



RECOMMENDED BOOK LIST FOR THE BBKA EXAMINATIONS

This list is intended as a guide for candidates. It is not intended that candidates should read all the books on the list and there are other books available, not listed, which are suitable reading. Only parts of each book may be relevant to a particular module or assessment. Candidates should therefore pay careful attention to the contents of the syllabus concerned. General information on sources of books is given at the end of the list. Books specific to individual modules or assessments are listed on the following pages. Some may be out of print and may be borrowed from association libraries.

Book Title	Author	Publisher	General Reading	Basic Assessment	General Husbandry	Advanced Husbandry	Module 1	Module 2	Module 3	Module 5	Module 6	Module 7	Module 8	Microscopy Examination
*A Book of Honey (1980)	E. Crane	Oxford U.P.						*						
A Case of Hives (1985)	L. Heath	BBNO					*							
A Manual of Beekeeping (reprint 1999)	E. B. Wedmore	BBNO											*	
Anatomy and Dissection of the Honeybee	H.A. Dade	IBRA								*				*
Anatomy of the Honeybee (1956)	R.E. Snodgrass	Cornell UP.								*				*
Any A-Level Biology textbook or equivalent												*		
Any GCSE Biology textbook or equivalent								*						
The Selection of Apiary Sites	D.A.R.G.	D.A.R.G.					*							
*Archaeology of Beekeeping	E. Crane	Duckworth											*	
Background to Bee Breeding (1999)	J. Atkinson	NBB										*		
BBKA Advisory Leaflet - 'So you wish to sell Honey'	BBKA			*				*						
BBKA Leaflet - Shrubs, Plants & Wild Flowers for Bees	BBKA No. 39							*						
BBKA Leaflets on various topics	(Various)	BBKA			*	*								
Bee Disease Control Orders	HMSO								*					
Bee sting Allergy	Dr H Riches													
*Beekeeping - a Seasonal Guide (1985)	R. Brown	BT Batsford												
*Beekeeping and the Law (1993)	D. Frimston & D. Smith	BBNO												
Beekeeping at Buckfast Abbey (1975/1987)	Bro. Adam	NBB												
*Beekeeping in Antiquity	Fraser	IBRA											*	
*Bees and Beekeeping, Science, Practice and World Resources	E. Crane	Heinemann /Newnes											*	
Bees and Neighbours	BBKA			*			*							
Bees at the Bottom of the Garden	Campion	NBB												
*Bees to the Heather	S.B. Whitehead	McMillan											*	
*Beeswax (1984)	W.Coggeshall & R.Morse	Wicwas Press						*						
Beeswax (1995)	R. Brown	BBNO						*						
Beeway Code	D.A.R.G.	D.A.R.G.												
Better Beginnings for Beekeepers	A. Waring	BIBBA		*	*									
Breeding Better Bees	Dews/Milner	BIBBA										*		
Breeding Techniques and Selection for Breeding of the Honeybee (1988)	F. Ruttner	BIBBA										*		
Bumblebees	Prys-Jones/Corbet	Richmond Pubs.											*	
Central Association Leaflets (Various)	(Various)	Central Assn.												
*Communication among Social Bees	Lindauer	Harvard									*		*	
Control of Varroa - A guide for New Zealand Beekeepers	Mark Goodwin & Cliff Van Eaton	See website address below			*							*		
Dance Language and Orientation of Bees	K von Frisch	Belknap Press									*		*	
Bees: Their Vision, chemical sense & Language	K von Frisch										*		*	
Development of Chalk Brood	L. Heath	IBRA 110							*					
DEFRA –leaflets on various topics	various	DEFRA			*	*			*					
Elements of genetics with special reference to the bee (1981)	J Mesquida	BIBBA										*		
*Encyclopaedia of Beekeeping (1985)	Hooper & Morse	Blandford												
Form & Function in the Honeybee	L. Goodman	IBRA								*				
Foul Brood Disease of Honey Bees	DEFRA								*					

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Garden Plants Valuable to Bees	M.F. Fountain	IBRA						*						
Great Masters of Beekeeping (1994)	R. Brown	BBNO											*	
Guide for Judges & Exhibitors of Honey & Bee Products	Examinations Board	BBKA						*						
Guide to Bees and Honey (5th. edition) (2010)	Ted Hooper	Marston House	*	*	*	*	*							
Handbook of Beekeeping (1992)	Dr. H. Riches	NBB												
*History of Beekeeping in Britain	Fraser	IBRA											*	
HMSO leaflets on honey, honey regulations & food safety	HMSO -FSA							*						
*Honey - A Comprehensive Survey (1976)	E. Crane	Heinemann						*						
*Honey Bee Biology	Edited J.B. Free	Central Assn.								*				
The Honey Bee Inside and Out.	C Davis	Bee Craft	*							*	*			
The Honey Bee Around and About	C Davis	Bee Craft	*					*	*			*		
Honey Bee Pests, Predators and Diseases (3rd Ed 1997)	R.Morse & K.Flottum	Root							*					
Honey Bees of the British Isles (1986)	B.A. Cooper	BIBBA										*		
Honey Farming (1946)	R.O.B. Manley	NBB												
Honey Identification (1988)	R. Sawyer	Cardiff A.P.											*	*
*Honeybee Pathology (1991) Second edition	Bailey and Ball	Academic Press							*					*
*In Search of the Best Strains of Bees (1983)	Br. Adam	NBB										*		
*Insect Pollination of Crops	J.B. Free	Academic Press						*						
Insect Bites and Stings	HRC Riches				*		*							
*Insect Pollination of Cultivated Crops	S. E. McGregor Ag. Handbook 496	USDA Ag. Research Srv.						*						
Keeping Healthy Honey Bees	David Aston & Sally Bucknall	NBB	*											
*Life of the Bumblebee	D.V. Alford	Davis Poynter											*	
Light Microscopy, an Illustrated Guide (1994)	R. Oldfield	Wolfe												*
Medical Aspects of Beekeeping (2000)	Dr H Riches	HR Books												
Microscopy for Beekeepers - Beekeeping in a nutshell No.69	P Jewell	NBB												*
*Microscopy on a Shoestring for Beekeepers and Naturalists	O. Meyer	NBB												
National Honey Show Leaflets	(Various)	N.H.S.						*						
Oil Seed Rape and Bees	Allan Calder	NBB						*						
Pheromones of Social Bees (1987)	J.B. Free	NBB									*			
*Plants and Beekeeping (1979)	F.N. Howes	Faber						*						
Plants and Honey Bees (2004) An Introduction to their relationships	David Aston & Sally Bucknall							*						
Pollen Identification for Beekeepers	R. Sawyer	Cardiff A.P.											*	*
*Pollen Loads of the Honeybee (1984)	D. Hodges	IBRA						*					*	*
Practical Beekeeping (1997)	Clive de Bruyn	Crowood Press	*	*	*	*	*							
*Queen Rearing and Bee Breeding (1997)	H.Laidlaw & R.Page	Wicwas Press				*						*		
Royal Microscopical Society Handbooks:														*
No. 1 - An Introduction to the Optical Microscope (1989)		OUP												*
No. 15 - RMS Dictionary of Light Microscopy		OUP												*
Social Wasps	R Edwards	Rentokil Library											*	
*Solitary Bees and Wasps	C. W. Andrews	IBRA M87											*	
Some Important Operations in Bee Management (1978)	T.S.K. & M.P. Johansson	IBRA				*								
Statutory procedures for controlling foul brood	DEFRA/ NAW								*					

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Beekeeping Study Notes for the BBKA Examinations in 6 volumes	J.D. & B.D. Yates	BBNO		*	*		*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Swarm Control for the Beginner (Leaflet)	BBKA						*							
Swarming - Its Control and Prevention (1981)	L.E. Snelgrove	BBNO											*	
Get Started in Beekeeping	Adrian & Claire Waring	Hodder Education		*										
Teach Yourself Microscopy	W.G. Hartley	English U.P.												*
The Biology of the Honey Bee (1987)	M. Winston	Harvard	*							*	*			
The Hive and the Honeybee (1992)	J. Graham (Ed.)	Dadant & Sons											*	
*The Honey Bee (1988)	J. Gould & C. Gould	Scientific Am.									*			
The Humble Bee	Sladen	Logaston											*	
The Observation Hive (1985)	K. Showler	BBNO											*	
The Pollen Grain Drawings of Dorothy Hodges	Dorothy Hodges	IBRA												*
The Process of Queen/Worker Differentiation in the Honey Bee	J. Beetsma	IBRA - M98								*				
The Sacred Bee	Hilda M Ransome	BBNO											*	
The Small Hive Beetle	DEFRA/NAW								*					
The Social Organisation of Honey Bees (1977)	J.B. Free	NBB	*								*			
*The Wisdom of the Hive (1995)	T Seeley	Harvard UP/Wiley									*			
Training the Trainers	BBKA			*										
Trees and Shrubs Valuable to Bees	M.F. Mountain	IBRA						*						
Varroa destructor: monitoring and forecasting	DEFRA								*					
*World of the Honey Bee (1974)	C. Butler	Collins									*			

*These books are understood to be currently out of print, but may be available from your local beekeeping association library or through the public library service. Also they may be available second hand from B & K Showler, Bee Books New and Old or Northern Bee Books (details below). The IBRA Book Shop can also supply many of these books, as well as the latest publications.

BOOK SOURCES

BBKA Headquarters, National Agriculture Centre, Stoneleigh Park, Warwickshire, CV8 2LZ
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Bee Books New and Old, Ash View, Tump Lane, Much Birch, Herefordshire HR2 8HP
Tel: 01981 540907 www.honeyshop.co.uk

Central Association of Beekeepers, Mrs. P Allen, 8 Frank's Cottages, St Mary's Lane, Upminster, Essex, RM14 3NU, Tel: 01708 220897, E-mail: pat.allen@btconnect.com

HMSO, The Stationery Office Ltd, PO Box 590, Norwich MLO, NR3 1QZ

International Bee Research Association, Ms Sarah Jones, 16 North Road, Cardiff, CF10 3DY
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NBB: Northern Bee Books, Scout Bottom Farm, Mytholmroyd, Hebden Bridge, HX7 5JS Tel. 01422 882751

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Fax: 01673 857004 - E Mail: sales@thorne.co.uk World wide web: <http://www.thorne.co.uk>

New Zealand MAF: <http://www.biosecurity.govt.nz/files/pests-diseases/animals/varroa/control-of-varroa-guide.pdf>

Any good book shop, local Public Library or many Beekeeping Association Libraries.

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