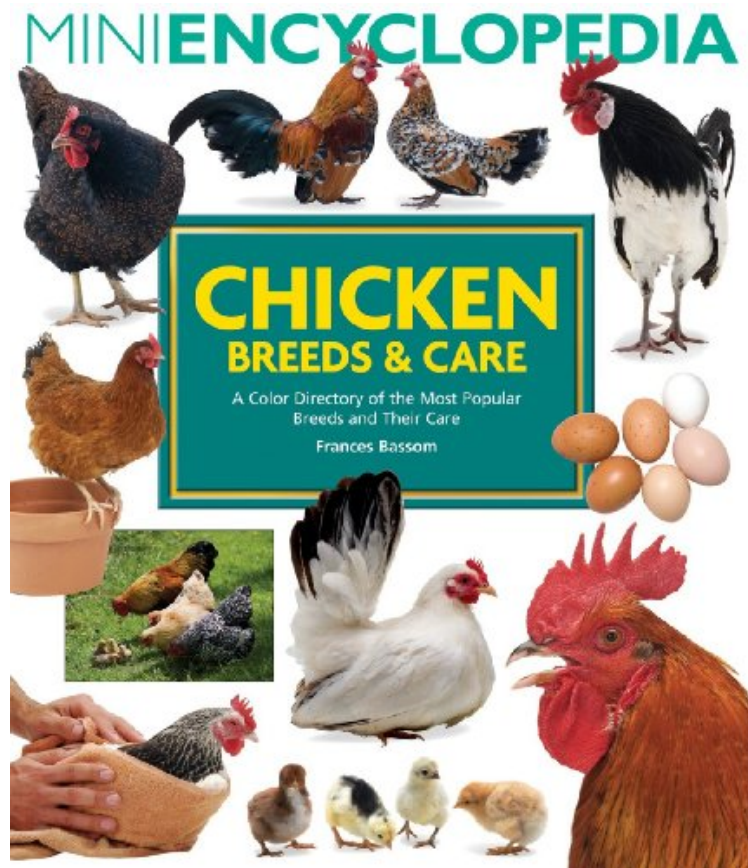


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**Frances Bassom : Mini Encyclopedia of Chicken Breeds and Care: A Color Directory of the Most Popular Breeds and Their Care** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Mini Encyclopedia of Chicken Breeds and Care: A Color Directory of the Most Popular Breeds and Their Care:

28 of 28 people found the following review helpful. Great book on chickens/careBy KellieI thought this would have been mostly about the breeds with pictures and care of each breed. Turns out the first half of the book is filled with tons of information from housing to food. Lots of information summed up and not dragged out over several chapters. Straight and to the point. Well written and informative. The one thing I will note is in the title it says "Mini" Encyclopedia. I assumed it meant the info inside but the actual book is Mini. Just thought that would be note worthy in case others thought they were getting a larger picture quality book. This is not the case, Measures 5 Inches maybe.13 of 13 people found the following review helpful. MiniEncyclopediaBy Kerry WhiteI have several books on

chicken breeds but this is my favorite as the Mini Encyclopedia provides a quick reference guide to chicken breeds behavior and temperament. Everything is at your fingertips to assist the user when deciding on what breed of chicken would suit them. The book is only small but it is jam packed with information. I am a chicken breeder but I am not knowledgeable on all breeds so I find this book invaluable when looking at a breed of chicken I am considering purchasing. The breeds characteristics determines the size of housing they will need, feed consumption and egg or meat production. This great little pocket sized book is a must for anyone considering keeping chickens in their backyard no matter what size plot you have. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Left out a lot of what I wanted to know By BubbaLuv This book left out information that I wanted on most of the breeds. What was the temperament of the birds, the size, and the average number of eggs per year? I don't want to get a chicken if I don't know their temperament. There was an emphasis on the history of each breed that I just didn't particularly care about.

A comprehensive and richly illustrated guide to keeping chickens. Chickens kept as pets are increasingly popular, even in urban environments, as more and more people discover it is easy to keep chickens, even in a small backyard. They make excellent pets and offer the immeasurable benefit of a free and ready supply of fresh eggs. The expert author alerts the many newcomers to chicken-keeping to the amazing variety of breeds available -- more than 100 registered pure breeds and bantams, as well as many hybrids. This beautifully illustrated reference provides essential advice about the housing and care of chickens, as well as profiles of more than 70 of the most popular breeds, with details such as: History and origins Weight ranges Egg characteristics Physical appearance Behavior. The Mini Encyclopedia of Chicken Breeds and Care provides an unrivalled depth of practical information, and it features more than 500 specially commissioned color photographs. From the plump, cushionlike beauty of the Buff Orpington to the extravagantly ornamental bantams, readers will discover there is a chicken breed that ideally suits them.

Frances Bassom offers a plethora of information on raising chickens in her Mini Encyclopedia of Chicken Breeds Care: A Color Directory of the Most Popular Breeds and Their Care. In the first half of the book, Bassom covers the basics, including housing, feeding, breeding and showing chickens. The second half acts as an encyclopedia, describing characteristics of certain breeds, such as size, feather patterns, and the color of the eggs they lay. Raising poultry for food not only adds to a healthy lifestyle, the author notes, it also helps lower a homeowner's carbon footprint by reducing the distance food travels to reach the plate. (Phoenix Home and Garden 2010-04-01) Frank and abundant detail ... handy, heavily illustrated. (Mary Brennan Seattle Times 2010-07-17) About the Author Frances Bassom is chairperson of the Surrey Poultry Society and a member of the Rare Poultry Society. She has developed a new variant of the Vorwerk bantam and is working to preserve a chocolate gene found in the Minorca bantam. Excerpt. Reprinted by permission. All rights reserved. Excerpt Poultry keeping is booming Poultry are popular. Hardly a week seems to go by without a magazine or newspaper carrying an article about another celebrity's newfound love of keeping poultry. Not since the heady days of the 1850s, when "hen fever" was at its height and people vied with each other to purchase new breeds of poultry for enormous sums of money, have our feathery friends been so in demand. For those people who had been quietly keeping poultry for many years, it initially came as something of a shock to discover more and more people deciding to add poultry keeping to their lives. After all, prior to all this recent interest, they had been classed as the odd ones out! One of the reasons for this rise in popularity is that people have realized they need to become more curious about how their food is produced. Added to this is the growing awareness of the large distances most food has traveled to reach our plates. It is estimated that 23 percent of our carbon footprint is taken up in food miles. Eating eggs, meat and vegetables from your garden not only reduces your carbon footprint, but it also adds to a healthy way of life and provides an enjoyable pastime the whole family can get involved in. The rescue of battery hens from cages, allowing them to live out the rest of their productive lives cage-free, is perhaps one of the fastest-growing ways that people are being introduced to the pleasure of having eggs from their own hens. With their missing feathers and trimmed beaks these hens look a far cry from the fancy show birds. Yet, once they have regrown their feathers and are living happily in your yard, you will discover that, as well as laying eggs, they arrive fully equipped with a personality. Caring for such hens is a wonderful introduction to domestic poultry keeping. Although at first you may become involved in poultry through keeping a few laying hens, sooner or later chances are you will visit somewhere that has other, more exotic-looking breeds of poultry and be tempted to enlarge your flock. Not all breeds are suitable for novices. If you already keep laying hens you can hardly be classed as a novice, but some breeds may have a temperament trait that you are unaware of, or maybe their care will consume more time than you can afford if you have a busy lifestyle. This book provides not only the basic information you need to care for your birds, but it also introduces you to a whole range of breeds that you may not have known existed. From the ultrarare to the fluffy and cute, from the solid, reliable utility types to the fine-boned thoroughbreds of the poultry fancy, somewhere out there is a breed of chicken that will fit perfectly into your backyard -- a bird that will meet all your requirements and spark enough interest to convince you that keeping poultry is definitely the hobby for you.