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Editorial Review

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Award-winning landscape designer Bloom states that the heart of this book has you look at your garden as a habitat for your flock. Chickens and gardens work together synergistically since chickens reduce weeds and pests, aerate the soil, produce fertilizing manure, and provide food. Bloom and Baldwin's guide to these pets with benefits includes comprehensive information applicable to both small urban and large rural lots pertaining to landscape design, fencing and hardscape materials, chicken-friendly plants, garden and coop designs, and predators. Details on fence fastenings and coop kits, along with numerous illustrations, full-color photos, charts and tables, garden layouts, and useful tips (Cut Miscanthus plants in late winter and use the dried grass as bedding), offer a wealth of practical advice. Beyond that, this how-to presents an ecofriendly, holistic view of human-animal relationships while addressing self-sufficiency and food issues, core motivations for the burgeoning organic, homegrown movement. --Whitney Scott

Review

"If your garden fantasies involve chickens, Jessi Bloom. . . is here to make those dreams come true. . . . an expert guide for the untutored." —*The New York Times*

"A manifesto on the many ways to pamper your hens—with plants for foraging and shelter, rain-fed water bowls and eco-friendly lawns." —*Sunset*

"A comprehensive guide from mating to medicine that will particularly help beginners. . . . Bloom makes a persuasive case." —*Publishers Weekly*

"Numerous illustrations, full-color photos, charts and tables, garden layouts, and useful tips. . . . a wealth of practical advice." —*Booklist*

"Exquisitely produced and artfully photographed." —*San Francisco Chronicle*

"Bloom's obvious enthusiasm for good design and for her birds will inspire both novice and experienced chicken owners to create a garden space for hens and humans to enjoy." —*American Gardener*

"Complete with gorgeous photos, diagrams, plans, and a very well written and easy to understand approach, you will want to get your hands upon this book if you have ever dreamed of incorporating chickens into your lifestyle." —*Small Town Living*

"A great basic guide for first-time chicken owners and chicken owner wannabes." —*Horticulture*

"The only book I have seen that tells you exactly how you can have your chickens AND your garden too." —*Living Homegrown*

"Solves the dilemma of having free-range chickens and a vegetable garden." —*The Oregonian*

"Provides a good overview on coop building styles and considerations, very basic chicken care info, do-

grow/don't-grow plant lists for the chicken garden and lots and lots of gorgeous inspirational pictures.”

—*NW Edible*

“I’ve had chickens for four years and I wish that I could have had Jessi Bloom’s new book in the beginning.”

—*Diggin Food*

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“You can raise backyard chickens and maintain an attractive landscape and garden: Jessi's book explains how in a fun, encouraging, and informing way.” —Jo Lamp'l, *Growing a Greener World*

“If you think your yard is too small, you’re too busy, or the neighbors won’t like chickens, read this book and think again.” —Toby Hemenway author of *Gaia's Garden: A Guide to Home-Scale Permaculture*

It's true, you can keep chickens and have a beautiful garden, too. And fresh eggs are just one of the many benefits—chickens can help your garden grow and thrive. In this essential handbook, award-winning garden designer Jessi Bloom covers everything a gardener needs to know, including chicken-keeping basics, simple garden plans to get you started, tips on attractive fencing options, the best plants and plant to avoid, and step-by-step instructions for getting your chicken garden up and running. For anyone who wants a fabulous garden where colorful chickens happily roam, *Free-Range Chicken Gardens* is the guide that will bring the dream home to roost.

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