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From addled to wind egg and crossed beak to zygote, the terminology of everything chicken is demystified in The Chicken Encyclopedia. Complete with breed descriptions, common medical concerns, and plenty of chicken trivia, this illustrated A-to-Z reference guide is both informative and entertaining. Covering tail types, breeding, molting, communication, and much more, Gail Damerow provides answers to all of your chicken questions and quandaries. Even seasoned chicken farmers are sure to discover new information about the multifaceted world of these fascinating birds.

**Synopsis**

I have in my poultry library, text dating back to 1860, including the farm series alongside poultry science college text books. I buy chicken books! Back in the 90's, I carried Gail’s book titled Chickens in your Backyard and I was hooked on all things poultry! I was also hooked on all things written by Gail Damerow ever since... from periodical articles, to what I consider her benchmark work The Chicken Health Handbook (no serious poultry person should be without a copy). The reason I mention this, is that I would be considered extremely well informed, read and experienced with poultry. I am a licensed Poultry Technician, have kept free range chickens for over a decade, teach about chickens and have hatched more than I can count. It is easy to let pride get in the way and assume that I know all there is to know about chickens... closing the door on new text and published works. Then comes a new and much needed title to the scene... and by none other than my favorite farm animal author, Gail Damerow! I clicked "buy" without even reading all the content...
nor going beyond the title. The Chicken Encyclopedia arrived in the middle a snow storm, just in time for me to sit by the fire and delve into this new and fabulously illustrated chicken reference. Not five minutes into it, I have learned something new! I get my note pad, as I'm scheduled to give a talk on chickens in less than a week... wow... I didn't know that (under my breath)... something as common as the chicken egg, ground I've well covered (or so I thought) over the years. Yes, white ear lobe = white shell... sure, red ear lobe = brown shell (old news)... but hold the phone!

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