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<i>The Bology of the Honey Bee</i>	M.L Winston		Mark Winston probes the dynamics of the honey bee's social organisation. He recreates for us the complex infrastructure of the nest, describes he highly specialised behaviour of workers, queens and drones and examines he remarkable ability of the honey bee colony to regulate its functions according to events within and outside the nest
<i>A book of Honey</i>	Eva Crane	O U P	Here is a lively but authorative book written by an eminent world expert covering the whole subject of honey, its plant sources, its production, marketing and the economics. The contributors deal with for example, the flowers that honey comes from and the role of the beekeeper; the chemical, physical and biological properties of honey; modern methods of processing, storing and qualitycontrol; legislation;world trade; the manifold uses of honey, including its fermentation;the language of honeyin fact each chapter in this 622 tome is almost a book in itself: that on history, for instance, describes the part played by honey- before the existace of man, among primitive peoples, in ancient civlitions in medieval Europe, and up to the present day - withbeautiful illustrations for every period. Beekeepers, honey producers and traders, food and biochemicists, entomolgists and botonists are not the only ones catered for- mead makers, those who like natural foods, social historians and language students will find plenty to interest them.
<i>A webiste of interest</i>			

https://www.evacranetrust.org/			The Trust was formed by Dr Eva Crane in 2002. Its aim is to advance the understanding of bees and beekeeping.
<i>The Honey Bee Inside Out</i>	Celia Davis	Bee Craft	This book is designed to present detailed information about the anatomy and physiology of the honey bee in a clear and concise format. Each of the eight chapters covers an aspect of the bee biology and all are copiously illustrated. The author has drawn most of the diagrams from her own dissections, giving realistic rather than idealistic impressions of the part involved.
<i>The Honey Bee Around and About</i>	Celia Davis	Bee Craft	This book is a companion volume to Celia's first book 'The Honeybee Inside Out' which covered the anatomy and physiology of the honeybee. The Honeybee Around and About begins by looking at the origin of honeybees and continues with a description of the different subspecies. Sections included are: Honeybee beginnings; variations; health and hazards; when the kids are ill; problems with the grown ups; mighty mites; the enemy within and without; flower show; the food of the gods; other bee essentials; on best behaviour; more than thick and sticky.
<i>Haynes Bee Manual</i>	A&C Waring	Haynes	The Bee Manual offers a clear and concise introduction into the fascinating world of the honey bee and the addictive craft of beekeeping. For various reasons, the number of bee colonies has been declining and there is great interest in trying to aid their recovery. Anyone wanting to keep bees needs to learn about the individuals, how colonies operate and how the beekeeper can work with these insects to help them thrive, carry out their pollination activities and produce a satisfying honey crop. Full of color photos and clear step-by-step text, this book offers practical advice for anyone planning to take up this absorbing hobby.
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Encyclopaedia of Beekeeping (1985)	Morse & Hooper		The book follows a systematic description in A-Z order. Each section under the Alphabetical letter is well illustrated and written in a lucid scientific language that is easy to follow. The book is a mine of useful information and practical tips based on the expertise and the long experience of these 2 authorities in beekeeping. It is a Must for All beekeepers, particularly the Academically orientated beekeepers and the book is certainly an important reference source for all beekeeping examinations.
<i>The Basic Assessment syllabus can appear daunting at first glance but closer inspection will show that it merely lists the basic things which all beekeepers should know.</i>			
Beekeeping Study notes for BBKA Basic Certificate	JD&BD Yates		
Certificate in Bee Breeding			To encourage an improvement in the skills and methodology applied to the selective breeding of honey bees that are adapted to local conditions and have desirable characteristics. The Candidates will be able to demonstrate a range of beekeeping skills related to queen rearing, honey bee breeding and selection. Some of these books will be useful in the booklist for Module 7 Selection and breeding of Honey bees

<i>Queen Rearing Essentials</i>	L.J Connor		In the post varroa, post colony collapse syndrome era, beekeepers everywhere are developing localised, mit resistant bee stocks. Key to this is the ability to raise queen cells and queens. Bee culture/American Bee Journal author Dr Larry Connor describes a very succesful queen rearing method using starter and finisher colonies
<i>Queen Bee: Biology, Rearing & Breeding</i>	D Woodward		Step by step instructions take the newcomer through each stage, with photographs and illustrations to further clarify the techniques
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<i>General Husbandry Certificate.</i>			This assessment is designed for beekeepers who prefer the practical approach rather than the written examinations. On the day, your assessment is conducted by two BBKA Assessors inspection of the candidate's apiary, equipment and honey handling equipment.manipulation of one or more colonies of the candidate's bees.demonstration of a method of selective queen rearing
<i>Some important operations in Bee Management</i>	TSK&MP Calder	NBB	Although the book was originally published thirty-two years ago it is still highly relevant to those who wish to further their apicultural skills and perhaps even increase their profits from beekeeping. It is indeed a book designed to take beekeepers beyond the basics and is a practical and comprehensive manual, international in its coverage and appeal which will always be in demand.
<i>Module 1 Honey Bee Management</i>			The Modules are designed to give beekeepers the opportunity to study the craft of apiculture further with the goals of obtaining an Intermediate Theory Certificate and and Advanced TheoryCertificate. Some of the reading books listed for this module are also recommended for other and related modules. Use the Excel search to find out where them.
<i>The Hive and the Honey Bee</i>	J Graham-Dadant		The Hive and the Honey Bee is the definitive text for anyone involved with bees, from keeping bees to simply finding out more about them. The most recent edition of this classic, a wonderful hardcover book with attractive gold-stamped cover and spine, has been completely rewritten, revised, and enlarged.
<i>Swarming Biology and Control</i>	Wally Shaw	BeeCraft	This book is presented in two parts: the biology behind swarming followed by the practical swarm control operations that can be used in the apiary. It is suitable for all beekeepers who wish to gain a greater understanding of the entire swarming and swarm control process

<i>The Observation Hive</i>	Showler	BBNO	Most people when they get the chance to stand in front of a honeybees' hive will be fascinated by the activity of these useful insects.
<i>Variations on a Beehive</i>	compiled by P Nelson	NBB	This is the only book devoted entirely to the Observation Hive, its history, construction, use and maintenance. Karl Showler has drawn on his considerable experience as Technical Officer of the International Bee Research Association. This book will be of value to agricultural advisers, educational officers and anyone interested in the ever fascinating study of the honeybee.
<i>Module 2 Honey Bee Management</i>			The range and depth of experience contained between the pages is phenomenal. If, like me, you are addicted to collecting and reading books about beekeeping, bees and associated subjects, you will certainly need to add this one to your shelf. I am now finding that I am becoming more selective about which books I keep and which ones to cull due to lack of space. This one is definitely a keeper!
<i>Beeswax</i>	R Brown	NBB	Ron Brown is a well-known lecturer on beekeeping and is the author of several beekeeping books and pamphlets. In 1981 Beeswax was the first book on the subject for nearly 73 years - since Cowan's Waxcraft appeared - and has been published by popular request. It contains details on the history, chemical content, and the many uses of beeswax. The 20 illustrations are carefully chosen to make this an essentially practical book for beekeeper, wax candle and polish maker as well as for the interested reader, who may have often wondered what produced the shine on the dining-room table.
<i>Oilseed Rape and Bees</i>	A Calder	NBB	For Beekeepers to be able now to rely, for an indefinite number of years to come, upon the regular annual availability, in May and June, of a huge new nectar source, is for them an historic advance. The pattern of work through the beekeeping year is changed by it and a new yearly flow of nectar and honey is in prospect with a yield comparable to that from heather. This volume is essential reading for all those within flying distance of the rape fields or who are considering taking their bees to the rape.

<i>Keeping Healthy Honey Bees</i>	D Aston & S Bucknall	NBB	Honeybees are under threat worldwide because of virulent viruses against which they have no natural defences. Nearly all colonies in the wild have died out and without beekeepers to care for them, honeybees could disappear in a few years. Guardian.co.uk Introduction The Natural History of the Honey Bee Colony Colony Reproduction Honey Bee Nutrition Approaches to Bee Health Management Honey Bee Diseases and Conditions Organisms Affecting Honey Bee Health The Essentials of Good Bee Husbandry Caring for the Queen The Management of Swarming Keeping Honey Bees Healthy Through the Year Useful Techniques & Selected Reading
<i>Plants and beekeeping</i>	F.N Howes	Faber	This is a most useful reference for urban beekeepers, or for anyone wishing to attract bees to their garden. The author explains what characteristics of a flower make it attractive to bees, both for nectar and pollen. The main part of the book is given over to listing plants that are attractive to bees, with helpful descriptions. The author worked at Kew Gardens, and clearly has both enthusiasm for and understanding of his subject.
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<i>Module 3 Pests Diseases and Poisoning</i>			The Modules are designed to give beekeepers the opportunity to study the craft of apiculture further with the goals of obtaining an Intermediate Theory Certificate and an Advanced Theory Certificate. Some of the reading books listed in this module are also recommended for other and related modules. Use the Excel search to find them.
<i>Anatomy and dissection of the Honey Bee</i>	H A Dade	IBRA	The Anatomy and Dissection of the honey bee was first published in 1962 and yet this book is still the basis of teaching beekeepers the structure of the honey bee and how to dissect one to expose all the components of this amazing insect. Many of the drawings are original plates produced by Major Dade but of course the photographs are more recent and we must thank Dr Alan Potter of Brunel Microscopes for providing some of these in this edition.

<p>Honey Bee Pathology</p>	<p>L Bailey</p>	<p>The book contains separate chapters on viruses, bacteria, fungi, protozoa, mites, nematode and insect parasites, non-infectious diseases, and the treatment of diseases. The contents are a thorough revision of the previous edition and incorporate much new information, especially with respect to viruses, bacteria, fungi, and mites. Specific organisms, such as the mite <i>Varroa jacobsoni</i> and the secondary diseases resulting from its presence, are considered in detail. Knowledge of the subject is central to well-managed beekeeping, an industry that, besides producing honey and wax for man, is increasingly valuable ecologically for pollinating wild as well as cultivated plants.</p>
<p>A website of interest for Module 3</p>		
<p>https://www.nationalbeeunit.com/</p>		<p>These pages give details of honey bee pests and diseases that all beekeepers must be aware of to maintain productive stocks of bees. They provide details of biology, impact and management options for a range of infestations and infections and, where available, information about current incidence.</p>
<p>Module 5 Honey Bee Biology</p>		<p>The Modules are designed to give beekeepers the opportunity to study the craft of apiculture further with the goals of obtaining an Intermediate Theory Certificate and an Advanced Theory Certificate. Some of the reading books listed for this module are also recommended for other and related modules. Use the Excel search to find them.</p>
<p>The world of the Honey Bee</p>	<p>C G Butler</p>	<p>The mysteries of bee life are illuminated for beekeepers, entomologists and students of natural history in general. This edition is exclusive to newnaturalists.com The complex and wonderful organisation of the honeybee has fascinated many naturalists and writers, but the New Naturalist is fortunate in securing for its library what is undoubtedly one of the finest and most comprehensive treatises on the subject. For many years head of the research station at Rothamsted, Dr Butler's own discoveries (particularly the existence of "queen substance") are truly remarkable. Skillfully 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.</p>

Module 6 Honey Bee Behaviour			The Modules are designed to give beekeepers the opportunity to study the craft of apiculture further with the goals of obtaining an Intermediate Theory Certificate and Advanced Theory Certificate. Some of the reading books listed for this module are also recommended for other and related modules. Use the Excel search to find them."
<i>The Wisdom of the Hive</i>	T Seeley	Harvard University Press	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. The results of his research—including studies of the shaking signal, tremble dance, and waggle dance, and other, more subtle means by which information is exchanged among bees—offer the clearest, most detailed picture available of how a highly integrated animal society works. By showing how several thousand bees function together as an integrated whole to collect the nectar, pollen, and water that sustain the life of the hive, Seeley sheds light on one of the central puzzles of biology: how units at one level of organization can work together to form a higher-level entity.
<i>The Lives of Bees</i>	T Seeley	Princeton University Press	Engagingly written and deeply personal, <i>The Lives of Bees</i> reveals how we can become better custodians of honey bees and make use of their resources in ways that enrich their lives as well as our own.
<i>Honeybee Democracy</i>	T Seeley	Princeton University Press	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. In fact, as world-renowned animal behaviorist Thomas Seeley reveals, these incredible insects have much to teach us when it comes to collective wisdom and effective decision making. A remarkable and richly illustrated account of scientific discovery, <i>Honeybee Democracy</i> brings together, for the first time, decades of Seeley's pioneering research to tell the amazing story of house hunting and democratic debate among the honeybees.

<i>Mating biology of Honey Bees</i>	Koeniger, Koeniger, Ellis & Connor		Complex and deadly acrobatics mark the climax of a successful drone's life. Though the honey bee is one of the most broadly and extensively researched insect, the function of the drone and the activities beyond the hive have long eluded all but the most determined of researchers. Gudrun and Nikolaus are two such determined researchers who have, in these pages, built upon the most vital works of their predecessors and contemporaries in the context of their own studies.
<i>Swarming</i>	BBKA Special	BBKA	This Special Issue aims to lead beekeepers through different aspects of swarming. Starting with a brief history of swarming, it then takes a look at the signs of swarming and considers ways of preventing or delaying swarming. Finally, various methods of swarm control are reviewed.
<i>Communication within the Hive</i>	BBKA Special		Communication in honey bees is varied, complex and, arguably, at least equal to ours. You will be guided through the journey exploring the various means of honey bee communication by drawing analogies with our own communication needs and methods of fulfilling them. This sets the scene beautifully for subsequent chapters on communication cues and signals, pheromones, food sharing, vibratory communication and much more.
<i>Pheromones of Social Bees</i>	JBFree	Chapman & Hall	This book evaluates the present state of knowledge of each known pheromone, discusses the pheromones of the stingless bees and describes the effect of pheromones on the social organization and mating behaviour of bumblebees. Suggestions are made for further and different types of research into pheromones. The book should be of interest to zoologists, entomologists and general biologists.
<i>The World of the Honey Bee</i>	CG Butler		The copious illustrations are all taken by the author and are marvels of close-up photography. Fully revised and up-dated this edition contains the findings of latest research, including the discovery of the sex attractant released by the queen and its function; and exactly how the piping sounds made by the emerging queen are produced. Reviews: "Excellent guide to the mysteries of bee life, for the general reader as well as the beekeeper and entomologist" Yorkshire Post "Important as an exposition of a most suggestive theory, that of the 'queen substance'. The experiments behind this are fascinating." Manchester Guardian "One of the best books of this (20th) century on bees" British Bee Journal.

<i>The Buzz About Bees</i>	J Tautz	Springer	<p>This book, already translated into ten languages, may at first sight appear to be just about honeybees and their biology. It contains, however, a number of deeper messages related to some of the most basic and important principles of modern biology. The bees are merely the actors that take us into the realm of physiology, genetics, reproduction, biophysics and learning, and that introduce us to the principles of natural selection underlying the evolution of simple to complex life forms. 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 superorganism with its own, almost eerie, emergent group intelligence. We are surprised to learn that no single bee, from queen through drone to sterile worker, has the oversight or control over the colony. Instead, through a network of integrated control systems and feedbacks, and communication between individuals, the colony arrives at consensus decisions from the bottom up through a type of swarm intelligence. Indeed, there are remarkable parallels between the functional organization of a swarming honeybee colony and vertebrate brains</p>
<i>BBKA Guide to Beekeeping</i>	Ivor Davis and Roger Callu	BBKA	<p>Each chapter is accompanied by anecdotes, answers to frequently asked questions, and fascinating facts about bees and honey. The new edition includes new step-by-step sequences to illustrate procedures such as containing a swarm, identifying the queen, using a smoker, and cleaning a hive as well as more information on different kinds of hives, disease management, and many other key areas.</p>
<i>The behaviour and social Life of Honey Bees</i>	Bee research		<p>The author particularly emphasises the most recent researches, including surprising results which have hitherto only been described in scientific journals. In addition, many interesting experiments are now reported for the first time. The author also provides evidence to show that the honeybee community is no longer something incomprehensible; he builds up a picture step by step which enables him to explain its greatest mysteries in terms which are easy to understand. Understanding of these facts can help BEEKEEPERS in the intelligent pursuit of their craft; scientific aspects of many practical beekeeping problems are fully discussed.</p>

<i>Bee Space to Beehive</i>	A Gibb & A Harman	Beecraft	This book provides a fascinating insight into how beehives, beekeeping equipment and beekeeping methods have developed over the centuries. Lengthy observation enabled the discovery of the importance of bee space by Revd LL Langstroth, and after this discovery the ingenuity of many beekeepers has solved numerous problems associated with colony management. The evolution of ideas and creations by many well known individuals has brought us to the current time. Various methods and names you will recognise but whose importance you may not before have been aware of including Warré, Pagden, Snelgrove, Hoffman and Manley to name a few.
<i>Bee hive to Beekeeper</i>	A Gibb & A Harman	Bee Craft	This publication and its companion, Bee Hive to Beekeeper (anticipated release August/September 2020) will be invaluable to students of Module 8 of the British Beekeepers Association examinations. Both volumes have been written by UK master beekeeper Andrew Gibb from the UK and Ann Harman, well-known American EAS master beekeeper.”
<i>The Social organisation of Honey Bees</i>	J B Free	NBB	Professor John B Free, a world authority on the subject covers the areas of colony organisation, activity, defence, forage collection, and reproduction in a very readable style. Recommended for all taking BBKA Exams.
<i>Module 7 Selection and Breeding of Honey Bees</i>			The Modules are designed to give beekeepers the opportunity to study the craft of apiculture further with the goals of obtaining an Intermediate Theory Certificate and Advanced Theory Certificate. Some of the books listed for this module are also recommended for other and related modules. Use the Excel search to find them.
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<i>In search of the best strains of bees</i>	Br Adam		For Beekeepers interested in learning about how Brother Adam developed the Buckfast race of honeybees and the various different races of honeybees in the Buckfast pedigree, this book provides that information in quite some detail.
<i>Contemporary Queen rearing</i>	Henry H Laidlaw		Black and white photographs illustrate queen rearing and queen maintenance of keeping healthy long lasting queens for your colony. Although not thoroughly biologically nor scientifically all the honey bee queen dynamics, this is a great beginning book and middle of the road read of queen rearing. The author illustrates queen cells, feeding, clipping, making, producing and use of queen honey bees! The author even talks about good record keeping on queen rearing which is a must for knowing about your results, mistakes and future endeavors. I would recommend this book for those interested in queen rearing.
<i>Module 8 Honey Bee Management Health and History</i>			The Modules are designed to give beekeepers the opportunity to study the craft of apiculture further with the goals of obtaining an Intermediate Theory Certificate and Advanced Theory Certificate. Some of the books listed in the Certificate in Bee Breeding and General husbandry will be useful too or are double listed!

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