



### Adult Books

Ellis, Hattie. ***Sweetness & Light: The Mysterious History of the Honeybee.*** London: Sceptre, 2004.

For anyone who's wondered about how humans first started eating honey—after all, bees guard it jealously—Ellis's charming history will be a treat.

Echols, Jean C. ***Buzzing A Hive: Teacher's Guide.*** Berkeley, CA: Lawrence Hall of Science, University of California, 1987.

Allows students to explore the honeybee's social behavior, communication, and hive environment. For grades 1-3, includes modifications for preschool and Kindergarten.

Horn, Tammy. ***Bees in America: How the Honeybee Shaped a Nation.*** Lexington, KY: University Press of Kentucky, 2005.

Bees in America is an enlightening cultural history of bees and beekeeping in the United States. Tammy Horn, herself a beekeeper, offers a varied social and technological history from the colonial period, when the British first introduced bees to the New World, to the present, when bees are being used by the American military to detect bombs.

Buchmann, Stephen L. ***Letters from the Hive: An Intimate History of Bees, Honey, and Humankind.*** New York: Bantam Books, 2005.

In *Letters from the Hive*, Prof. Stephen Buchmann takes us into the hive--nursery, honey factory, queen's inner sanctum--and out to the world of backyard gardens, open fields, and deserts in full bloom, where the age-old sexual dance between flowers and bees makes life on earth as we know it possible.

Blackiston, Howland. ***Beekeeping for Dummies.*** New York, NY: Hungry Minds, 2002.

In this easy-to-follow guide, Howland Blackiston, one of the nation's most respected authorities on the subject, takes the mystery (and the sting) out of beekeeping. Taking a step-by-step approach to successful backyard beekeeping, he gets you up and running with all the information you need.

### Young Adult Books

Lauber, Patricia. ***From Flower to Flower: Animals and Pollination.*** New York: Crown, 1986.

Text and illustrations describe the many ways that flowers are pollinated with emphasis on the role of bees in this important process.

Kalman, Bobbie. ***The Life Cycle of a Honeybee***. New York, NY: Crabtree Pub. Co., 2004.

This extremely attractive book for children shows and tells about the life cycle of a honeybee.

Trumbauer, Lisa. ***The Life Cycle of a Bee***. Mankato, MN: Pebble Books, 2003.

Simple text and photographs present the life cycle of the bee.

Lockwood, Sophie. ***Bees***. Mankato, MN: Child's World, 2008.

This book reveals the intriguing physical and behavioral characteristics of bees, this book provides details about these creatures' habits and habitats as well as insights into their relationships with humans.

Krebs, Laurie. ***The Beeman***. Washington, D.C.: National Geographic, 2002.

In rhyming text, a child describes the work Grandpa does to take care of honeybees and harvest the honey they make.

## Media

***Life cycle of the honeybee [VHS]***. 13 min. National Geographic Society, 1976.

Shows the organization and specialization of the honeybee, including views of the new hive and the various activities of the workers, foragers, queen, and young bees.

***The Magic School Bus: In a Beehive [VHS]***. 30 min. Scholastic, 1999.

Ms. Frizzle and her class shrink down to explore a beehive after Tim's bike crashes while he's delivering jars of honey. Based on the Magic school bus book series written by Joanna Cole and illustrated by Bruce Degen.

***Reading Rainbow: The Life Cycle of the Honeybee [VHS]***. 30 min.

Based on a book of the same title, written by Paula Z. Hogan and illustrated by Geri Strigenz. Host Levar Burton visits a real-life beekeeper and examines a beehive. Viewers will learn how honey is extracted from combs and how important the queen bee is to a well-organized hive.

***Tales from the Hive [VHS]***. 60 min. WGBH, 2000.

Specially developed macro camera lenses are used to portray a year in the life of a working bee colony. Exposes the secret world of a bee colony, including life-or-death battles, attacks on the hive and the meaning of a scout bee's dance.