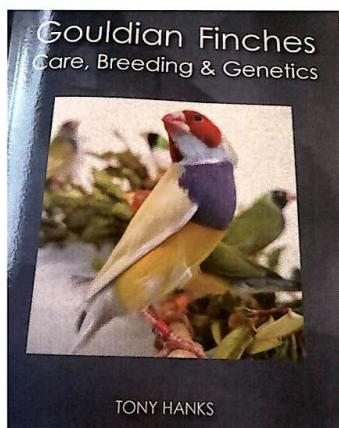


Book Review

by Nathaniel Coen

Book review on a complete guide Gouldian finches care, breeding and genetics by Tony Hanks.

I normally write about birds I keep in either this magazine or the Australian Birdkeeper. However I feel it is time to write about my bird book library, as a bird keeper I like having a book as a reference from a breeder with more experience with the birds that I keep.



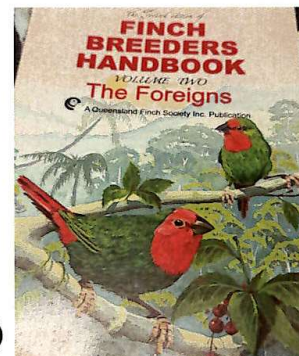
I wanted to write about one of the best Gouldian books I have had the pleasure of owning. Tony has encompassed the basics of keeping Gouldian finches and the tips and tricks to keep the more challenging mutations.

I have had Gouldian finches for the past ten years and have never been able to find information on how the mutations I breed actually work. Tony has a whole chapter on breeding mutations and pair recommendations to breed the desired colour.

The book is good from a novice to the more experienced keeper that wants to move to a different or new mutation. The book also covers in great detail the health and disease aspect and what to look out for to be able to save either the bird or entire collection. The book covers all things Gouldian such as cage breeding, aviary breeding and colony breeding and basic management of this terrific bird.

With the cost of living if you only had to buy one book on gouldians, I feel this is the one that is value for money. To purchase this book via Australian bird keeper.

Another two books that are value for money and help the with keeping and breeding of birds are the finch breeders handbook volume one the Australians and volume two the foreigners. Both these books were published 1989 and 1987 and republished in 2021 or still published. These two books are my source of information



for the birds I keep. They are an invaluable source of information on some of the rarer finches species and the common ones. These two books cover everything you need to know about a species and how to keep them. They also cover aviary set up and position which is awesome. I found them useful for when you are thinking of keeping a new species as it gives me the basic information. To purchase these books they can be brought through the club. These books are my top three at the moment of finches. There are other books but these are the ones are the main books to my library.

