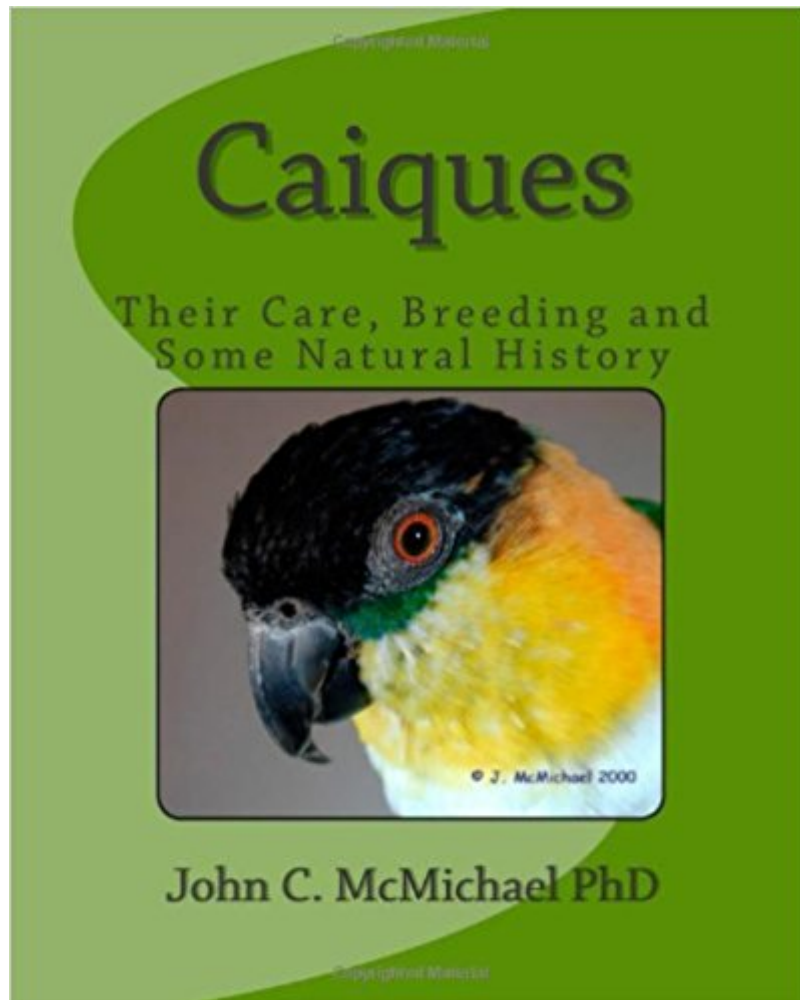




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Caiques: Their Care, Breeding And Some Natural History



Synopsis

This book is divided into three parts. Part 1 provides information on caring for pet Caiques. Part 2 provides information on breeding Caiques. Part 3 delves into esoteric and scientific topics.

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Customer Reviews

In a field where the mediocre and the very basic information tends to be the mainstream. This is truly a very complete book, covering all aspects of the Pionites parrots (Caiques, in short), and should be a must for all Caique enthusiasts, be they kept as pets (I keep a small group of 13) or as breeders. Very well written, informative, full of detail and references to abundant sources. This is, in short, the best Parrot related book I have ever had the pleasure to read, and read, and read again. Would give it more than five stars, would it be possible.

I admit, despite Dr. McMichael's credentials and my reading the first few pages online, I was hesitant to dish out this much money on less than 150 pages of material. Man, am I glad I decided to buy it! This is by far the most complete and most thorough book about caiques available. I really appreciate the neatly arranged list of appendices in the back extensively listing everything you could possibly want to know, from bird-safe foods and plants to dangerous household items, just in case you need to quickly look something up. There are several nice color photos of the author's birds as well, so you have a great visual reference when he talks about trimming wings and nails. If you own a caique, or even if you want to learn more about the species as a whole, you NEED this book. I'm willing to bet that you'll learn something new, even if you consider yourself a caique expert!

Published in 2010 this is THE book to get if you are more than just 'a bird keeper'. Split into 3 parts - care of, breeding of and the natural history of caiques. You could argue that "I'm not interested in breeding", "I don't wanna know the history", etc. but you would surely be missing the point of this book. Its for people who are genuinely interested, not part timers who just want another pretty bird. I'd accept that the pages of the history of, and the arguments about sub-species and the Latin names thereof may not be to everyones taste, but it all adds to the overall effort. I myself have no intention of breeding caiques but the info in the breeding section can only help to further understand these endearing birds. Written by a keeper of caiques for 30 odd years the flow of information is occasionally overwhelming, and indeed this is not a book for reading all in a 'oner', take time to read and digest the various constituent parts to truly understand the meaning. And if the info you seek is not covered in this book there is a bibliography of close on 500 further forms of reference to dig into. If you're serious, this is the book to get.

If you have a caique, are planning to get one, or just like the species, you'll like this book. A quick read but it has lots of information.

Gives detailed about care and raising Caiques. It also covers caring for other type of pet birds.

I have had the good fortune to actually be able to contact Dr. McMichael for advice, and I bought this book as a way to thank him and also reimburse him for the advice! It is absolutely a must have for anyone who shares their life with these birds. The man knows his stuff.

If you are even thinking about purchasing a pair of BH or WB caiques (and they do best in pairs), this book is a delight, a fabulous reference. If you already own 2 or 4 or more caiques, this book is essential. If you are hand feeding babies, this book is an unequivocal MUST: it includes thorough information that goes beyond even that found in the ultimate hand-raising Birdie Bible, Howard Voren's and Rick Jordan's Parrots, Hand Feeding & Nursery Management. McMichael's Caiques, Their Care, Breeding and some Natural History is worth every penny and then some. Each page is packed! A tour de force--thanks, John.

Informative book. Short, not a lot of detail.

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