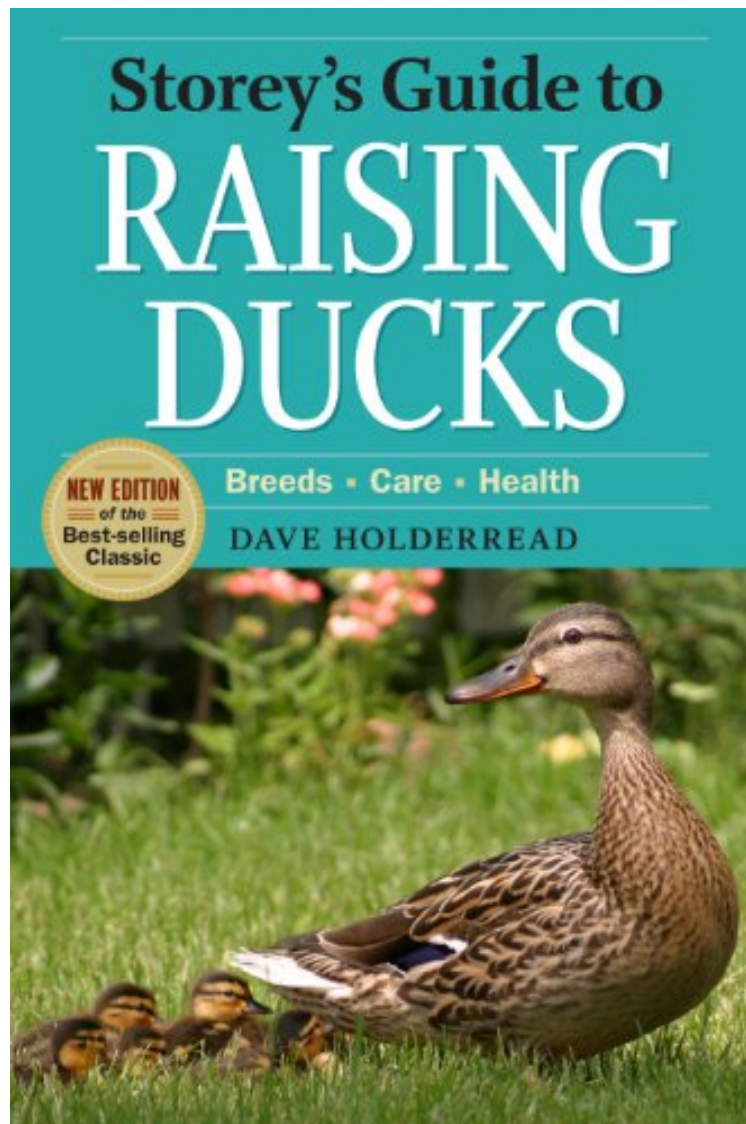


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7 of 7 people found the following review helpful. If you only want one duck book-- This is it! By B C If you only buy one book about raising ducks, this is the one you want. This book helped me choose a breed, design a predator-resistant

duck house and duck yard, and create a healthy feeding/watering plan. With its help, I raised mail-order ducklings to a healthy laying flock--losing only 1 out of 9 ducklings. It is a VERY PRACTICAL guide written by a man who has tons of experience breeding, raising, and showing ducks of many different breeds. It has probably some of the best breed descriptions (although, of course, not lots of beautiful color photos) in any duck book I've read. His duck feeding, watering, and housing guides are in-depth and practical. I refer to them frequently as the needs of my flock change. I find if I'm running into trouble--it's usually because I disregarded one of his suggestions. His health section has tips to prevent illness in the first place, and treatment suggestions keeping in mind the real world value of your average duck. There is a short section on butchering/ recipes too, as well as showing. 12 of 12 people found the following review helpful. These Books Are Great By Sean F. Hanson I love the "Storey's Guide to Raising..." books. They are just packed with great information. I'm getting ready to start my backyard ranch and these books will be indispensable. I'll list all of the chapter headings for each of the books I got to give you an idea of the information you'll be getting. Here's the list for Ducks: Why Ducks External Features and Behavior Choosing the Right Duck Bantam Breeds Lightweight Breeds Mediumweight Breeds Heavyweight Breeds The Importance of Preserving Rare Breeds Hybrid Ducks Understanding Duck Colors Acquiring Stock Incubation Rearing Ducklings Managing Adult Ducks Understanding Feeds Butchering Health and Physical Problems Showtime This book also contains Acknowledgements, a Foreword, Glossary, and Appendix which includes; Mixing Duck Rations, Symptoms of Vitamin and Mineral Deficiencies in Ducks, Predators, Duck Recipes, Using Feathers and Down, Duck Breckers and Hatchery Guide, Sources of Supplies and Equipment, and Organizations and Publications. Like I said, packed with great information. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Learn to raise ducks from the duck expert. By John C. Patella If you want to raise ducks, are thinking about raising ducks, dream about raising ducks, or just like to read about ducks, this is the book you need. This book is the Everything you always wanted to know about ducks written by one of the preeminent experts on ducks, covering topics such as genetics, housing, feed, and many others. Admittedly Mr Holder read is not the liveliest writer in all the world but he knows his stuff, and that is what I came for. It may well be true that in farming there is no teacher quite like experience but I have referred to these pages many times to help me to formulate feed, avoid potentially serious problems by understanding certain behavioral characteristics, and make sound management decisions not just for the ducks but my other birds also. I am quite certain that my ducks and probably my other birds too derived great benefit from the information gathered from these pages, and possibly live healthier and happier lives.

With in-depth information on feeding, housing, behavior, and health care, this comprehensive guide also provides proven strategies for creating a profitable business plan and marketing your products. Whether you're about to acquire your first ducks or are interested in experimenting with rare breeds, Storey's Guide to Raising Ducks will help you achieve your duck-raising goals.

From Booklist Storey has long been known as a go-to press for exemplary animal-husbandry titles, and now it is releasing some of its best-sellers in substantially revised editions to satisfy growing demand for information on their increasingly trendy topics. Almost a third of the material in this update of a 2001 title is brand new, including current guidelines for disease prevention and maintaining healthy flocks and new overviews of organic methods. Also expanded is the resource section as well as a discussion about the importance of rare breeds, a topic that fits easily into the larger movement to preserve the widest possible gene pools in plants and animals. As in the previous edition, readers will find all the basic, technical facts they need to start and maintain their own fowl-raising operation, beginning with "choosing the right duck," and throughout, sidebars from experienced voices offer sobering advice on such topics as thwarting predators ("Just one raccoon visit can wipe out your entire flock"). Extensive charts and a scattering of photos round out this essential guide. --Gillian Engberg From the Back Cover A perfect choice for many farmers, ducks produce eggs and meat efficiently, thrive in inclement weather, help control insect and snail populations, and they're also entertaining and beautiful. From selecting the breed that's right for you to rearing, housing, and caring for your birds, Storey's Guide to Raising Ducks provides essential advice and practical know-how you need to keep a thriving flock. The revised and updated second edition includes: *Expanded coverage of 23 domestic North American breeds* Preview of natural and artificial incubation *Revised and expanded guide to duck colors* Up-to-date information on disease prevention and treatment *Guidelines for showing* Tips on rare breed conservation