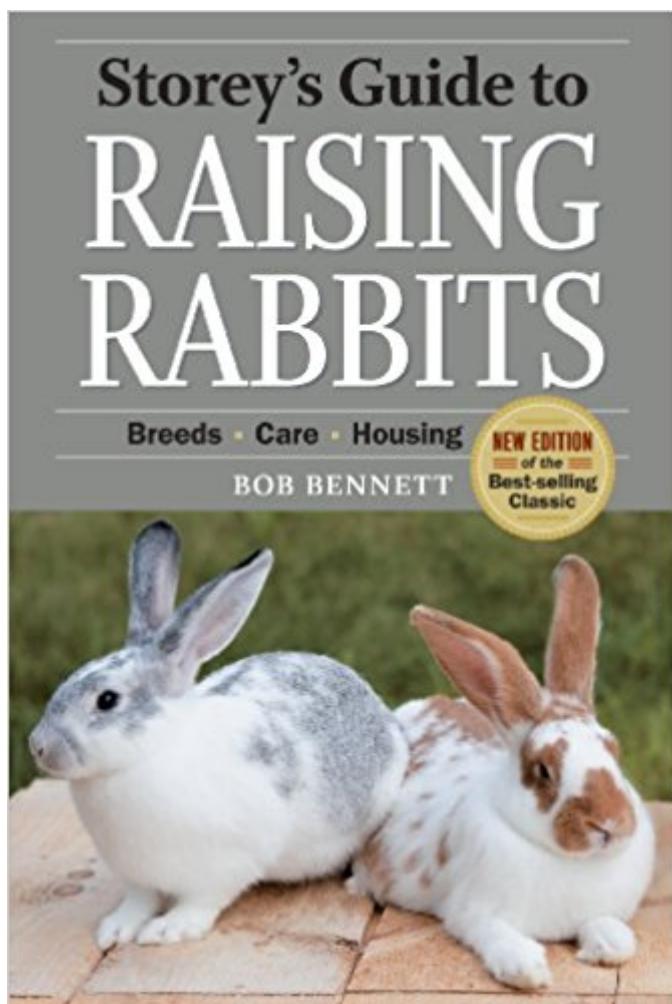


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# Storey's Guide To Raising Rabbits, 4th Edition



## Synopsis

Whether you're interested in raising rabbits for show, meat, fur, or as pets, this comprehensive guide covers everything you need to know to keep your animals healthy and productive. Offering expert advice on breed selection, housing, feeding, humane handling, routine medical care, and dealing with diseases, Bob Bennett also provides tips on how to make raising rabbits a financial lucrative endeavor. Storey's Guide to Raising Rabbits will help both the commercial producer and the backyard fancier achieve their rabbit-raising goals.

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## Customer Reviews

Everyone who owns and cares for rabbits will benefit from Bob Bennett's practical guidance and comprehensive care instructions. Solid advice on breed selection, year-round care and feeding, and safe housing and sanitation help every owner -- from the commercial producer to the dedicated fancier -- raise happy, healthy rabbits. This revised and updated fourth edition includes:  
\* Breed photographs  
\* Building plans for safe, comfortable housing  
\* Coverage of disease prevention and treatment  
\* Humane handling techniques  
\* Guidelines for showing  
\* Marketing and sales tips

Bob Bennett is the author of six books on rabbit raising, including Storey's A Guide to Raising Rabbits and Rabbit Housing, as well as numerous magazine and newspaper articles. He has served as the editor of Rabbits magazine, has been a contributing editor to Countryside magazine, and is the founder of Domestic Rabbits and a past director of the American Rabbit Breeders Association. An Air Force veteran, Bennett has a master's degree from

New York University and lives in Vermont, where he has raised rabbits for more than 50 years.

Absolutely the best rabbit book around! This guy has been raising rabbits since he was a little kid and he really knows his stuff. He has a wonderful concept (and I haven't seen this anywhere else) for building and setting up rabbit cages. He talks about things (like raising earth worms beneath the rabbit cages) that other people don't even mention. He has excellent advise about the nuts-and-bolts of raising rabbits (how often to breed, how to kindle in cold climates, how to feed, etc). If I could only have ONE rabbit book this would be it. And be sure to get the most recent edition (I think it was published in 2009 or 2010). It really is different (more updated and better) than previous editions. Also, the best price I found for this book was on .com.

The information in this book I like, but the writer's style is not my favorite. I think it is a matter of personal taste on writers style, so this isn't going to impact my rating. I am only part way through the book, however, I can see that the information is good overall. This book does address raising bunnies (enjoyable), mating/ breeding bunnies for babies or for stock improvement, and yes, even eating bunnies. Some people have dinged this book for the "awful" fact that one would consider raising and eating a bunny, but the fact is that they are edible and actually nutritious. I have raised a bunny in the past and am looking to do so in the future, and I feel that this book provides some good information for this purpose.

While this is no-doubt a great guide for a commercial operation, I found it was geared more to strict procedures for raising ribbon winners than for practical hobbyfarmers looking to raise meat for themselves in a less rigid structure. Still very good information even if you don't personally follow 100% of it.

This book focuses on raising rabbits for meat. The author has mostly raised small-medium breeds, and most of his information regarding weight at weaning, size of hutches/nest boxes, etc. is specific to those smaller breeds. If you plan to raise something like New Zealands, you'll need to do some supplemental reading online for that information. Bennett does include a brief description of all the common breeds in the back of the book to help in selecting a breed. The book is comprehensive and contains everything you need to know to get started breeding, raising, and slaughtering meat rabbits. There is limited information about processing rabbits for their fur. The author recommends raising rabbits in all-wire cages not in contact with the ground, and feeding almost exclusively

commercial rabbit pellets. There is little information about growing your own feed, and nothing about pastured rabbits, colony-type raising, or rabbit "tractors."

Bob Bennett is an expert in rabbit raising and this book is very informative. I would also suggest his book on building an outdoor rabbitry.

I bought this book from a recommendation from... well ... everyone that I talk to about raising rabbits about. We've added meat rabbits recently and like to have reference materials outside of the Al Gore internet (bonjour) and Storey's Guide to Raising Rabbits was a good recommendation for us. The Chapter on cage construction was the deciding factor in the final purchase. With clear and detailed instructions for building cages based on the size of the rabbits - cheap and easy. We're still reading it and if that says anything about the book than your good to go.

When I was a little girl my dad raised rabbits for us as part of our food. When I got married my husband and I raised rabbits and taught our children all about them as well. Now that they are grown and have their own children I thought it would be fun for the grandchildren to have that same experience. Two of my children have homes with small acreage and since I gave them the books my son has started raising rabbits with his children and they love it. He has commented on how much the books have helped since he had forgotten several of the small issues with raising them. My daughter is getting ready to get her children involved in raising them as well, her husband has never raised rabbits but is ready to try, he has read the book also and really enjoys learning all about raising them. It's a Great book, I've bought 3 of them, of course I had to keep one for me!!

Good information in the book as long as you don't mind reading though it to get the information. I find the layout of the book to be a little scattered and a bit wordy. That said I prefer just facts when I am trying to learn something.

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