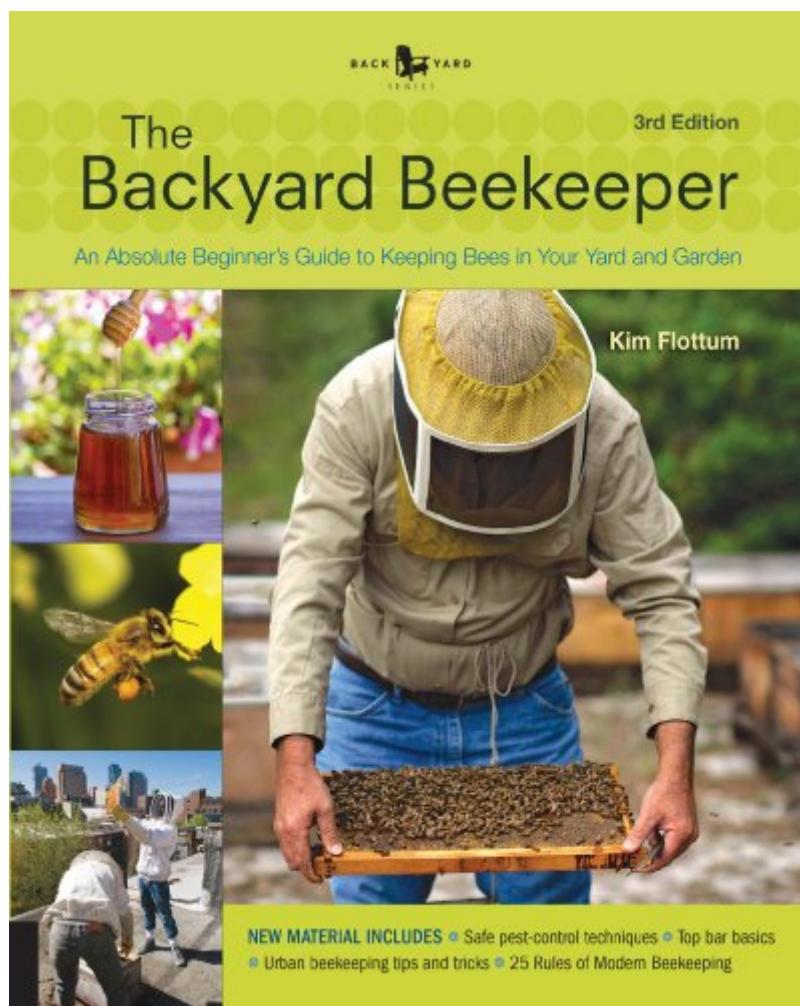


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# The Backyard Beekeeper - Revised And Updated, 3rd Edition: An Absolute Beginner's Guide To Keeping Bees In Your Yard And Garden



## **Synopsis**

The Backyard Beekeeper, now in its revised and expanded third edition, 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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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.

An excellent introduction to Beekeeping. I've bought and read 5-10 books on beekeeping, this is the best so far! Covers everything in a well laid out, narrative style. Well organized and illustrated, leaves little out. If you are interested in bees or beekeeping and want a "bible", here it is. Start with this book. Good coverage of the three most popular types of hives, their variants and reasons for each style. Diseases and pests also well covered.

Well written, fun to read, numerous color illustrations. Even old time beekeepers will learn something in this wide ranging, yet thorough book. Why? Because the author, as editor on one of the two most popular beekeeping journals, has used his access to latest information on everything from new ways of keeping bees, to the most up-to-date information on bee pests, like varroa and small hive beetle to produce by far and away the best beginner honey bee book ever published. I loved the '25 Rules of Modern Beekeeping' near the end of the book that neatly and memorably summarized the preceding beautifully illustrated 200 pages. Bravo, Kim Flottum, Bravo!

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."

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

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.

I have read a few beekeeper books that are very informational and I have enjoyed them all in their own way (Beekeeping for Dummies, First Lessons in Beekeeping), but I really enjoy Kim's style of writing and his perspective on beekeeping. First, I feel his book is truly written for the backyard beekeeper and his preference of equipment provides validation of my purchases. Second, he stresses the need for treatment of hives without the use of harsh chemicals and while this may go against what long time or commercial beekeepers do, as a new beekeeper it is good to know that more natural route can work, as long as one is observant about what is happening in the hive. Last, the photos used are very high quality and portray a lot more than words can sometimes describe.

I gave this book to my sister, who is a new beekeeper. She has given it a great review. It is written in a down-to-earth manner with very useful information. She learned several important facts which will assist her in having a happy, healthy hive.

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