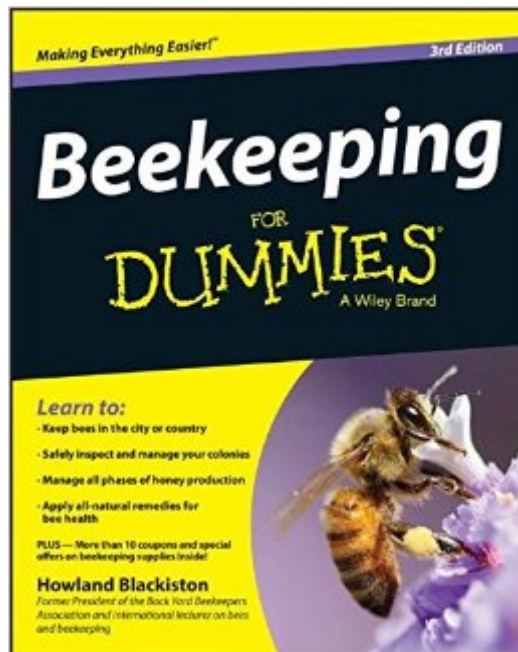


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Beekeeping For Dummies



Synopsis

Your guide to becoming a successful back yard beekeeper Want to find out what all the buzz is about beekeeping? The latest edition of *Beekeeping For Dummies* gives you the most trusted and up-to-date information on safely keeping your own bees, including complete instructions for assembling and maintaining beehives, handling all phases of honey production, using the latest tools and equipment, and much more. Keeping your own bees has many benefits: they not only pollinate your garden, but you can harvest the honey, honeycomb, propolis, bee pollen, and wax. With the expert guidance in *Beekeeping For Dummies*, you'll get the know-how to acquire your own bees and transfer them safely to their new home, securely open and close the hive, inspect your bees at the right time, handle common problems, and extract honey like a pro. Includes expert tips for maintaining a healthy bee colony Contains options for using natural (non-chemical) methods for keeping bees healthy Has information for keeping bees in both suburban and urban environments Covers harvesting and marketing your honey Explores the impact the sudden disappearance of the honey bee has on our environment and economy Provides information on how to raise your own queen bees and improve the genetics of your colonies If you're brand-new to the scene or a seasoned beekeeper looking for the latest tools, techniques, and information on back yard beekeeping, this hands-on, friendly guide has you covered.

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I began researching beekeeping last year and this spring (2015) finally took the plunge and established hives on my farm. This book, as well other books, were quite helpful, albeit in a generic way. I soon discovered that regional differences make a huge difference in beekeeping management and hive setup. This book, and its approach with concomitant assumptions, seems to be geared toward more the northern parts of the country, assuming two deeps (or equivalents) for every hive is needed. The author at a couple spots in the book readily addresses regional differences but no specific setup differences for hives. So, one would be wise to recognize that each book, including this one, has its regional orientations and the best place for specific information ultimately is more likely your local bee association where the local practices are tried and proven for your local climate. The book does have an ad (with coupon) in the back endorsing Bee-Commerce which I would recommend folks stay away from as they short ordered me pieces of frame materials on the Deep Frames and even after my finally being able to bring it to a company representative's attention weeks ago I have yet to receive full shipment of materials purchased. When books endorse companies and their products one tends to trust those companies, right? Don't! Since I have already shared that my beehives have been installed it shouldn't have to be said that I had no choice but to buy additional frames elsewhere in order to install my scheduled bees. I shared my bee delivery schedule three weeks before bee delivery with the Bee-Commerce representative and any sense of responsibility or urgency for this shortage was a total loss on the representative I dealt with.

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