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Better Beekeeping: The Ultimate Guide To Keeping Stronger Colonies And Healthier, More Productive Bees



Synopsis

"Better Beekeeping is the most lucid call to action ever written about land-based beekeeping." — Tammy Horn, author of *Bees in America and Beeconomy: What Women and Bees Can Teach Us about Local Trade and the Global Market* "There are numerous beekeeping books on the shelves that instruct on 'how to,' but Better Beekeeping is a book that explores 'why to,' which is essential for this ever-changing world of beekeeping today." — Jennifer Berry, research coordinator at the University of Georgia's Honey Bee Research Lab, commercial queen and nuc producer, and columnist for *Bee Culture* magazine Backyard beekeepers everywhere agree: a successful colony is a thing of beauty. Thousands of beekeepers have started beekeeping thanks to Kim Flottum's first book, *The Backyard Beekeeper*, and they have added to their repertoire of skills with *The Backyard Beekeeper's Honey Handbook*. Now, *Better Beekeeping* answers the question, "What do I do now that I'm a beekeeper?" This book takes serious beekeepers past the beginning stages and learning curves and offers solutions and rewards for keeping bees a better way. Better queens, better winters, better food, and better bees await any beekeeper willing to take on the challenge of having the right number of bees, of the right age, in the right place, in the right condition, at the right time.

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Customer Reviews

At last a book on beekeeping which doesn't give instructions on how to hive a package! This is the book I've been waiting for as its contents are intended for those of us who are beyond the basics and using beekeeping as a means of income. The overlying theme of the book is to form an

understanding of where one wants to be as a beekeeper and the concerns to address in order to formulate a solid business plan to get there. The book does a fabulous job of bringing up points for consideration while acknowledging the multiple paths and solutions to the various conditions and means of keeping bees. I appreciated the overall slant towards natural beekeeping and the honesty regarding the current state of beekeeping. Kim's best work yet, thanks for a great book!

Great bee book! I'm a new hobbyist beekeeper and I have most of Flottum's books, so I didn't think this book would contain anything new. I was surprised to learn this was not the case, and I devoured it, which isn't hard to do considering the frequent and informative color photos. I have already referred back to this book several times since I've owned it, as well as used the photos to illustrate something to my "non-bee" family members. Worth the money!!

I am a hobbyist beekeeper with several years of experience. Some of the information was over my head, but a lot of it is very useful. The section on queens is worth the cost of the book alone. If you are a commercial beekeeper I think you owe it to yourself to buy this book. You can download it to a Kindle for about half what the bee supply catalogs want for it.

Better Beekeeping is ok but The Backyard Beekeeper, by the same author, is better. Better Beekeeping seems to be directed to the person who wants to make a business out of bees. The hobbyist will be more satisfied by the other choice.

Still currently reading this book, but it was better than I expected at first glimpse of paging through it. This book doesn't necessarily explain HOW to be a better beekeeper, but it "plants" ideas and questions into your head so you can take a step back and evaluate how and why you are handling your bees. The book covers a good bit of topics you should/can consider in a beekeeping operation, and will certainly be helpful when it comes time for myself to start expanding. This is a business book about beekeeping, and I would recommend to others even if you are not looking to bee-keep for profit. Lots of color pictures, good text/picture ratio.

This had a lot of information that I did not know and I have kept honeybees since 1998. I have already implemented some of these ideas and tips in this springs colonies. Happy Beekeeping year everyone!

So, make sure you understand that this isn't necessarily a how to book. It's gear for more experienced, but still not professional beekeepers who want to make their bees happier (and who doesn't - when they are angry, man...) and consequently more productive. The editor reviews are pretty much right on.

Nothing beats hand on instruction from a good bee keepers association, except on site mentoring. However, one year later, I can say that this book is a good book in general. They even have a section for beekeeping practices in all areas of the country! which is very nice. Southern beekeeping is far different that beekeeping in cold climates. If you are in the South, try to find a book for your area.

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