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**Kevin McElroy, Matthew Wolpe : Reinventing the Chicken Coop: 14 Original Designs with Step-by-Step Building Instructions** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Reinventing the Chicken Coop: 14 Original Designs with Step-by-Step Building Instructions:

59 of 60 people found the following review helpful. Very limitedBy swFirst off the book is well written and has nice photos. However, the "reinvented" coops are "boutique" coop. The designs are all pretty small and designed for warm weather climates (no snow). Thus is you live in a city and in California it is great, but if you live in snow country these designs will not work.45 of 47 people found the following review helpful. This is a lovely book - just not suited for my needs or budget.By S. LindseyShould be titled California Coops for Big Spenders. Even the pallet coop had an enormous list of new expensive materials. The book is absolutely beautiful, smart, well written photographed. We enjoyed reading it but my husband I both agree - this book was not helpful to us at all. We have a BUDGET. I give the authors props for creativity but these designs are far too costly to be practical. The authors themselves admit to not being able to market their coops because of the high costs. The coops are all designed for the temperate Cali weather. So if you have cold winters or hot summers (hello, Georgia) all the coops in this book will require major modifications. Even as a new chicken keeper, I can see flaws in these designs where creativity seems to be the focus

instead of practicality. Oh, well, it will make a good coffee table book. Good for conversation....only 2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Bringing chicken coops into the modern gardenBy KaraitianaFantastic re-imagining of the utility of chicken coops, moving from simply functional objects to something that sits well in an urban setting. I've taken several ideas from across the coop plans displayed and explained in this text to create a one-off coop that blends well with the other objects in our garden. Kevin and Matthew have a laidback, informal style of writing which, when coupled with the beautiful honesty of Erin's photography, lends itself to a thoroughly readable text. The step-by-step guides have a good balance of information and imagery, allowing the reader to both visualise the end product and adapt each plan to suit a particular setting or need. The stand-out design for me was the 'Chick In a Box', with its gorgeous butterfly wing roof and water catchment. The elegant lines and tall form would be ideal for a garden/space that celebrates the objects within. Another worth mentioning is the 'The Standard', with its nod to simplicity and function, use of modern materials. The easy-care access and lack of frills would see this as an ideal option for first time, small flock, owner. My final design utilised aspects of the above two, enclosed in the 'Corner Coop', to keep our girls safe from neighbours cats and the odd sparrow or waxeye (we are in the lower North Island of New Zealand).

Build a stylishly modern home for your poultry. Backyard chickens meet contemporary design in this inventive compilation from authors Matthew Wolpe and Kevin McElroy. Reinventing the Chicken Coop presents 14 complete building plans for chicken houses that range from the purely functional to outrageously fabulous, with designs that include water-capturing roofs, built-in composting systems, and modernist architectural details.

Bay area artisans Wolpe and McElroy dish the complete scoop on the coop for those just starting the yard-chicken journey or for experienced woodcrafters longing to bring chickens to their back-porch scene.