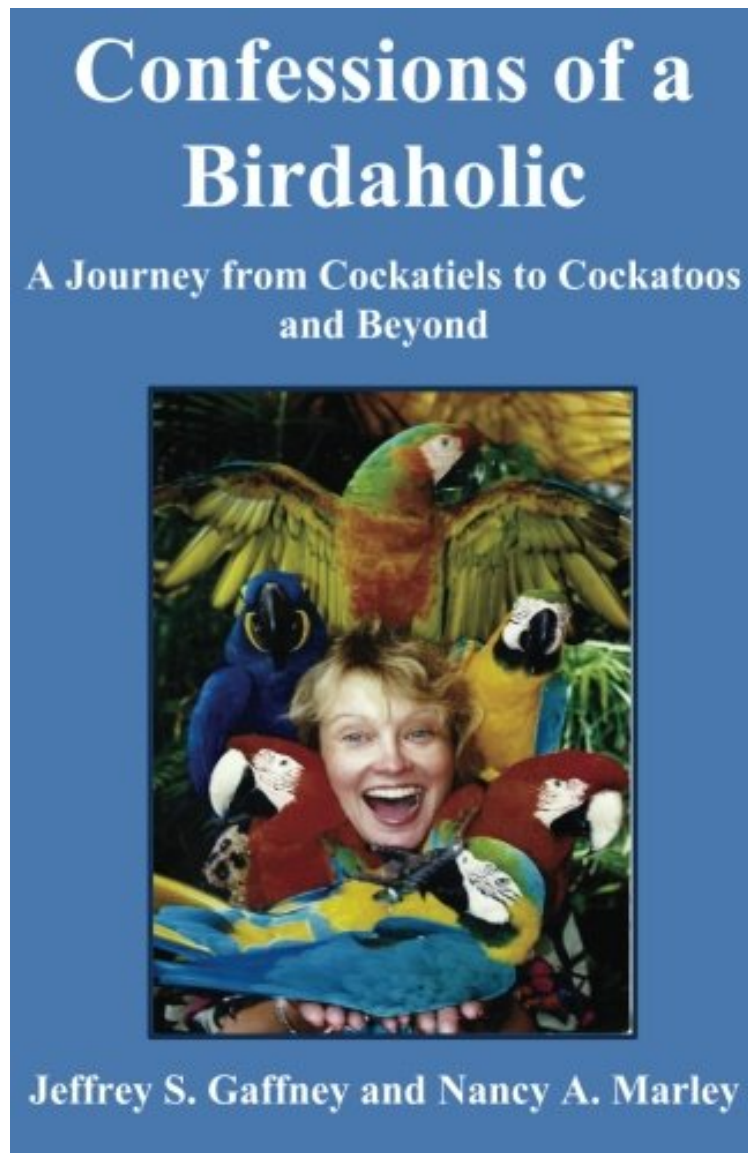


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astounds me By Charles Perkins It's hard for me to rate this book as I'm not sure I'm being fair to the authors. I have 21 birds (finches, budgies, cockatiels), 20 which are rescue birds. I am retired and spend most of my time with them. As such, we are a flock. They are all incredibly smart and have a level of trust which astounds me. I have no interest in breeding birds and believe that there are more than enough available for adoption/rescue. Much of this book speaks to the authors interest and experience with breeding. I understand that both had highly respected and demanding jobs, but as a "birder", I don't consider these animals as existing for my entertainment or for profit. I was especially bothered by the loss of one of their parrots to a hostile potential mate when the author new better than to house the birds together. The book is a fair read, but I can't say as I found anything humorous here. I would not discourage anyone from reading it, but for me, I didn't find it something I wanted to keep in my library of bird related books. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. True Birdaholics By David Robertson This is a great little book that covers all areas of (birdalism) if i may throw that word together. I read the book and still can't imagine the time and absorption of their lives in being full stage birdaholics. The main theme to this book is Be Afraid Be Very Afraid,,,, lol no it's really Love, Love that they have for their Birds and the addiction just slipped in there nice and quiet like addictions do.. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. I know a great many people who I would call "birdaholics" as defined ... By Eric I know a great many people who I would call "birdaholics" as defined by this book. As they say you get one parrot and suddenly you look around and you're surrounded by a veritable aviary of feathered buddies. Whether you're new to aviculture or a seasoned bird person, this book has something to offer you. What's so fun about this book is that it is so accessible. It doesn't talk down to you if you're well versed, nor does it get mired in technical minutiae. It is simply the story of how one couple became bird obsessed. The story is told anecdotally, each chapter focusing on a different bird and how it became woven into the family. Whether for breeding, as pets (or in some cases both) the author takes you through each bird's extensive story. As I said each chapter is about a different type of bird. Besides the birds mentioned in the title you'll find stories about Macaws, African Greys, s, Conures, and many more including a neat little chapter on the European Starling. The authors provide a nice overview of the bird, some insight into their experience with the bird and some thoughts on the breeding habits of the bird. In each chapter the authors speak to the reader as a friend, the book never comes off as a textbook nor does it espouse any specific opinion. In that, it's almost a memoir. And, they never shy away from the downside of raising birds. As with any story of raising animals, some are sadly lost along the way. Particular sad is the story of Bozo, the blue and gold macaw to whom the book is dedicated. The chapter about Bozo, and his "partner" Keebler is typically light and cute but when the chapter turns to the sad state of Bozo's all too soon passing the writing takes on a more matter-of-fact tone as if the authors were trying to not delve too deeply into the painful memory. Which leads me to a frustrating aspect of this book- the authors don't go deep enough. The chapters are very short. At only 118 pages total, no chapter is more than 10 pages long. This leads to some stories feeling, rushed. It takes leaving the audience wanting more to a whole new level! That's not to say anything is left out per se, the stories are...complete, just rushed. The author also has an opinion on their self-coined "birdaholism" and while that opinion could be termed "negative" it feels more as if they've come out the other side with no regrets. After nearly 20 years breeding they mostly just have their 3 pet birds (a blue gold, a grey, and an umbrella cockatoo) in their Arkansas home. They even refer to the idea of getting new birds as " a relapse" Overall this is a fun book with a good message. Despite some rushed chapters, the overall amount of information and the sheer variety of birds covered makes this an interesting, not to mention entertaining read.

Are you a birdaholic? This book describes the symptoms of birdaholism and how you can determine if you are among the afflicted. It also described the four stages of the condition and what you can expect from each stage. For the authors, who are now recovering stage four birdaholics, it all started innocently enough, with a cockatiel named Waldo. Then Waldo needed a friend and Waldo's friend needed a friend. Before long the house was overrun with birds of every kind and size, pets and breeders alike. This book "Confessions of a Birdaholic: A Journey from Cockatiels to Cockatoos and Beyond" is the true and humorous tale of two bird lovers that started with a few beloved pet parrots and escalated into a full time breeding program. It is a chronicle of the hilarious antics of the birds along with humorous heart-warming situations that many bird owners can relate to as well as lessons learned along the way about the bird's needs and behaviors. The book also includes vibrant color pictures of all its feathered subjects.

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