



# CHICKEN HAIKU

Karin S. Wiberg, author; Dawn Marie Rozzo, illustrator

Poetry, 62 pages. 8.5x8.5 inches

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## ABOUT THE BOOK

This delightful book is the perfect gift for chicken lovers. Its 24 haiku and complementary full-color illustrations are both sophisticated and humorous to appeal to adults and children alike.

The poems incorporate traditional haiku elements with a playful twist. Each haiku captures a moment in time—from droll to wistful, revelatory to whimsical. Many of the illustrations are collages that entail painting on papers reassembled from discarded books, with clever, layered details that lend to the reading of the poem. Pencil and watercolor also help convey the nature of these endearing creatures.

The two arts play off each other charmingly, as in this haiku that matches the cover image:

Scratch, scratch, scratch,  
digging for gold flecks—  
when do dreams hatch?

Backyard chicken owners will recognize their own hens on these pages, and readers less familiar with chickens' entertaining personalities will come to see them in a whole new light.

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## BIOS

Karin Wiberg's poetry has been published in *Two Hawks Quarterly*, *Stirring*, *riverSedge*, and elsewhere. She is the owner of Clear Sight Books, where she helps professionals write and publish nonfiction books. Karin holds an MBA from the University of Iowa and a BA from Gustavus Adolphus. She can be found online at [clearsightbooks.com](http://clearsightbooks.com).

Dawn Marie Rozzo's paintings can be found in private collections across the United States. Her lifelong love of nature informs her semi-abstract collages and landscapes, and all of her work reflects her many years of watercolor painting. Dawn has also been an art educator for over 25 years. Dawn can be found online at [dawnrozzo.com](http://dawnrozzo.com).

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## READER REVIEWS

"The images are vibrant, and each chicken shows such personality. The poems are fun, witty, and create images all their own. ... I recommend it for all ages."

"A charming little book and a great gift for chicken people (and kids)."

"The illustrations—deft and fanciful—manage to capture the essence of the chicken haiku, which are charming, funny, and gorgeous. This book is for poetry lovers, chicken folks, for parents and their children. Absolutely love it."

"Stunning—the entire project."

"*Chicken Haiku* dances with imagery. ... A great way to help children and adults understand the way haiku works in a creative way. Definitely a keeper!"

"The poetry is clever, carefully crafted, and fun. And the illustrations are truly beautiful."

"Love the illustrations. Takes me back to visiting my grandmother during summer vacation. Will share it with friends and enemies, adults and children, artists and chicken lovers."

"This is a beautiful book. The haikus zing with wisdom and wit. The illustrations are exquisite."