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Everyone is buzzing about bees! Urban beekeeping is on the rise as swarms of people do their part to help nurture local food systems, make gardens more productive, connect with nature, and rescue honey bee populations from colony collapse disorder. Honey bee hives now grace the White House Lawn, the roof of Chicago City Hall, the National Arboretum, and the top of the Fairmont Hotel. Even Hagen-Daazs has gotten into the act with its well-funded campaign, Help the Honey Bees.

Storey's Guide to Keeping Honey Bees, the newest addition to the best-selling series, will be the single resource sought by beekeepers in all settings. Malcolm T. Sanford presents a thorough overview of these industrious and critically important insects. With this book as their guide, beekeepers will understand how to plan a hive, acquire bees, install a colony, keep bees healthy, maintain a healthy hive, understand and prevent new diseases, and harvest honey crops.

The book also provides an overview of the honey bee nest and colony life, insights into honey bee anatomy and behavior, an exploration of apiary equipment and tools, season-by-season beekeeper responsibilities, instructions for harvesting honey, and detailed, up-to-date information about diseases and other potential risks to bees.

This comprehensive reference will appeal to both the experienced beekeeper who seeks help with specific issues and the novice eager to get started.

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Marzie says

Anyone who gardens, farm or is just interested in nature, knows of the plight of honey bees. More than a few of us have thought of having backyard or rooftop hives. *Storey's Guide to Keeping Honey Bees* is an extremely useful book for encouraging you while letting you know just what you're getting into! Packed with advice for the novice beekeeper, I felt encouraged to give beekeeping a try when we move to a larger property next year. The *Guide* is filled to the brim with resources, suppliers, and advice on connecting with your local apiarists for advice on what you need to do in *your* specific geographic region.

This is an invaluable book for those considering trying a few hives.

I received a Digital Review Copy of this book in exchange for an honest review.

Melanie says

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When we first started our 'hobby' farm we turned to Storey's Guides as our first choice in all inclusive information to get us started. I recently have been curious about honey bees and how to start hives. I saw that Storey had a guide to honey bees and I was sure it would be a great read.

I was enlightened again by the level of instruction and direction that this guide gave. Well described information for the beginner to ponder and think on before jumping into being a beekeeper. There is much more to beekeeping than I could ever imagine.

The book began with an introduction for the beginner which I found very helpful. It then discussed the many interesting aspects of a honey bee and how to keep a hive. The book goes into many details that I would find useful if we were to start our own hives. It is not only a great beginner book, it delves into much detail for the experienced beekeeper to have on hand as a resource. My previous Storey Guides have been well used through the years as a book to use to find quick answers as well as helping others who may be new to the hobby.

I will be using this book in the future as we continue to learn about the process of keeping honey bees. It references many other books, and online organizations that specialize in all things bees.
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Benjamin says

Packs in a lot of information. Unfortunately, I have a lot of other food growing endeavors to figure out first so bees are going to have to wait for awhile.

Laura Reading says

A very complete compilation for the new beekeeper with information good for all. Well researched and resourced with fantastic photos and diagrams. Very comprehensive.

Joseph says

This is an excellent book for anyone just starting out keeping bees. It explains everything you need to know and the supplies to get. I found it very helpful and I would recommend it to anyone interested in raising honey bees.

Annie Oosterwyk says

This was a good choice for anyone interested in starting out. The information was both general and comprehensive but not as useful for someone already working with bees.

Derrick Reed says

Great

Very good book for the novice but also good for those with some experience. Great photos help explain concepts as well.

Scott Knight says

This book provides what I would consider to be an intermediate level of beekeeping knowledge. It was the second book I read on beekeeping and had additional information that was not covered in the first book I read. I felt this book was more focused on larger scale commercial beekeeping type knowledge rather than hobbyist beekeepers who may have more time to do things manually, or a desire to do things with minimal or no chemical control.

I had the opportunity to attend a class with Dr. Sanford and his knowledge is exceptional. I would recommend this book to anyone that is trying to learn before they get their first hives. It is certainly a must read book for new beekeepers to understand what they are getting into and what to watch out for. It is also very thorough in what is necessary to get started.

Christopher says

This book is the very tip of the tip of the beekeeping iceberg. I would not recommend it as a first book for anyone interested in beekeeping as you would be hard pressed to find enough information to successfully maintain a colony. The drawn illustrations are inadequate: a picture (that is, color photograph) is worth a thousand words when dealing with unfamiliar topics like comb patterns or bee diseases. The book is outdated now in 2018 (but a new edition is due this summer).

Colin Mann says

Great photos but almost too basic. Would have liked to see more in-depth guidance on bee management. A decent introduction but not a book I would suggest beekeepers use as a reference text.

Kit says

Covers langstroth style beekeeping. Does not include natural beekeeping (warre type hive). Useful sample contract in the back of the book for keeping hives on someone else's land (for pollination purposes).

Critterbee* says

Helpful, reassuring, and brightly photographed., Included is a wealth of information on bees and beekeeping, the history of beekeeping, what to expect when starting out, troubleshooting problems and intense bee information. Enough information is provided to prepare novices for beginning.

Overall a wonderful addition to any public library. This would also be a nice gift for an aspiring beekeeper.

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Arminzerella says

The authors have a wealth of bee and beekeeping information between them, having written articles and several books on these topics. Storey's Guide to Keeping Honey Bees is an excellent primer for the beginning beekeeper (experienced ones may learn a thing or two as well!), and one to revisit time and time again. One of the things it addresses particularly well is the infestation of the Varroa mite (as well as other bee diseases/parasites) and the options beekeepers have for dealing with it. This guide mixes information

with narratives from beekeepers in an interesting and informative way and shares other beekeepers successes as well as failures so that readers can benefit from their experiences. I definitely plan to reread this as I learn more about my colonies of bees. An enjoyable, reliable, and informational guide.

Angela says

I have very little intention of actually keeping bees, but I am interested in the processes and I thought this book was great. Very readable, sometimes funny. I enjoyed it.

Riverview Book Club.

Dawn says

Informative guide to beekeeping, pretty comprehensive.
