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The Magnificent Chicken: Portraits Of The Fairest Fowl



Synopsis

With backyard chicken keeping and urban farming at an all-time high, the proudest of purebred poultry take center stage once again in this fully revised and expanded edition of the classic *The Fairest Fowl*, now retitled *The Magnificent Chicken*. Updated in hardcover with even more chickens and an enlarged resource section, this celebration of the wonder, peculiarity, and magnificence of championship chickens showcases more than 40 astonishing breeds in glamorous photosâmany brand newâand informative text, while an introduction by Ira Glass explores the finer points of poultry shows and chicken portraiture.

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Customer Reviews

These are the most beautiful images you'll find anywhere of the great and varied animal that is The Chicken! There's smart, wry and informative writing as well, and I particularly love both the overall feel and vibe of the book and the design elements - which only A Book can do well - of things like a separate framed color palette for each chicken. A really handsome and fun book. People pick up the copy that sits on our coffee table and smile smile smile at it.

As a backyard chicken keeper, urban homesteader, and chicken blogger, I thought this book would make a lovely addition to my coffee table collection, as well as a great conversation starter about various chicken breeds. While the book is filled with some truly lovely pictures of unique fowl, it mainly covers bantam breeds, and a few basics like the Barred Plymouth Rock and Cornish meat

varieties. A majority of the book is black and white, often blurry photos of poultry shows, random people holding chickens at said shows, and information about championship breeding programs. While I did enjoy reading some of the dialog, laughing at the truth of chicken photography, and seeing some spectacular new breeds, I was disappointed in the rest of the book's lackluster layout and banter about standards. Perhaps capturing the beauty of chickens through the eyes of poultry show contestants is what the author was aiming for, but I was sincerely hoping for more of an encyclopedia of beautiful chicken pictures, and not the caged show lifestyle in black and white. At present the book remains on my coffee table, but I'll be looking for another to replace it soon.

Cute photo series! I love chickens, I had a variety of different chicken breeds growing up and am strongly considering putting a small chicken coop in my city-little front yard. In the interest of researching what chicken breeds would work in the city (and honestly, having some pretty-chicken eye candy), I ordered this book. There is some educational text by the pictures, and a brief essay in the beginning, that make this more than just a pretty show. However, the best part really is the chicken pics! There are so many crazy colors, feather textures, and comb configurations that you can't stop looking at them! There are chicken breeds in here I'd never heard of, and I was in 4H as a kid - you'd think I'd know it all when it comes to farm animals. Definitely not a dense read, but a very, very fun one!

Oh my yes - this was a beautiful book. I am so intrigued with chickens and the more I see of them, the more I realize how unique and beautiful they are. I have spent countless hours trying to photograph chickens. They are virtually impossible to shoot. They don't hold a pose for very long, and when you get a good shot, it is because you've missed 100. This is a gorgeous representation of these beautiful birds. I look at it often.

This book is so well illustrated with excellent pictures of so many rare kinds of chickens. The text is not extensive but sufficient for the purpose of the book. I am a chicken lover so this really "filled the bill" for me!

I got this book not because I intend to raise chickens or anything but because I was fascinated by the different varieties. The price was reasonable, the pictures were great, and it's a fun book to leave on the coffee table.

Wonderful pictures. I did not know there was so much variety in the poultry world and I did not know I had been missing out on so much by my shoddy education. The images, the information, the presentation are all fascinating.

Here is the next art book for your waiting room and home. Buy a few extras, it will be stolen because you can't put it down! I like this better than Extraordinary Chickens. The pictures are set so well, even if you don't own chickens you will appreciate the characters and colors. I keep one on kindle just for wait in lobby times,,,,,and usually draw a crowd, especially children.

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