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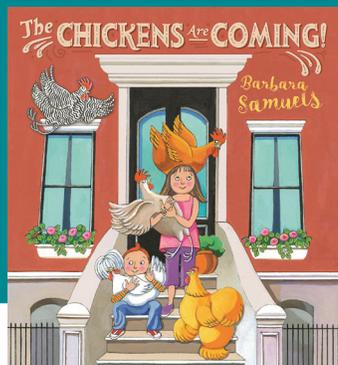
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## Book Review

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### Rating

Dependable

### Level

Preschool, Primary

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40

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### Publisher

Farrar Straus Giroux  
Books for Young Readers

The chickens are coming, and Sophie and Winston are excitedly telling everyone in town. Once the coop is ready and the chickens have arrived, the siblings try everything they can think of to encourage the chickens to lay eggs. In a surprising turn of events, the first eggs finally arrive, but now the chickens are the ones missing. Luckily, Sophie has an idea that helps them find their new pets and everything is settled again.

This book would be a fun way to introduce the concept of raising chickens to children, showing them how much fun it can be. In a humorous way, it shows there are different kinds of pets someone can have that go beyond the typical cat or dog. The setting of this book is in the city, with tall apartment buildings surrounding the family's backyard. This allows the illustrator to show the reaction of their neighbors to the news of their new pets, bringing a different aspect to the story that is not captured in the text alone. The personalities of the main characters are revealed as they creatively try to convince the chickens to lay eggs. At the end, Sophie makes a list to keep track of and categorize the chickens. Readers could make a similar chart to list characteristics of their own pets or compare different types of the same animal.