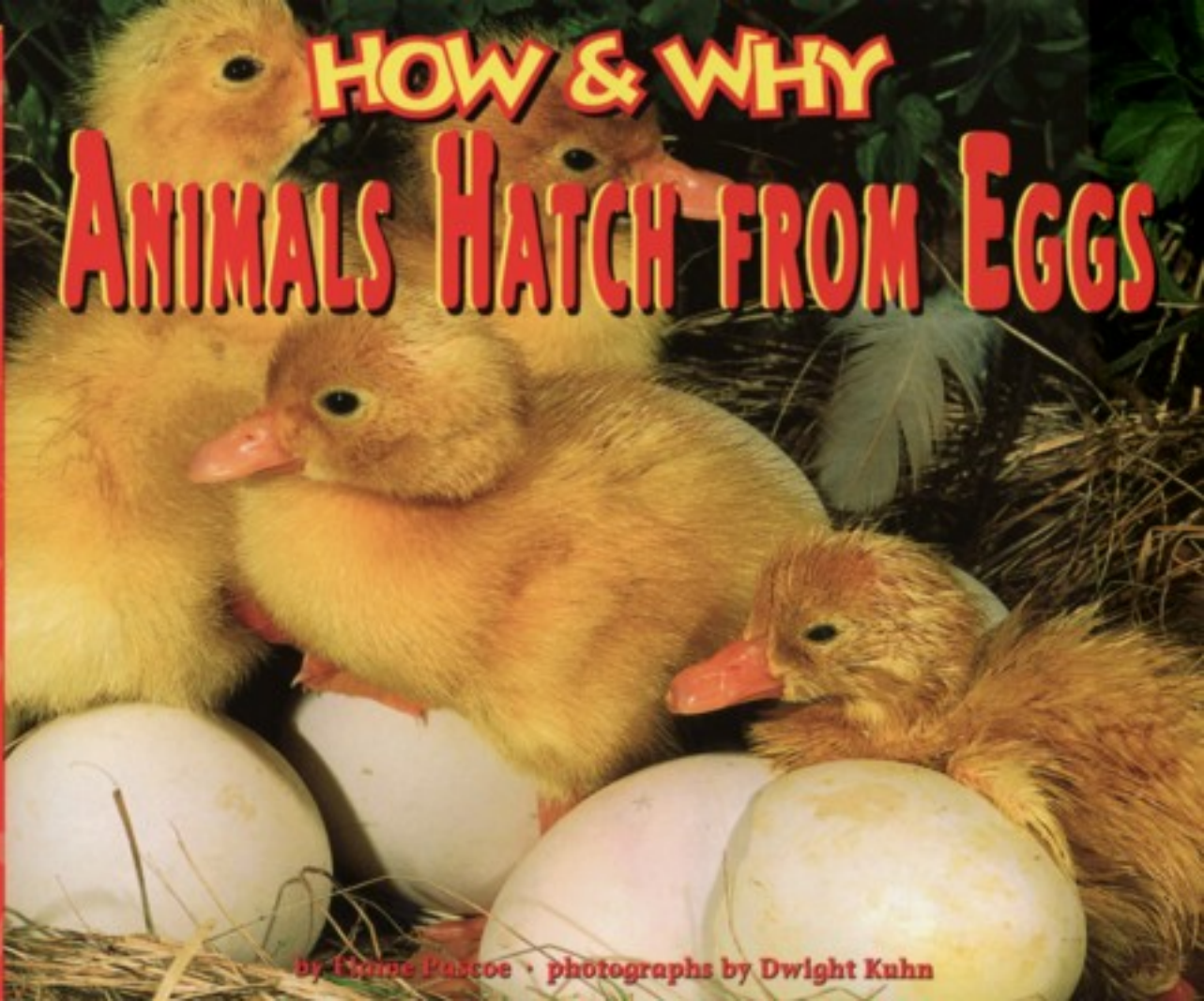




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A hen has laid her eggs in a nest of straw. The eggs are precious. Inside each one, a baby bird is growing. The hen sits on the nest, covering the eggs with her feathers. She must keep the eggs warm until they are ready to hatch.

Like chickens, all birds hatch from eggs. So do frogs, salamanders, and many fish, snakes, and insects. An egg is a perfect package for a growing baby. Its shell or covering protects the baby, and its yolk provides all the food the baby needs.





Three weeks after the hen lays an egg, the chick inside is ready to come out. It uses its bill to chip a hole in the egg's hard shell. It keeps chipping, all the way around the shell.

