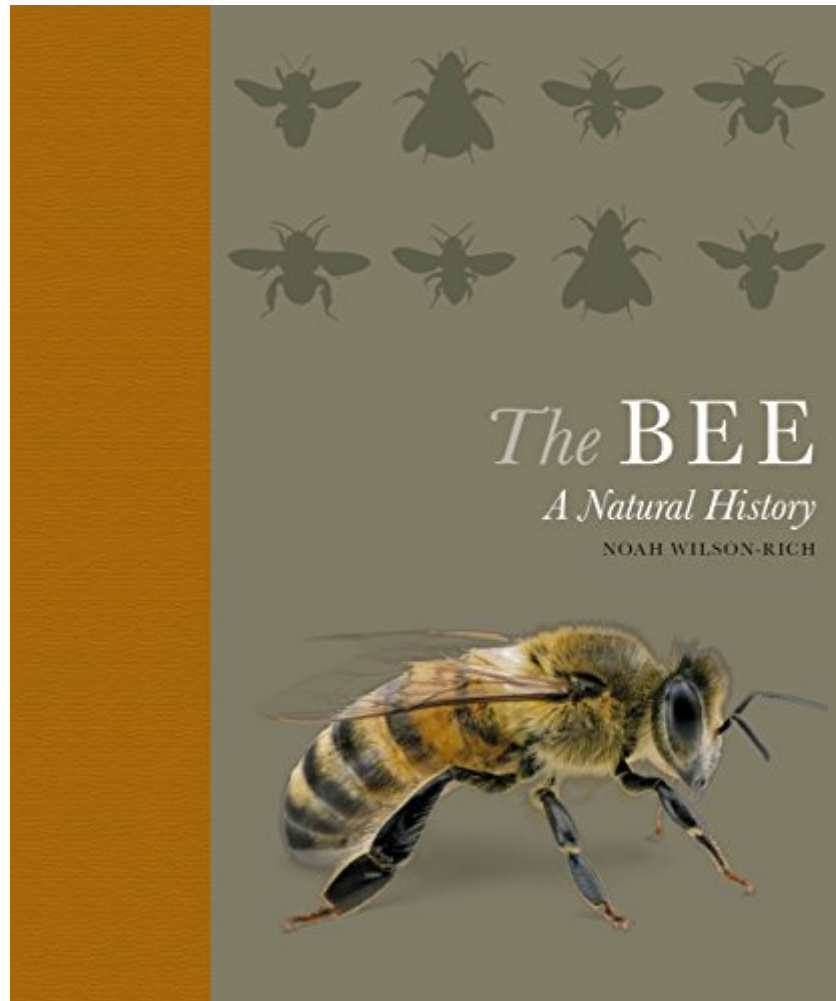




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Eyes with more than 6,000 separate lenses; bodies so hairy that they attract pollen by static; the ability to communicate by dancing... bee stats are endlessly engrossing. And the bee is as important to the production of human food as any machine; without the bees to pollinate them, most of our crops would be dead in the field. So how did this furry little workaholic come to be so crucial to the planet? *The Bee: A Natural History* answers that question and many more, looking at bee development from 65 million years ago to today, when over 20,000 bee species have been identified and beekeeping is enjoying a surge in popularity. Exploring evolution, anatomy, society, behaviour, and the human factor, and presenting a visual directory of 40 bee breeds alongside practical fact panels, this is the book that will become a buzz word for every keeper, student, or lover of bees.

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Customer Reviews

I've recently become very interested in bees, and bought this on my kindle, not wanting to wait for

the book to arrive. I quickly came to realize that many of the charts were illegible on my kindle, and I felt I was missing out on important info. I returned the kindle edition and bought the hardcover, and I am SO glad I did! This is not only an informative book, it is also incredibly beautiful. Each page is well illustrated and laid out to be visually interesting. It is a wonderful introduction to the fascinating world of bees for the lay person. I will treasure this book for many years to come.

I definitely recommend this book not only to beekeepers, but naturalists and this with a passion for wildlife and an interest in learning more about the bee. Well written and fully illustrated with photographs, this book covers some biology, anatomy, history, and a selection of bee species.

Very interesting reading. I added a bee house to my garden. It is just a start but look forward to having these wonderful visitors around.

This book is seriously perfect! Incredibly informative and beautiful illustrations and pictures.

Beautifully, well done book. I purchased it for my brother-in-law who is a beekeeper and realized what a great book it was so I went back and got a second one for my brother who is also a beekeeper and who also really loves books. They were both thrilled with the book.

I've read a lot of books about bees, but this is full of information and some of it was new to me - so I learned something from this book and would highly recommend it. It may be a bit technical for some and more information about all kinds of bees than a starting honeybee keeper would want and/or need to know, but I would put it in on their reading list for later. It's a must have on my beekeeper bookshelf. Thumbs up on this book for sure!

I am impressed by *The Bee: A Natural History*. It is a beautiful book about bees. Everything about bees, all kinds of bees. The information is organized well. The photographs and pictures are outstanding. I have quite a few books about bees and bee keeping and this book combines a lot in one. I strongly recommend this book for anyone considering beekeeping, although it is not about beekeeping. I think it helps to understand these little beings, how they live, what they do. The chapters are short and to the point. The factual information seems to me to be up to date. It is a lot of information presented in a very digestible manner. One could go through the book chapter by chapter, or just to one that is interesting. It's all interesting, if one wants to know about bees in order

to understand them, and about other bee pollinators. The book itself is well-made. The pages turn easily, the margins and gutters are large enough. There are many old but still valid drawings, and modern up close photographs. The cover itself is unusual to me. It has several different textures. I like the book for the way it is made, the way the information is presented comfortably, at a very reasonable price for a hard-cover. I received it truly in 2 days.

Fascinating book for anyone curious about the beautiful bee.

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