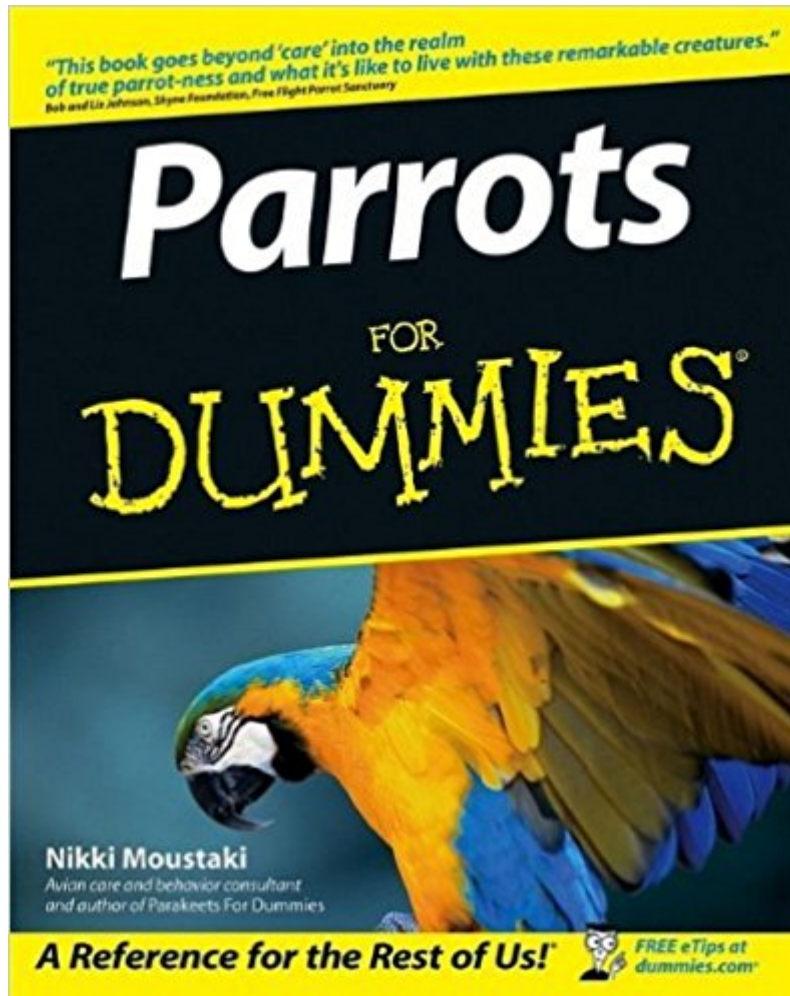




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Synopsis

Parrots make a wonderful alternative to the traditional pet. They're as loving, intelligent, companionable, and entertaining as a cat or a dog but they surpass them by far in many other ways. They don't require walks around the block, they're perfect for apartment living, most have long life spans, and they're full of personality. Besides, when was the last time you saw a vibrant blue cat or had a conversation with a talking dog? Whether you are just thinking about buying a parrot or you've had parrots for years, *Parrots for Dummies* is full of helpful information about how to be the best parrot guardian you can be. *Parrots for Dummies* is packed full of useful tips, hints, reminders, and warnings about everything related to parrots and their care, including:

- Picking a parrot
- Bringing a new parrot home
- Parrot behavior made simple
- Taming and training your bird
- Travel tips

Author Nikki Moustaki, avian care and behavior consultant and author of *Parakeets for Dummies*, gives you all of her experienced advice about owning, caring for, and loving parrots. She draws on her professional knowledge as well as her personal familiarity with the bird to show you how to make the most of your parrot-guardian relationship. She includes information on:

- Purchasing and adopting a parrot
- Proper housing and food
- Parrot illnesses and diseases
- Correcting behavioral problems
- Living in a multiple parrot household
- Breeding and showing parrots

In addition to all the help and guidance, *Parrots for Dummies* comes with a full-color insert with pictures of over 25 different kinds of parrots to help you choose a new pet that catches your eye or find your existing pet's nearest relation. So whether you're buying your first parrot or looking for some advice about an old friend, *Parrots for Dummies* has something for you.

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Covers feeding, training, and housing parrots All the guidance you need to choose and raise your parrot Thinking about getting a parrot? This friendly guide offers expert advice on everything from taming and training to nutrition, health care, and parrot safety. You'll see how to keep your feathered friend comfortable and entertained – and you'll better understand the hows and whys of your parrot's instincts and behavior. Discover how to

- Select a healthy parrot
- Choose proper housing
- Teach your parrot to talk
- Correct behavior problems
- Keep multiple parrots

Nikki Moustaki is the author of many books on parrots and avian behavior. She writes regularly for Bird Talk Magazine and Pet Product News.

When I got my parrot I read every parrot book I could get my hands on and I am normally a fan of the "for Dummies series" so I was excited to see one for parrots. Of all of the ones I have read, this is my least favorite. It isn't that any information is incorrect, but to me it is like parenting, there are different schools of thoughts and strong opinions on both sides. It is a matter of style and what I can connect with and I couldn't connect with this, it is very dogmatic and feels judgmental... do it my way or your are a bad parrot guardian. So, I can't say the information is incorrect but it lost 2 stars for me for style and tone.

This book is very informative and kept me interested through out the read with the authors insight on parrot behavior. I haven't found a better parrot care instructional. This is a good primer and should be followed up with further internet research on general care and on the specific species of interest. I do not consider myself a complete novice, having cared for several species of parrot some 20 years ago. Things were different back then. Back then, I OWNED a Senegal, Citron Crested Cockatoo and a Temneh African Grey that I fed. I believe all were wild caught. At this time there were no resources, few good books and no internet. You bought a bird. You fed the bird. There was no information on how to interact with a parrot. Now I live with a companion Eclectus for whom I provide care. This would be an excellent first book for the new parrot care provider or for one researching the possibilities/responsibilities. Be aware when purchasing parrot books as many are antiquated. I do not know when this book was written but it contains current parrot care information and philosophies.

This is an interesting read if you don't have a pet parrot. If you are thinking about adopting a pet

parrot then I would definitely read this (and as many parrot books as you can find) BEFORE you seriously consider obtaining your new pet. It is not comprehensive but it is a great book for beginners who have never had a bird as a pet. This book can help you decide if a parrot is a good pet for you. If you are a bird lover or have owned parrots in the past, then you might want to find something a little more in-depth.

I have a flock of eight parrots and a library of over 20 parrot books. This is *by far* the best and probably only book you'll need to get all of the information you'll need to take care of/prepare you for your parrot(s). I highly recommend reading and digesting all of the material in this book before you decide to get a parrot. They are a lot of work and more commitment than adopting a child. With a kid, at least you know you can release them into the wild after 18 years or so. Not with a parrot - they will remain a dependent until they die, likely 80 or so years from when you adopt them and well past your lifespan. Don't get me wrong - the benefits largely outweigh the costs, get this book to help guide you on what to do to help make your parrot's life as enjoyable as possible.

I have three large macaws and think I've purchased every book for parrots. This has the usual format the "Dummies series" has which I like. It covers a lot of information from cages to biting. I have NOT read it cover to cover, but have perused thru it. Side note as to anyone out there considering getting a parrot I would really read as much as you can before adopting/purchasing. The big ones are truly a lot of work, though they give love back tenfold. If you like a clean tidy house, don't even consider any parrot.

I am giving this a 4 because it is a good book if you do not have a parrot yet or just got one and are not real sure how to care for it this is a good book. The title is very descriptive. If you already know a little bit about basic care this might not be the book for you. I bought it for training and it is very lacking in that department. But it is a good parrot owners manual.

I am still reading this book. I am a first time bird owner that is why I purchased this book. It is a big help. I needed to know what not to feed my birds this was very important since there are some foods, woods and plants that can kill them. There are a lot of other things in the book that I need to know about and it has helped me tremendously. I think every bird owner should read this book. You can always find something interesting in this book for everyone.

I purchased this book to find out more about the Parrots and things to do with/for them. It is a very good basic book, easy to understand. I don't like to read, but it was interesting and I just kept reading & reading. I would recommend it to any parrot owner or anyone that might be looking for information before purchasing a parrot of any kind.

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