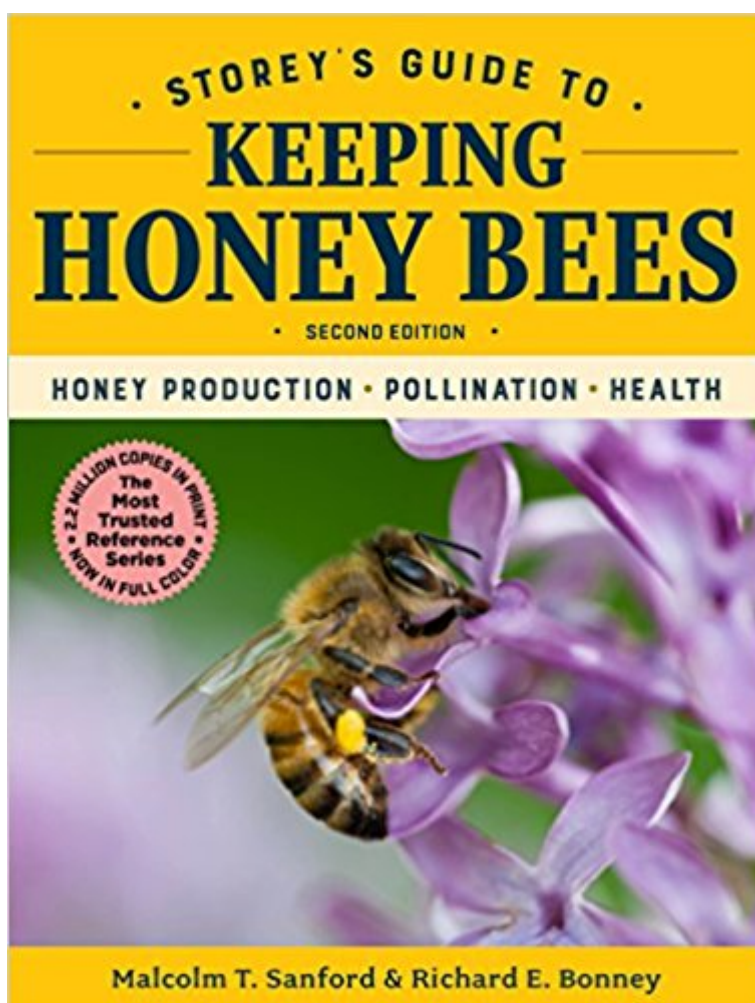


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# Storey's Guide To Keeping Honey Bees: Honey Production, Pollination, Bee Health (Storey's Guide To Raising)



## Synopsis

Enjoy the sweet rewards of keeping your own honey bees. Learn how to plan a hive, acquire bees, install a colony, keep your bees healthy, and harvest honey. Full of practical advice on apiary equipment and tools, this comprehensive guide also includes an overview of colony life and honey bee anatomy.

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A detailed description of a bee's life, the importance of hive location, the illustrated anatomy of a beehive, colony management, crop harvest, diseases and pests of honeybees, plus basic tips for beginners make for engrossing reading throughout Sanford and Bonney's thorough guide. Whether beginners or longtime enthusiasts, readers will learn plenty of useful information from the section-by-section, step-by-step approach to this increasingly popular endeavor. The authors also offer an engaging section on the origin and history of beekeeping, complete with bee family tree and honeybee evolution. Along the way, readers will find reasonable warnings and possible solutions to the less-desirable components of beekeeping, ranging from heat to the unnerving section on multiple bee stings requiring renal dialysis, but the joy of hive management predominates. Line illustrations throughout and a glossary, resources, index, and pollination contract add to this in-depth overview. --Whitney Scott

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First, I'm reviewing the KINDLE edition of this book. I will be reviewing the print copy too, since this version was so terrible as to be worthless. DO NOT buy the Kindle edition. The formatting is terrible (in the print version too), but especially when numbers and symbols are used. For example, in the Kindle edition, the 3/8 in "bee space" is never given clearly, since the symbol is garbled. There's plenty of other formatting problems. In addition, the book is not a great guide to keeping. The only cool thing I would say this book includes is a great description of beelining (fun!). The rest is only marginal advice and in some cases, not advice at all. I was forced to buy this book for a class, but it's crap.

This is an excellent beginning book for new beekeepers! No qualifications or caveats, it is a great beginner's book. Successful beekeeping is challenging, both physically and academically, these authors sort through the kernel points a beginner needs to process while beginning the lifelong quest of understanding honey bees and what makes them tick. After decades of beekeeping, I've seen many 'basic' beekeeping texts. I prefer this text because the authors have a logical organization that is easy to follow, building on the basics and moving forward. Another strength in this guide to beekeeping is that it exposes the reader to alternative styles of beekeeping like the Topbar and Warre' hives as well as the standard Langstroth hive. Beware of 'teachers' who teach only one way to keep bees (usually because it is more 'Natural' or 'Organic'). Not feel good, "Let's Save the Bees" nonsense, but written from the perspective of experienced beekeepers who have been around, and have the ability to communicate instruction. We will likely use this as the text for our next beekeeping class for our local Bee Club.

I recommend this book to anyone thinking about beekeeping. It has some great knowledge in it. I

went to a beginners workshop for beekeeping and 90% of what the woman talked about was covered in this book. I am glad that I have a reference on my shelf should any questions arise. This isn't a book that gives you all the secrets to beekeeping. It is a good book that will help you get going in beekeeping and give you sound advice and tips from people who have been there. As always, you should look for local beekeeping organizations to get local information on keeping bees.

I'm new to beekeeping so I can't speak to the quality of advice/expertise offered, but it does seem to cover a wide variety of topics. I will say though, having read a lot of textbooks that I don't care for how it reads. It throws a lot of information at you for each topic but doesn't really give recommendations about what is "best" also, I read the kindle version of this book and there are a TON of sidebars in this book that aren't clearly labeled as sidebars until after you read them so you are reading a paragraph and then there will be a random antecedent and then it goes right back into the paragraph you were reading before. Additionally these stories seem kind of pointless and unhelpful. Perhaps in the hard copy of this book it is easier to spot one of these sidebars before you start reading them.

First, don't expect to find a single book out there that will walk you through every single bee keeping process step by step. That said, this is certainly a valuable addition to your library of books on the topic. One thing I did like is that the author recognizes that there are many different approaches to every aspect of keeping bees, and he does not say that one is right and the rest are wrong. He does make recommendations for the best approaches for beginners to use, but also recognizes that more experienced keepers may want to experiment. This book does have lots of good pointers, especially for the beginner. Read it cover to cover, and you'll get a lot of good information. Cons- when comparing keeping bees in the "north" vs the "south," the author is comparing bee keeping in USDA hardiness zone 6 to zone 7. I keep bees in zone 3, so by comparison, zone 6 is pretty mild. Information on keeping bees in places that are actually cold, like zone 3, and actually hot, like zone 8 or 9, should have been included.

Highly recommended for all beekeepers. Simply written but comprehensive approach. Easy to understand & learn from.

Another great resource for beekeepers.

Easy to read and full of information

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