



## Beginners Book List

This is a suggested book list for those attending our Beekeeping for Beginners Courses. Any one of these titles will provide you with a wealth of information.

Titles are listed by descending publication dates.

### **BBKA Guide to Beekeeping – 2nd edition** by Ivor Davis (Author), Roger Cullum-Kenyon (Author)

The BBKA Guide to Beekeeping introduces the reader to beekeeping, including topics on the workings of the colony, the structure of a hive, how to acquire bees and keep them healthy and what happens in each month in a beekeeping year.

Publisher: Bloomsbury Wildlife; 2nd edition (2018); ISBN-13: 978-1472962430

### **The Bee Manual: The Complete Step-by-Step Guide to Keeping Bees** (Hardback) by Claire Waring (Author), Adrain Waring (Author), Bill Turnbull (Foreword)

The Bee Manual offers a clear and concise introduction into the fascinating world of the honey bee and the addictive craft of beekeeping. For various reasons, the number of bee colonies has been declining and there is great interest in trying to aid their recovery. Anyone wanting to keep bees first needs to learn about the individuals, how colonies operate and how the beekeeper can work with these insects to help them thrive, carry out their pollination activities and produce a satisfying honey crop. Full of colour photos and clear step-by-step text, this book offers practical advice for anyone planning to take up this absorbing hobby.

Publisher: J H Haynes & Co Ltd; Reprint edition (2014); ISBN 13: 978-0857338099

### **Beekeeping - A Practical Guide** (Paperback) by Roger Patterson (Author)

A practical book for new beekeepers and those interested in keeping their own bees, explaining everything they need to know to get started. It also covers how to make your garden attractive for bees. Published to coincide with the biggest beginners' day for beekeeping which takes place in February each year.

Publisher: Robinson (2012); ISBN 13: 978-0716022855

### **Keeping Bees (Green Guides)** (Paperback) by Pam Gregory (Author), Claire Waring (Author), Paul Peacock (Foreword)

Beekeeping is a fascinating and rewarding activity and is hugely important to the survival of our declining bee population, as much covered recently by the media. This attractive book offers practical and informative advice on how to get started, how to achieve and collect good harvests, beekeeping through the seasons, troubleshooting, queen rearing and more. It even suggests ways of encouraging bees for 'non-beekeepers'.

Publisher: Flame Tree Publishing; New edition (2011); ISBN 13: 978-1847869852

### **Better Beginnings for Beekeepers** (Paperback) by Adrian Waring (Author)

This is a detailed guide to the basics of beekeeping. It is so good that it has been in continuous publication since 1995. The book is a concise description of how to keep and breed bees.

Publisher: WritersPrintShop (2011); ISBN 13: 978-1780182148

**Guide to Bees & Honey: The World's Best Selling Guide to Beekeeping** (Paperback) by Ted Hooper

*[Don't purchase Edition 1 or 2, these are out of date]*

This is the ideal guide for anyone wanting to start beekeeping and a revered reference book for experienced beekeepers. It includes information on all you need to know, including how to avoid swarms, plan requeening, or provide the colony with winter stores. It features key information on Varroa. It is copiously illustrated throughout. Fully revised and updated, this new edition of "Guide to Bees and Honey" also presents expert advice for readers who plan to maintain a few hives for personal recreational use, as well as those who want to expand an existing colony into a commercial venture.

Publisher: Northern Bee Books; 4th Edition (2008); ISBN-13: 978-1904846246

Publisher: Northern Bee Books; 5th Edition (revised by Margaret Thomas, 2010) ISBN 13: 978-1904846512

**Keeping Bees and Making Honey** (Paperback) by Alison Benjamin

Bee keeping isn't just for the country dweller--bees can be kept in any situation from the simple balcony to the garden to acres of land. This comprehensive and attractive lifestyle guide to bee keeping takes readers from finding their bees to getting them home, housing them, collecting honey and using their produce. The book includes a detailed look at the history of bees and bee-keeping, and an extensive introduction to help readers to fully understand bees and keep them happy.

Publisher: David & Charles; illustrated edition (2008); ISBN 13: 978-0715328101

**Bees at the Bottom of the Garden** (Paperback) by Alan Campion (Author), Gay Hodgson (Illustrator)

This is the best book for the absolute beginner. It is easy to read, clearly illustrated and is written in a style which makes it easy to understand. For those who have a passing interest in keeping bees, want to know what the hobby requires, and need a book that will take them through their first two years of the craft this is it. Alan Campion uses a lifetime of experience to describe in plain terms how to go about setting up a hive, what to do during the first few years and what to expect from your bees. The text is beautifully illustrated with line drawings by Gay Hodgson.

Publisher: Northern Bee Books; Revised edition (2001); ISBN-13: 978-0907908975