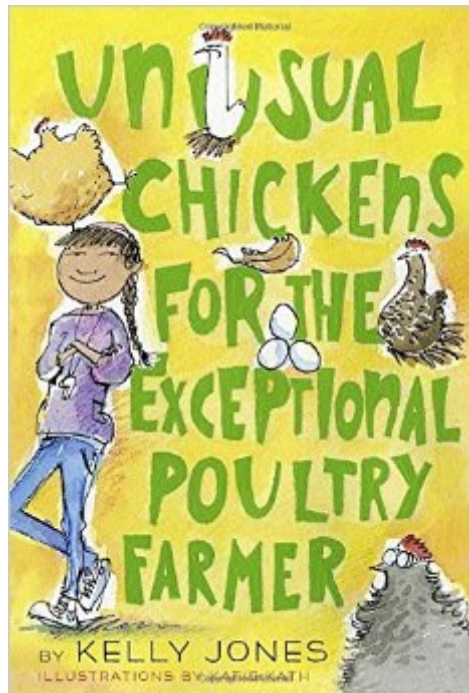


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# Unusual Chickens For The Exceptional Poultry Farmer



## Synopsis

Fans of Polly Horvath or Roald Dahl will love this quirky story of a determined girl, and some extraordinary chickens. Â Twelve-year-old Sophie Brown feels like a fish out of water when she and her parents move from Los Angeles to the farm theyâ™ve inherited from a great-uncle. But farm life gets more interesting when a cranky chicken appears and Sophie discovers the hen can move objects with the power of her little chicken brain: jam jars, the latch to her henhouse, the entire henhouse.... Â And then more of her great-uncleâ™s unusual chickens come home to roost. Determined, resourceful Sophie learns to care for her flock, earning money for chicken feed, collecting eggs. But when a respected local farmer tries to steal them, Sophie must find a way to keep them (and their superpowers) safe. Â Told in letters to Sophieâ™s abuela, quizzes, a chicken-care correspondence course, to-do lists, and more, Unusual Chickens is a quirky, clucky classic in the making.

## Book Information

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## Customer Reviews

The epistolary novel has a long and storied history. At least when it comes to books written for adults. So too does it exist in novels for children, but in my experience you are far more likely to find epistolary picture books than anything over 32 pages in length. That doesnâ™t stop teachers, of course. As a childrenâ™s librarian I often see the kiddos come in with the assignment to read an

epistolary novel and lord love a duck if you can remember one on the spot. I love hard reference questions but if you were to ask me to name five such books in one go I'd be scrambling for my internet double quick time. Of course now that I've read *Unusual Chickens for the Exceptional Poultry Farmer* • I will at long last be able to pull at least one book from my crazy overstuffed attic of a brain instantaneously. Kelly Jones's book manages with charm and unexpected panache to take the art of chicken farming and turn it into a really compelling narrative. Beware, though. I suspect more than one child will leave this book desirous of a bit of live poultry of their very own. You have been warned. After her dad lost his job, it really just made a lot of sense for Sophie and her family to move out of L.A. to her deceased great-uncle Jim's farm. Still, it's tough on her. Not only are none of her old friends writing her back but she's having a hard time figuring out what she should do with herself. She spends some of her time writing her dead Abuelita, some of her time writing Jim himself (she doesn't expect answers), and some of her time writing Agnes of the Redwood Farm Supply. You see, Sophie found a chicken in her back yard one day and there's something kind of strange about it. Turns out, Uncle Jim used to collect chickens that exhibited different kinds of . . . abilities.

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