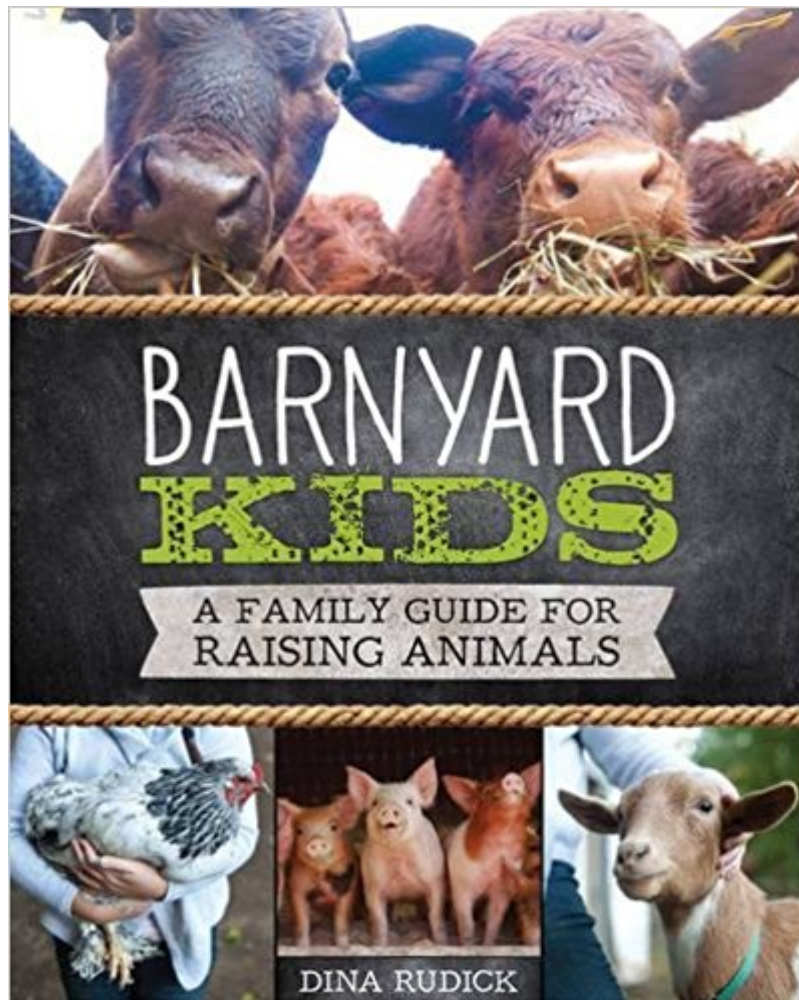




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Barnyard Kids: A Family Guide For Raising Animals



Synopsis

Would you like to start your child on a journey of self-reliance and love of the outdoors? A sustainable source of ideas to help your children learn the ins and outs of animal husbandry, Barnyard Kids encourages children to get outside, enjoy nature, and reap the benefits of their hard work. This fun and creative book by Dina Rudick will guide your family through fun opportunities learning about keeping chickens, milking cows, and rearing sheeps. It's time to get your little farmhands dirty. Help them grow to be fruitful, self-sufficient, happy, and healthy!

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Customer Reviews

"For centuries we've counted on children to take real responsibilities for the animals that provided us with food and companionship. In the process, kids not only grew food, but they also grew their own sense of themselves as capable beings. Barnyard Kids gives kids the tools to dream about and plan for raising farm animals, empowering anyone who reads it to imagine a life with farm animals and then to act to make it real; it will have a special place on the bookshelf in the barn at The Farm School." - Ben Holmes, founder, The Farm School

Dina Rudick is a journalist, photographer, and researcher who grew up in Canton, Ohio immersed in

a world of animals and nature. She studied science and natural systems with zeal and dreamed of becoming a veterinarian. But once in college, Dina fell in love with photojournalism and was whisked off to far reaches of the world during her decade-plus career with the Boston Globe. In recent years, Dina has turned her camera and her journalism skills to writing about farming and documenting how she and her husband have started an organic farm and returned to her rural roots. They live and farm in Massachusetts with their son, Wendell.

I love everything about this book. There. I said it. I'll be honest. I bought it for the photographs which give a warm, intimate, and appealing sense of farm animals and farm life. And, as you would expect from a photojournalist of Dina Rudick's caliber, it is full of great photographs by her, her husband Erik Jacobs, and others. If you did no more than buy this as a picture book for children, you would be delighted. But it is so much more! I was surprised by the depth of information provided and the warm practicality of the text. Clearly organized into chapters by animal (chickens, pigs, sheep & goats, cows, horses, and rabbits), the informative, upbeat text gives children and their families a full sense of what is involved to raise healthy, happy, and productive farm animals. "What makes them tick?" "What makes them sick?" "Where do they live?" "What can they give?" Each chapter details the animal's basic anatomy. It discusses the animal's psychology, its social nature, and its special housing and handling needs and systems. It details food and water requirements, and unique health and safety concerns. Though it stops short of providing processing details, it does describe the potential products from each animal, and how long it takes to get an animal to a suitable weight for processing. A Q&A section covers frequent concerns, and a summation describes what life is like living with that particular animal. Although I was content to merely imagine life with farm animals, after reading this book, I'm actively considering inviting a few goats or chickens into our lives. I found it that inspiring and informative.

As a farming, homeschooling mom, I found this an amazing resource for on-the-farm-learning, for myself and my kids. The book is well organized by each animal type and gives the characteristics of each animal, what to watch/prepare for each species, and the benefits of each. With eye-catching photos and diagrams, this book draws in the smallest of children, while filled with information for older kids and adults, as well. My own children (ages 1 to 12) love to enjoy the book together. My youngest is learning animal names and sounds, while my oldest tells me why one of our animals is displaying an odd behavior, all after reading this book! And I love Barnyard Kids! This book has brought the beauty of farming back to our farm. Through Ms. Rudick's amazing photos, I'm seeing

our own animals and our land with refreshed perception. Whether you're a farmer, or a parent/grandparent/aunt or uncle, this is an amazing book for any child or family. It teaches kids about farming, animals, and where their food should come from. We all need to reconnect with the land and the true value of animals, and this book is a great means to do so!

beyond the pretty pictures.. informative tome that will actually include your kids as well as give you, the adults, information to ensure successful farming. Please note - most "farming books" either are focused on "pretty" or go directly to "adult implementation". this book bridges the gap and is usable to both generation.

I absolutely LOVE this book! I bought it to read together with my 4 young daughters! It is full of helpful information and tips. If you are looking for a book that will be your "go to" book about farm animals and helping your children learn about them, this is your book! Also, the pictures are stunning! My 4 year old loves looking at pictures of farm animals, and this book goes with us when we are out an about as the pictures in it make her smile and remind her of her own chickens. It even keeps her entertained in church. We have chickens now, but this book makes me want to try other barnyard animals too! I will be purchasing a few more copies for my friends and family!

A wonderful book to enjoy with your grandchildren. The pictures are wonderful and the text is well done. I would recomend this for any child's reading pleasure.

Great book with terrific pictures. Bought it for my young nieces and nephews and my 14 year old wanted it! While everything can be found on the web these days it's nice to have a basic reference book for kids to look at and read.

Purchased for a six-year-old boy who has chickens and rabbits. He and his dad both loved it.

Beautiful and informative!!

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