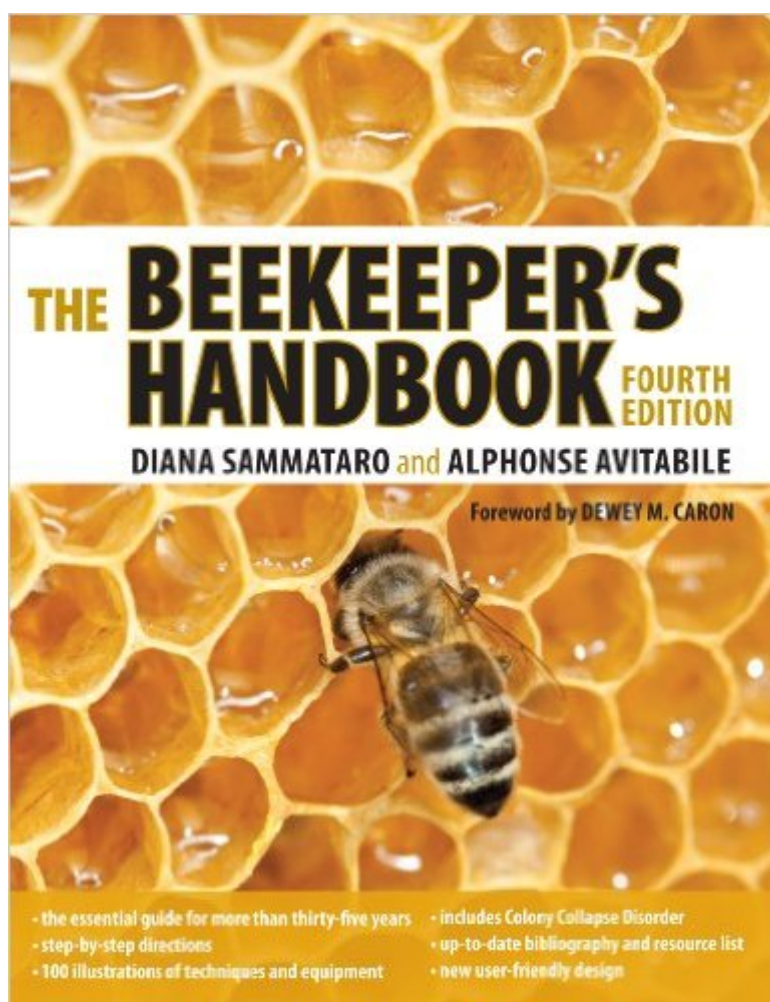


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The Beekeeper's Handbook



Synopsis

Since 1973, tens of thousands of first-time and experienced beekeepers alike have relied on *The Beekeeper's Handbook* as the best single-volume guide to the hobby and profession of beekeeping. Featuring clear descriptions and authoritative content, this handbook provides step-by-step directions accompanied by more than 100 illustrations for setting up an apiary, handling bees, and working throughout the season to maintain a healthy colony of bees and a generous supply of honey. This book explains the various colony care options and techniques, noting advantages and disadvantages, so that beekeepers can make the best choices for their own hives. This fourth edition has been thoroughly redesigned, expanded, updated, and revised to incorporate the latest information on Colony Collapse Disorder, green IPM methods, regional overwintering protocols, and procedures for handling bees and managing diseases and pests such as African honey bees and bee mites. The book explains not only how but also why each step is part of the transformative process that results in the magnificent creation of honey. This essential guide is a beekeeper's most valuable resource. Colony Collapse Disorder has renewed our recognition of the importance of small-scale beekeeping and the critical role of bees in the production of our food supply. For the growing number of beekeepers looking to set up hives for either a rewarding hobby or a profitable commercial enterprise, this updated and revised essential how-to guide includes: a step-by-step directions for all stages from setting up an apiary to harvesting honey; approximately 100 illustrations featuring techniques, equipment, and bee biology; information about how to manage new pests and diseases including Colony Collapse Disorder; coverage of new trends and changes in beekeeping including green IPM techniques and new laws for urban beekeeping; the most up-to-date bibliography and list of resources on the topic; and a new user-friendly book design that clearly highlights instructions and other important features.

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Customer Reviews

I bought this with a few other books on beekeeping and I think this book is just okay, because it has some great and not so great points. Great points are that it provides a wealth of information of bees, beekeeping, and harvesting in Langstroth and only Langstroth hives. The information is very clearly written and summarized with bullets. It's especially helpful when describing techniques and summarizing with advantages and disadvantages. It's easy to read through or reference as needed. HOWEVER, it is very one-sided. This book should be called the "Langstroth Beekeeper's Handbook" and then I would have to give this book 5 stars because it does in fact thoroughly cover everything you could imagine about using a Langstroth hive. But my concern is that this book doesn't reference or acknowledge that there are many other ways out there and the title of Beekeeper's Handbook seems to portray a comprehensive text about beekeeping in general. I can understand if the authors' goal was to write only about Langstroth, which is totally fine, but I think that premise needs to be clearer for a reader/purchaser. Reading this text would lead you to believe that there is only this way to keep bees, when in fact there are MANY MANY ways to care for bees successfully while aligning to your philosophy. This book provides information on techniques and approaches in such an authoritative way it would easily convince a new beekeeper this is the only way to do things, which it is not. Even just a mention in the preface, that this book will focus on Langstroth hives but there are many other kinds of hives worth researching - top bar, warre, etc. as well as mentioning that organic and natural practices exist, and many are successful with this approach as well.

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