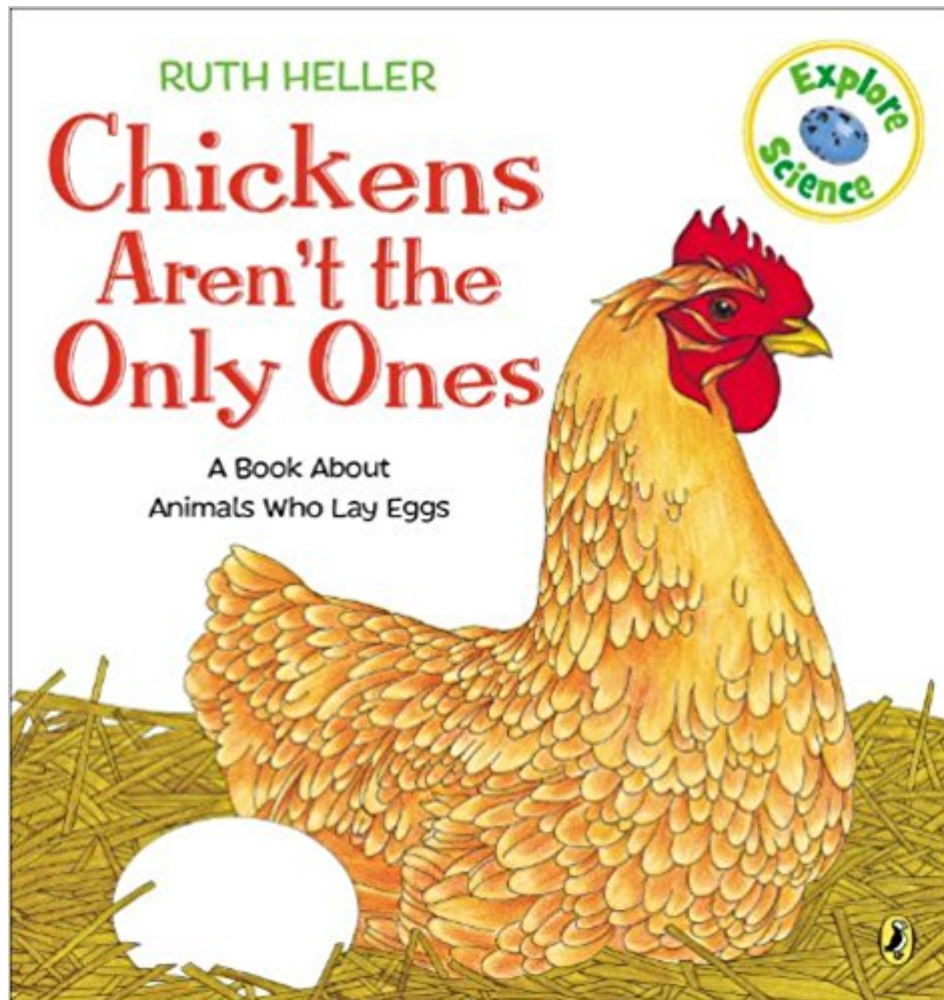




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# Chickens Aren't The Only Ones (World Of Nature Series)



## Synopsis

Ruth Heller's prose and pictures are the perfect means for discovering the variety of oviparous animals and their unique ways of laying eggs.

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## Customer Reviews

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After receiving a fine arts degree from the University of California at Berkeley and completing two years of graduate work in design at the California College of Arts and Crafts in Oakland, Ruth Heller (1923-2004) began her career designing wrapping paper, cocktail napkins, greeting cards, and coloring books. After five years of rejection and one complete revision, Heller's first book, *Chickens Aren't the Only Ones*, about egg-laying animals, was published in 1981. It was so successful that the sequel, and second book to be published, *Animals Born Alive And Well* (1982), about mammals, quickly followed. In 1983 and 1984, her third and fourth titles, *The Reason For A Flower* (about plants that have seeds and flowers) and *Plants That Never Ever Bloom* (about plants that do not) were published. She then began work on a collection of six books, the *How To Hide* series on camouflage and the magic of this phenomenon in nature, which covered the entire animal kingdom -- insects, birds, mammals,

amphibians, reptiles, and sea creatures. The next collection of books became a five-volume series on parts of speech: *A Cache of Jewels and Other Collective Nouns*; *Kites Sail High: A Book About Verbs*; *Many Luscious Lollipops: A Book About Adjectives*; *Merry-Go-Round: A Book About Nouns*; and *Up, Up and Away: A Book About Adverbs*. She also wrote and illustrated the unique and fascinating book *Color*, a charming and instructive guide to how art goes through the four color printing process. Among the notable people who have had an influence on Heller's writing have been: Ogden Nash, Gilbert and Sullivan, Edward Lear, Hilaire Belloc, and Dr. Seuss. Heller says of her work, "All my books are nonfiction picture books in rhyme. I find writing in rhyme enjoyable and challenging, and I think it is an easy way for children to learn new facts and acquire a sophisticated vocabulary. Children are not intimidated by big words. I try to make my writing succinct and allow the illustrations to convey as much information as possible."

As a science teacher, I could not be happier. This book uses engaging artwork along with rhyming text to explain that more than chickens lay eggs. The book includes birds, reptiles, dinos, amphibians, fish, snails, octopi, spiders, insects, and monotremes. I am so thrilled that a book easily readable in preschool contains such clear information and a lot to discuss and so many projects could connect to this. The book would be great for units covering: Easter, spring, babies, life cycles, animals, etc. Overall, buy the paperback or hardcover, not the library binding as it cuts off the word caterpillar in the spine. BTW, I bought this book without realizing that I already own a number of her books. I liked her camouflage books too.

This is a lovely book that can be appreciated by children of varying ages. I love that it makes a non-fiction subject lively and playful! However, I ordered this paperback copy to replace a much older, worn copy of the same book. The new copy lacks the deep, vibrant colors of the original. The illustrations look faded and washed out in comparison. That's disappointing!

I love, love, love this book. As a preschool director, I had many science-based projects set up for different times of year. I kept this book with a collection of eggs (a finch egg, chicken, duck, goose and emu egg... and some spent snake casings) After reading the book, I would have a teacher gently show the children the different eggs for comparison. The illustrations in the book are accurate, and the text has a gently rhyming cadence to it. The underlying science is there, as well.

My kindergarteners love this book! They learned so much about oviparous and viviparous animals.

(If you don't know what those words mean, you need to read this book!)

Happy to have read this to my students. This is the first comprehensive book of egg layers. It nicely complemented our animal studies.

I bought this for our 3 year old daughter. I love the detail in the illustrations. The accuracy and non cartoonish drawings are exceptional! The rhyming is fun to read and easy for our daughter to listen to. As a homeschooling mom, I love that we can begin teaching solid scientific facts in a fun and engaging way with our preschool aged kiddo. I want to order more of Ruth Heller's books. I'm so glad we found her work!!

This book is wonderful, loads of info. Great for learning about oviparous animals.

Loved the book.

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