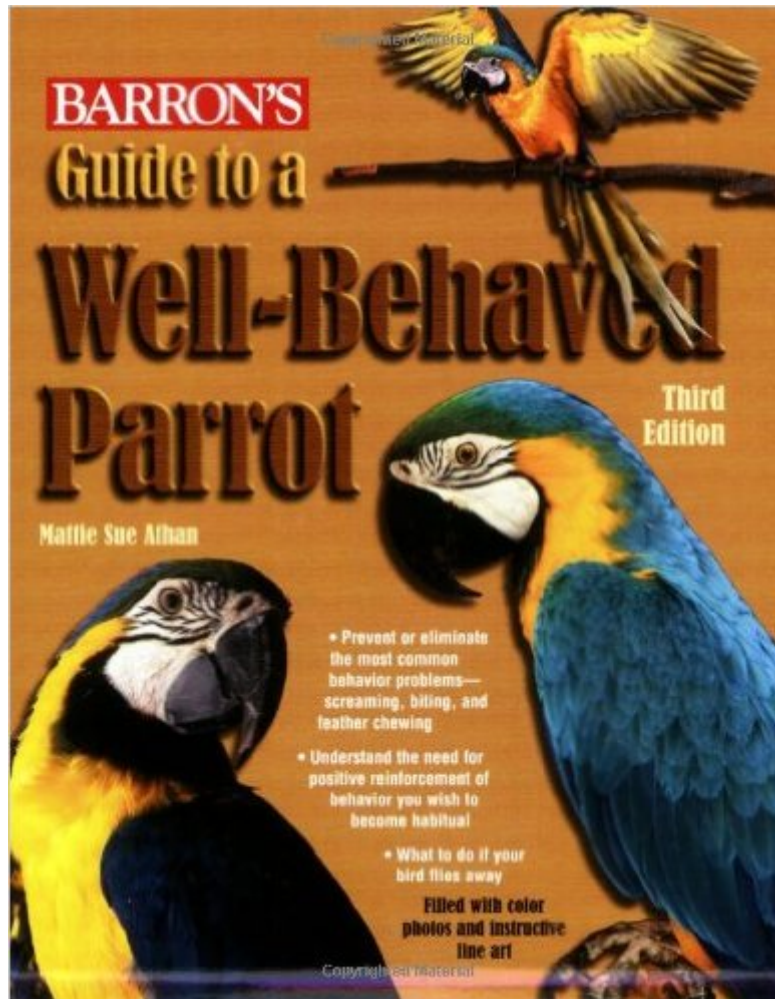


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Synopsis

This expanded new edition of a popular parrot-training book explains parrot psychology and discusses the ways in which parrot owners can apply it to solve behavior problems. The author cites the most common problems--screaming, biting, and feather-chewing--and tells how to remedy them. She also stresses the need for periodic reinforcement of desirable parrot behavior traits and advises on many aspects of good parrot care, including proper nutrition and providing the bird with steady companionship. The text is complemented with many attractive and instructive color photos and line art.

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Customer Reviews

I have just purchased and read the Second Edition of "Guide to a Well-Behaved Parrot" by Mattie Sue Athan. I had owned and used the First Edition of GTAWBP for years, until some erstwhile "friend" borrowed it and never returned it. I won't make that mistake again. There are few books on any subject that can be termed "Must Read," but anyone who owns or is even considering owning a parrot "MUST" buy and read and refer to this book time after time after time. If there ever was an essential "owners and operators manual" for a pet psitticine (parrot), then this book is it. It doesn't matter if you are brand new to parrot ownership or somewhere into your fourth decade of being owned by parrots, this book always has some new kernel of knowledge on a companion bird that the author says "has the intellectual intelligence of a human three year-old and the emotional development of a human two year-old." The GTAWBP covers all bases of parrot ownership - from socialization to behavioral development to how the owner must adapt to a complex and intelligent

bird that will claim an equal share in any relationship. This is a book that needs to be read cover-to-cover and then kept close at hand for behavioral and interactive situations that will come up during a lifetime relationship. GTAWBP is a reference book that deserves an annual re-read, just to keep ideas and theories fresh in the owner's mind. Now, keep in mind that this is a second edition of a best seller that was first published in 1993. GTWBP has probably been through a couple of printings in its First Edition, but when the publisher anticipates a continued long life for a book like this, the author is asked to put out a second edition.

Please read everything very carefully in this book. Although an experienced bird person may be able to sift the good from the bad, a novice bird owner may cause considerable damage to their bird. Here are just a few objections I have to this book. I list her idea and then after * are my comments.

1. They say a picture is worth a thousand words. In this book there are many photos of birds on dirty perches. *This clearly says to the novice bird owner that there is no need to keep perches clean. In my opinion, pictures of perches with poop on them do not belong in a book on bird care.
2. She recommends dropping a bird that bites. *Dropping throwing or dumping the bird can break bones, rupture air sacs, crack beaks, cause loss of trust in humans, etc. It is a very harsh price to pay for biting.
3. She advises pulling a tail feather if the bird bites. *This can cause bleeding and is very painful. When you pull a blood feather you must be careful not to tear the surrounding skin. You hold the skin down with one hand and pull the feather out as closely to the skin as possible. Just yanking the feather could damage the surrounding skin causing bleeding, having the feather break below the skin, and causing the bird to fall from the perch or arm.
4. She suggests that if you scare a bird, you act more terrified of the bird than it is of you. *Acting in this manner can make a scared bird even more afraid when he sees that you are also afraid. Birds are empathetic so will reflect our emotions. If we appear to be afraid, they will become fearful as well.
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