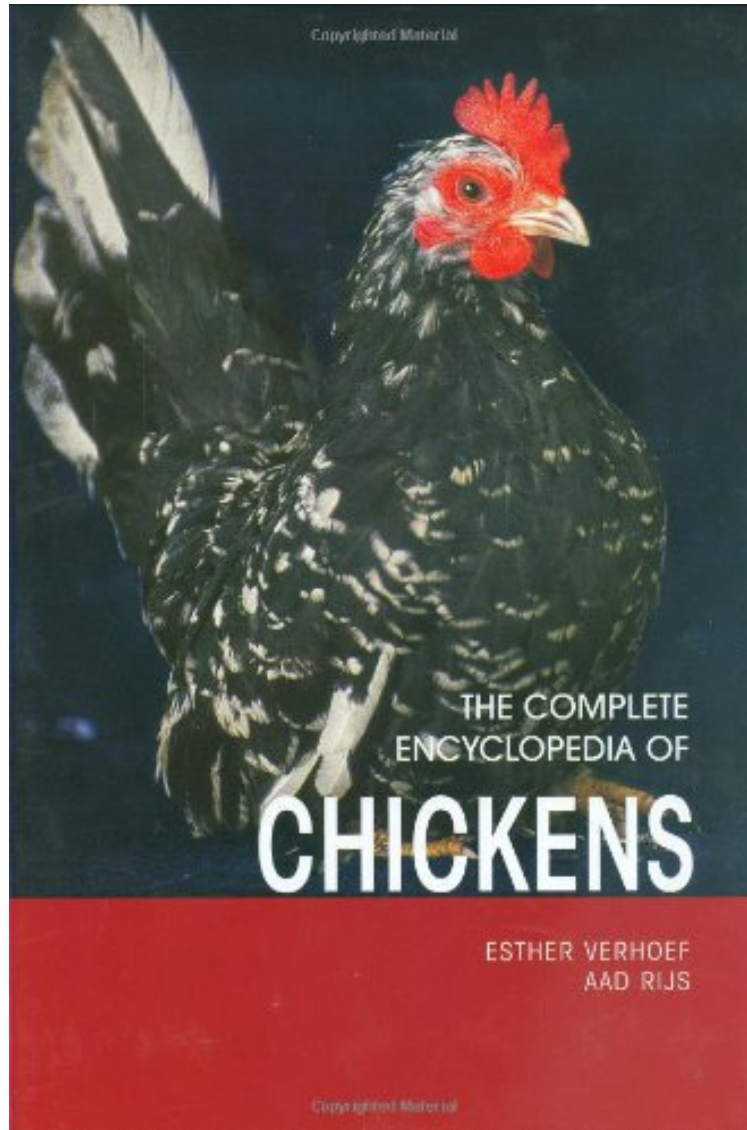


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Esther J.J. Verhoef-Verhallen, Aad Rijs : The Complete Encyclopedia Of Chickens before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised The Complete Encyclopedia Of Chickens:

3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. Beware of which edition you're going to get!By LianimalsDID NOT GET THE BOOK PICTURED! Be aware, the edition of this book in the photo is the 2009 edition and I received an earlier edition (white cover) that I was not overly-impressed with and, as others have said, it is pretty misleading for the authors to label this an "encyclopedia". At best, it is what I would call an Introduction to the top 100 chicken

breeds with some husbandry information thrown in. Specifically lacking is up to date information on diseases / health care and very little information for anyone interested in exhibiting. The breed descriptions do give you some idea of the accepted standard of most breeds but the inconsistency with which the authors present these descriptions is annoying! In some cases you'll have a half page of detail and for another breed, you'll get two or more pages indicating to me that the authors have "favorites" that they are promoting or they simply don't know much about some breeds or, worst case, they just had sloppy editors. Decent reference if you can get it for one of these cheap \$5-or-under deals otherwise, there are much better sources around.

2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. A Complete Encyclopedia...I don't think so

By OakTo call this book a complete encyclopedia is absolutely overstated and misleading. the price is right, the information is good, but if you are hoping to find every breed of chicken you are simply not going to get even close with this book. I got two large assortments from mcmurray hatchery but no info on what pullet was what breed was included. I was hoping this book would help me to identify them. I am dissappointed. Someone even wrote a review saying they had pics of breeds from chick to chicken and that is simply not true. To bad. I still think this is a quality book with great pics and info but it falls short of being "complete."

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. One of my fav chicken books!

By PhyrstI love this book and it's become an all-time go-to for me! First, it comes with a dust jacket and I like that! With the popularity of e-readers, I'm happy to get a good, hard-bound physical book with a pretty dj! The pictures are good and clean and there's lots. Most pages have 3 or 4 small pics but there are some full-page photos. I found pictures of most breeds I'm interested in. I keep going back to it to look up a breed I don't know much about. There is info on large breed chickens and bantam breeds along with "layer, table, multipurpose, game fowl, ornamental and long-tailed breeds". The chapters are not that lengthy! I can't say that it's the most complete chicken encyclopedia I've read, there are bigger, thicker, more informational books on the market but since this book is not being reproduced anymore, I'm glad I bought it. The info is practical, the pictures are interesting. It's 330 pages, first copy-right is 2003 in the Netherlands. I think most people interested in chickens would find this book valuable enough to buy. If you're expecting detailed, concise histories and close-up photos, pass this book up. It's a skimmer but a tasteful one!

Keeping chickens has become increasingly popular. If at one time this used to be the privilege of farmers and those living in the countryside, these domestic animals are now slowly taking over city gardens as well. The book has been specially written for people who do not know much about chickens yet, but who are already keeping some, or are considering getting some in the future. The text and pictures provide practical information on the feeding, care, and breeding of chickens, as well as the laying of eggs and the kind of shelter the birds require. You will find clear information about common diseases and disorders, the chicken's anatomy, and an overview of the main color variations. The comprehensive information in *The Complete Encyclopedia of Chickens* is organized into chapters on the history of keeping chickens, choosing chicks, breeds of chickens, housing, care, and feeding. Other chapters provide details on diseases, abnormalities, and parasites. Reproduction, anatomy, and plumage are also described in this encyclopedia. An index and directory make this a complete resource.

About the Author Aad Rijs has been breeding and exhibiting chickens ever since he was a small child, and this enthusiasm has never left him. In recent years he has mainly dedicated himself to the rare Belgian bantam breeds. His reputation shot up when he managed to breed back the extinct Burmese bantam. His years of hands on experience, together with his knowledge of genetics, have landed him seats on various fowling commissions. He also acts as an official judge for several breeds. For years Esther Verhoef's name on the cover has guaranteed very readable and practical books on domestic animals. As a rule, her books receive positive reviews from the dedicated press and general readers alike. A number of her books have made it to the top 100 of bestsellers, something that is very unusual in the world of animal books. All her books have been translated and quickly found their way to other countries. But Esther Verhoef does not only occupy herself with writing books and photographing pets; she is also editor in chief of a general animal periodical, writes for several magazines, and is a partner in a flourishing international photographic collection that specializes in photographs of domestic animals.