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Influenced by her travels and time spent living abroad, she embodies a unique Southern France twist on the Southern California lifestyle through artful seasonal living in her cooking, gardening, and writing.

Bonnie and her husband, John, transformed what once was a neglected acre of land into a beautiful and bountiful petite Provence, complete with a flock of spoiled chickens, an orchard, a potager, a vineyard, and award-winning wines.

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Rob is the coauthor of the books *Raising Chickens For Dummies*, *Building Chicken Coops For Dummies*, and *Chicken Health For Dummies*.





## ***Dedication***

**From Bonnie:** To my loving husband, John, who knows, "Which came first, the chickens or the vines?"

