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| Module 6 recommended reading books | | | | |
| Title | Author | Publisher | Year | Blurb |
| The wisdom of the Hive | T.Seeley | Harvard University Press | 1996 | This book is about the inner workings of one of nature’s most complex animal societies: the honey bee colony. It describes and illustrates the results of more than fifteen years of elegant experimental studies conducted by the author. In his investigations, Thomas Seeley has sought the answer to the question of how a colony of bees is organized to gather its resources |
| Honeybee Democracy | T.Seeley | Princetown university press | 2010 | Honeybees make decisions collectively - and democratically. Every year, faced with the life-or-death problem of choosing and traveling to a new home, honeybees’ stake everything on a process that includes collective fact-finding, vigorous debate, and consensus building. |
| The lives of Bees | T.Seeley | Princetown university press | 2019 | Humans have kept honey bees in hives for millennia, yet only in recent decades have biologists begun to investigate how these industrious insects live in the wild |
| Mating biology of honey bees | G.Koeniger, N. Koeniger, J Ellis, L Connor | Wicwas Press | 2014 | This is simply an excellent book describing the latest research on Honey Bee mating in a simple easy to understand manner. It also gives all the relevant references for the data their conclusions are drawn from for those wishing to delve a little deeper into this fascinating topic. |
| Swarming | BBKA Special | BBKA |  |  |
| Communication within the Hive | BBKA special | BBKA | 2022 |  |
| Pheromones of social bees | J.B.Free | Chapman and Hall | 1987 | The behaviour of these bees has been adapted to some extent to meet beekeeping requirements but few advances have been made in altering their behaviour so that honey and wax production is increased |
| The world of the Honey Bee | C.G Butler |  |  | Skilfully woven into the book are the results of the work of others - such as that of von Frisch on the orientation of bees, and the almost incredible way in which information is conveyed about the distance and direction of food sources, by beautiful, extraordinary dances. |
| The buzz about bees | J. Tautz | Springer | 2008 | The book destroys the cute notion of bees as anthropomorphic icons of busy self-sacrificing individuals and presents us with the reality of the colony as an integrated and independent being―a “super-organism” ― with its own, almost eerie, emergent group intelligence. |
| BBKA Guide to Beekeeping | [Ivor Davis](https://www.amazon.co.uk/Ivor-Davis/e/B00JO1REJ6?ref=sr_ntt_srch_lnk_1&qid=1652634446&sr=1-1) and Roger Cullum-Kenyon | BBKA | 2018 |  |
| The behaviour and social life of honeybees | R.Ribbands | Bee Research | 1953 | An excellent book for those who are interested in understanding their bees better |
| Bee Space to Beehive | A.Gibb &  A.Harman | Beecraft Ltd | 2020 |  |
| Bee hive to Beekeeper | A.Gibb &  A.Harman | Beecraft Ltd | 2020 |  |
| The social organization of honey bees | John B Free | Northern Bee Books | 2017 | Topics discussed include: colony structure and organization, physiological mechanisms of caste determination, the activities and adaptability of worker bees, temperature regulation, reproduction, seasonal cycle of activities, the special part that pheromones play in regulating colony activities, communication of the location of forage, and the principles of foraging behaviour. |