



Yes, free-range poultry are much healthier than those kept intensively, but even they can suffer from coccidiosis, avian TB and other diseases, as well as possibly having vitamin deficiency or lice. This book gives guidance on good management, common diseases and problems and how to watch for the early signs of problems, with the idea of catching them before they prove fatal: because these birds are a prey species, they have the ability to disguise their symptoms of disease until it may be too late to help them - as experienced poultry owners will be aware.

This book is a distillation of the author's 25 years of experience and is aimed at the person who wishes to keep their free range hens or waterfowl healthy. Some knowledge of how a bird's body system works helps to explain why certain conditions are more likely to occur and so the various functions are described in simple language.

An invaluable chart of common disorders enables you to track down from the symptoms what may ail your bird.

'Poultry' covers other domesticated bird species too such as ducks, geese, turkeys, guinea fowl, quail and pheasants.

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'This is an excellent book that will do much for free-range poultry and for those who tend and care for them.' - Prof. John Cooper

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