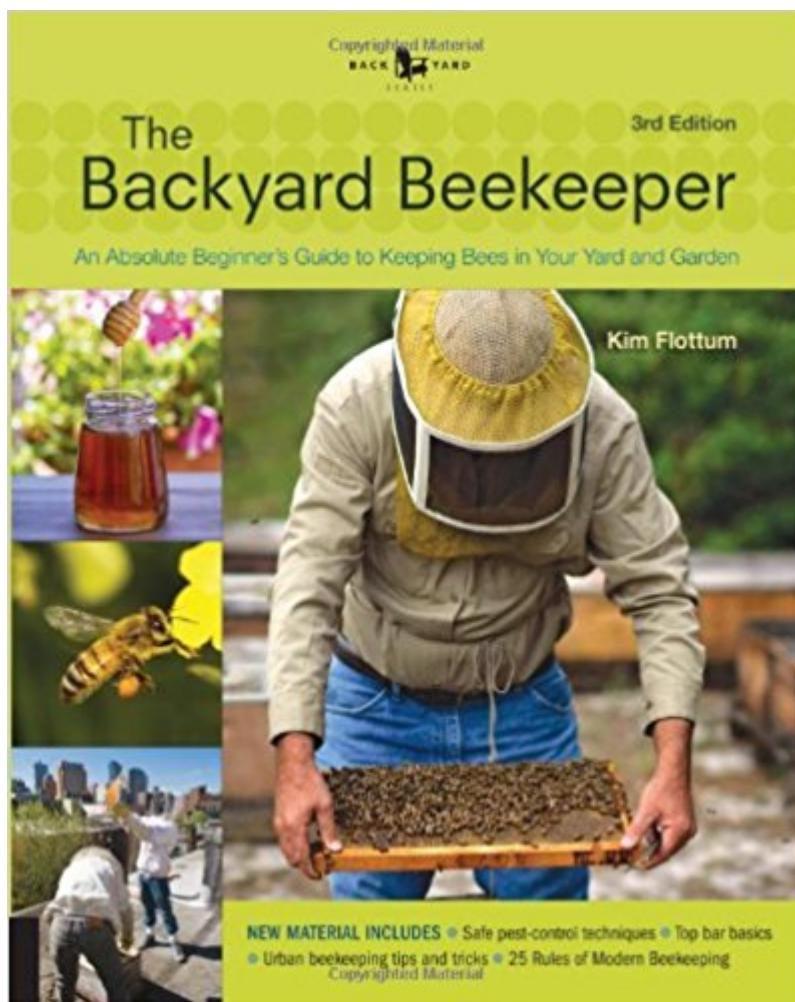


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# **Backyard Beekeeper - Revised And Updated, 3rd Edition: An Absolute Beginner's Guide To Keeping Bees In Your Yard And Garden - New Material Includes: - ... Urban Beekeeping - How To Use Top Bar Hives**





## Synopsis

The Backyard Beekeeper, now revised and expanded, makes the time-honored and complex tradition of beekeeping an enjoyable and accessible backyard pastime that will appeal to gardeners, crafters, and cooks everywhere. This expanded edition gives you even more information on "greening" your beekeeping with sustainable practices, pesticide-resistant bees, and urban and suburban beekeeping. More than a guide to beekeeping, it is a handbook for harvesting the products of a beehive and a honey cookbook--all in one lively, beautifully illustrated reference. This complete honey bee resource contains general information on bees; a how-to guide to the art of bee keeping and how to set up, care for, and harvest honey from your own colonies; as well as tons of bee-related facts and projects. You'll learn the best place to locate your new bee colonies for their safety and yours, and you'll study the best organic and nontoxic ways to care for your bees, from providing fresh water and protection from the elements to keeping them healthy, happy, and productive. Recipes of delicious treats, and instructions on how to use honey and beeswax to make candles and beauty treatments are also included.

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STARRED REVIEW Flottum (editor, Bee Culture magazine) brings beekeeping into the backyard with this handbook on keeping hives and harvesting their products. New material on natural beekeeping and "extreme urban beekeeping" will satisfy most readers. " Library Journal Collection Development February 2014

Kim Flottum brings a background of more than a decade of plant science, honey bee research, and basic farming to his thirty years as the editor of Bee Culture magazine where his main occupation is finding the answers to the multitude of questions that beginning, intermediate, and even advanced and experienced beekeepers bring to the table. He teaches beginning and advanced beekeeping courses, travels extensively to educate and lecture, and contributes to a variety of other publications on the basics of honey bees and beekeeping biology, the business of bees and pollination, producing and using varietal honeys, and a host of other subjects. His books, magazine articles, interviews, and blogs are widely read for both their fundamental and advanced contribution to beekeeping knowledge. His magazine platform gives voice to his social commentary on topics ranging from genetically modified foods to pesticide abuse to both good and bad government regulations in the industry. He is beekeeping's leading advocate for fundamental honey bee safety including insuring excellent honey bee health, providing extraordinary forage, and minimizing the use of agricultural pesticides.

This book has a LOT of information that is very useful to me as a beekeeper with one hive. Most of the books you get are written for someone who will eventually have many hives. This one assumes you won't expand beyond your backyard. It has a lot of updated information about the varroa mite problem as well as the traditional problems. This new edition includes safe pest control techniques, top bar basics, urban beekeeping tips and tricks and 25 rules of modern beekeeping. I checked out the previous edition at the library and found it very helpful --this one is even more so. There are many pictures of various things going on in the hive, as well as harvesting the honey and wax. There are recipes for various creams, butters, and balms made from the wax, as well as tips on harvesting and marketing the honey. The only thing I didn't like was that it had no recipe for sugar water, pollen substitute or anything like that. They merely say you can purchase them. Fortunately, you can find these recipes on the internet.

Great book for the starting beekeeper. This was recommended to me by a 40 year veteran of beekeeping. So if you are looking to keeping bees this is a must have in your library.

This book offers a comprehensive overview of current beekeeping. I appreciate the science Mr. Flottum uses in describing the current problems with pests and disease. For the beginning or hobbyist beekeeper, this book seems a perfect way to learn so much about the subject. This edition

does cover Top Bar concepts with text and photos. For the Warre' enthusiast, the concepts of general beekeeping can apply, but I could not find reference to or mention of such hive management method or philosophy. I appreciated the explanation of Integrated Pest Management (IPM) along with mention of many of the conventional toxic mite and/or disease control chemicals. Mr. Flottum encourages use of lighter weight hive bodies, such as medium or eight-frame boxes. Photographs are of high quality throughout the text. Finally, for the reader who wants to learn more about "natural" beekeeping and the potential for mite reduction through natural cell size, it would seem wise to compliment this text with other texts specific to natural cell size or Warre' hive management.

backyard beekeeper is the best bee information yet published. Kim writes simple and easy to read, and covers more bases in beekeeping than I ever thought possible. If you are a beginner or if you have been keeping bees for years you should get this book

Easy read, lots of illustrations, overall good info so far. I'm the farthest thing from a subject matter expert in this area, but from the perspective of an absolute beginner, I feel much better about embarking on my beekeeping adventure armed with the info in this book.

Do not read this on Kindle paperwhite! Maybe it formats better on other versions, but it is very difficult to see any of the graphics or tables. Also, black and white images are useless for the color descriptions the author gives. I do agree with some other reviewers that this author, while very knowledgeable, does meander a bit. Not the best book for beginners in my opinion.

I'm a novice. Never had bees, but hope to have a colony in about 6 months. I did not like this book for several reasons. First, not the author's fault, the font size is small and light - it is painful to read at night. (I read lots of books without this issue.) I'm a linear thinker - A to B to C..... The author seems too familiar with his material. I felt he used undefined terms long before he actually explained what they mean. I'm still unsure what a brood and brood comb are and it took forever to find explanations that workers and drones are not the same gender and work their ways through different roles within the work group. Explain the life cycle of bees; then tell me about their natural hives; then tell me how the human version of a beehive works and provides control. Also, the editors missed a number of grammatical errors which are annoying when the reader has to stop and ask what the real meaning is. Disappointing for the "Absolute Beginner."

This book would be great if i could read the print... Im not blind yet but it sure does feel that way... I think MS word has 8 as the smallest pica size, maybe they figured bees would read it. Heck maybe bees wrote it.Othwrwise the pictures are nice

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