

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	Princeton 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	Princeton 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 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.