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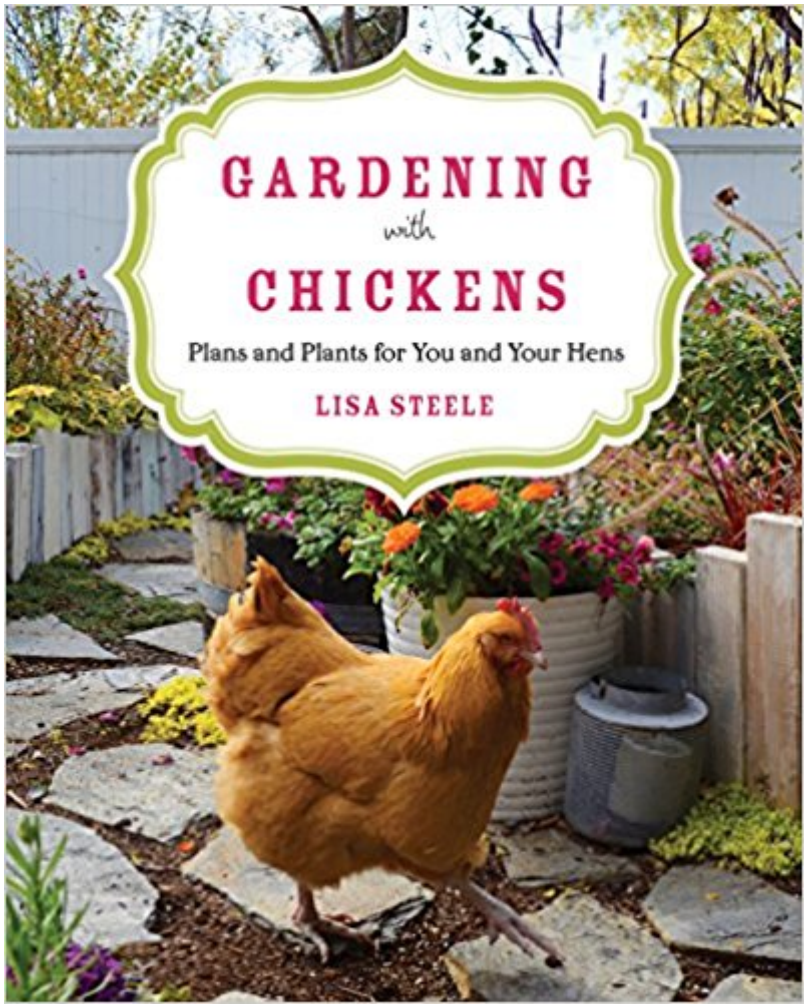

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Synopsis

Welcome to a world where chickens and gardens coexist!Join Lisa Steele, chicken-keeper extraordinaire and founder of Fresh Eggs Daily, on a unique journey through the garden. Start by planning your garden and learning strategies and tips for keeping your plants safe while they grow. Plant with purpose, choosing from a dozen plans for theme gardens such as Orange Egg Yolks or Nesting Box Herbs. Or choose a design that's filled with edibles - sharing the bounty with your family and your feathered friends. Then comes the fun part: enjoy the harvest, even let the chickens graze!Lisa's friendly writing, together with inspirational photos and illustrations, will have you rolling up your sleeves and reaching for your gardening tools. Lisa also covers a range of topics just for chicken-keepers, including:- Chickens and composting- Using chickens to aerate and till- Coop window boxes- Plants to avoid when you have chickens- Lists of the most valuable crops and herbs- Advice on how to harvest and use many of the plants- And much more!Whether you're an experienced chicken keeper, master gardener, or just getting into these two wonderful hobbies, Gardening with Chickens is an indispensable guide for a harmonious homestead.

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Ã¢â ¬Å“This is a must read for any gardener considering chickens or chicken keeper considering a gardenÃ¢â ¬Â¦there is so much gold in this book.Ã¢â ¬Â• - Sara Bendrick, Landscape contractor/designer and national TV host"If youÃ¢â ¬â„¢re looking for a great guide on raising chickens in your garden, I suggest getting SteeleÃ¢â ¬â„¢s book." Ã Â - Community

Table/Parade.comÃ¢â ¬Å“Lisa has found that perfect balance we all strive forÃ¢â ¬â •living symbiotically with the land around her. This book is a beautiful roadmap for how we can all have a piece of that in our lives, no matter where we live.Ã¢â ¬Â• - Georgia Pellegrini, chef, TV personality, and author of Modern Pioneering, Girl Hunter, and Food HeroesÃ¢â ¬Å“If you've enjoyed Lisa's popular blog, you'll definitely love this book, which is written in the same encouraging, confident, and often humorous voice. Beautifully photographed and filled with eye-catching illustrations, this will become an instant classicÃ¢â ¬Â|Ã¢â ¬Â• - Niki Jabbour, author of Groundbreaking Food Gardens and The Year Round Vegetable Gardener"Overall, Ã¢â ¬Å“Gardening with ChickensÃ¢â ¬Â• is an excellent how-to vegetable gardening book, woven throughout with information on chickens, as if they were simply another standard option in food growing, just like raised beds." - Phoenixvillenews.comÃ¢â ¬Å“LisaÃ¢â ¬â„¢s writings have been my go-to chicken resource.Ã Â Gardening with ChickensÃ Â taught me new ways to garden as I continue my chicken-keeping journey. A must read!Ã¢â ¬Â• - Helen Yoest, author of Gardening with Confidence"Raising Backyard Ducks" episode with Lisa Steele - Living Homegrown Podcast, Living Homegrown Podcast"But can a gardenÃ¢â ¬â •especially a tempting vegetable gardenÃ¢â ¬â •peacefully coexist with hungry, inquisitive chickens, with their potential to eat tender seedlings, and shred plants with their scratching? ItÃ¢â ¬â„¢s a smart subject for a book, and the answer, says Gardening With Chickens author Lisa Steele, is that they can not only coexist, but each can benefit the other." - GardenSmartTV

Lisa SteeleÃ Â is a fifth-generation chicken keeper who has been around chickens most of her life, so it's no surprise she has made her name raising her own backyard flock and sharing natural chicken keeping advice. Lisa is also an aspiring herbalist and avid gardener who shares tips on both her award-winning Fresh Eggs Daily blog and Facebook page of the same name. She holds a Maine Master Gardener certification and her popular website has been named one ofÃ Â Better Homes & GardensÃ Â Top Ten Gardening Blogs.Ã Â A regular contributor to such publications asÃ Â Backyard Poultry,Ã Â Hobby Farm, theÃ Â Farmers AlmanacÃ Â andÃ Â ChickensÃ Â magazine, as well as HGTVGardens.com and BHG.com, Lisa has become the most trusted voice in natural chicken keeping. She has appeared on P. Allen Smith's radio and television programs, NPR, Good Morning Maine and Bill Green's Maine, and is currently hosting her own "chicken lifestyle" television show on Maine's WPME-TV.Ã Â She is the author ofÃ Â Gardening with Chickens,Ã Â Fresh Eggs Daily, andÃ Â Duck Eggs Daily, and frequently tours the country speaking and signing books at fairs and

other venues.Lisa and her husband live on a small farm in Maine with a menagerie of chickens, ducks, dogs, and an indoor-outdoor barn cat. In her free time, she enjoys knitting socks, DIY projects and cooking with fresh produce from the garden and fresh eggs from her coop.

What a great book! If you have considered integrating your garden with chickens, this book is highly informative. The author provides multiple scenarios so you can choose what's best for your situation. Plus there are great lists for what plants are chicken-friendly and what to avoid, along with beautiful photos of garden design ideas. Even if you don't want your chickens in the garden itself there is good information on growing various gardens to supplement your chickens diet that includes herbs, veggies and edible flowers.

This is the best book on gardening in a natural way that I have ever seen. Of course I love all the beautiful photos of which in themselves tell the story; you know the saying "a picture is worth a thousand words", how very true that is. I could spend hours, and actually have, looking on the internet for information about herbs and their use. This book gives us the knowledge of what plants, herbs, and flowers not only make for beautiful gardens but are safe and nutritious health promoting food for us humans and our chicken friends. Lisa sums up in this book all the information a person could find. She not only gives a wealth of natural gardening and herb use but this book is filled with much love from Lisa's heart, love for gardening, for her chickens and the love of teaching others the wisdom she holds and treasures. We all treasure our friendships with her as well and give her a huge Thank You for this book and the other books she has written and continues to write. Amazing! I do my best to purchase extra books to share and give to people I know who are new at gardening and chicken raising in hopes that they too will live and grow healthy wholesome food for their families and the animals they raise.

When I heard that chicken care writer, Lisa Steele, was writing a new book about gardening with chickens,I placed a pre-order right away. After reading and enjoying her other books,along with her website, I was sure this would be the garden book for me.Gardening with Chickens surpassed my expectations. The 170 pages are chock full of information on gardening. This is good, because I do struggle with being successful in the garden. Topics that you would expect, from planting seeds or starts,when and how to harvest, and seasonal gardening tasks are explained in detail. I know I will be more successful putting these plans into action. The benefits of certain plants is also explained, But where the book differs from other gardening books is the connection made between gardening

and natural chicken raising. Yes, it has been made before but not in a way that explains the benefits to the chickens in such detail.I particularly enjoyed the sections on herbs because I am trying to learn as much as I can about the health benefits herbs bring to all animals. In addition you will learn about chicken poop and how you can benefit from that! Gardening around the run is possible and landscaping the area makes the chicken run more enjoyable for both you and the chickens. Lisa Steele gives you many ideas on what to plant and why. Not only landscaping ideas, but also projects like building a chicken salad bar. Not all plants are healthy for chickens to munch on so make sure you check out the section on toxic plants before allowing your chickens free snacking in the garden or around your property.Overall, Gardening with Chickens is beautifully designed and a pleasure to enjoy. I now have a copy completely dog eared and noted because I know I will be grabbing this book countless times in the future. I definitely recommend this to all gardeners, whether you have chickens now or not. You can't go wrong with a book written by Lisa Steele.

I really enjoyed this book. Lisa has all kinds of good tips for raising chickens beyond just the usual. She includes recipes on what to feed your chickens naturally and also how to make healthy treats. And what plants to help with the chickens too. I enjoyed her section on how to keep them cool in the heat of the summer-important info to have in Central Texas.

This book is excellent! I am not that great at gardening and need all the advice I can get. This book has really helped me plan my garden this year and in a way that benefits my chickens as well. What more could I want?

Holy buckets of eggcelent information! I LOVE THIS BOOK! I've read it cover to cover and will probably read it again. I keep it handy for reference and am even considering highlighting in it! It's truly a work of art. I love how someone else did all the research so I can do mine! Amazing! Thank you so much Lisa Steele!

Simple texts with awesome information and simple/sustainable ideas.After having tried to learn from other texts, this book proved raising chicken can be simple and ecological.

Already planted some new chicken friendly herbs. The book has way more info than I expected, pleasantly surprised.

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