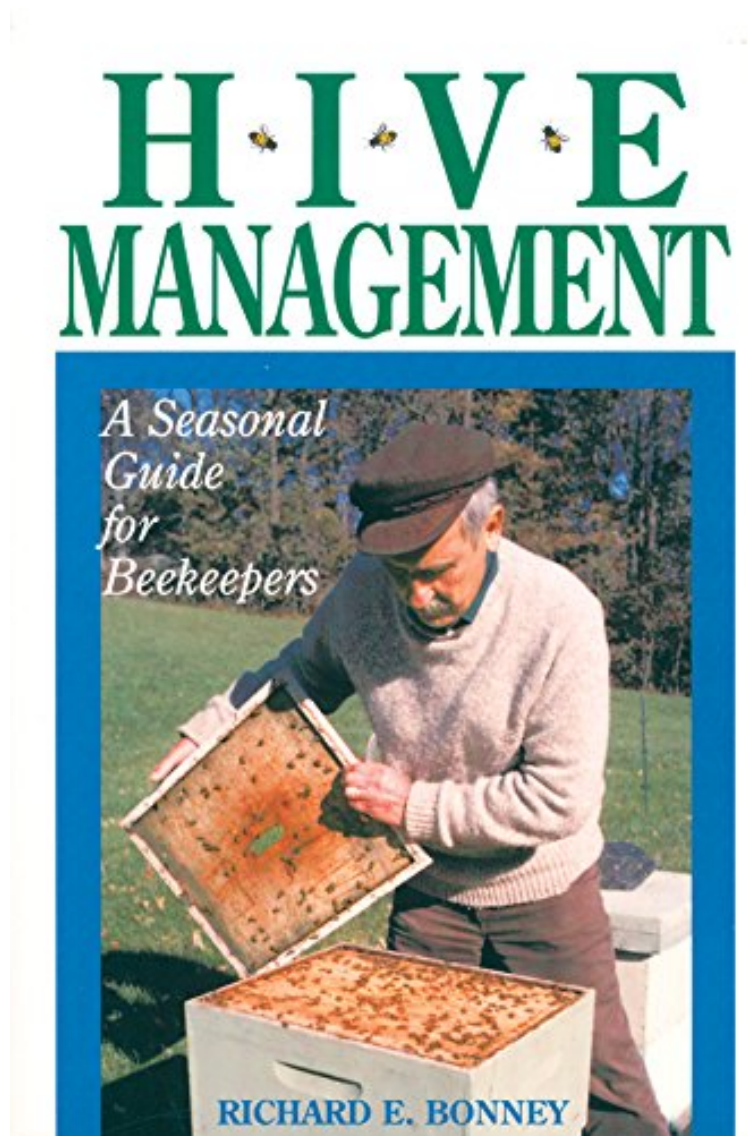


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Olson Jr. Published in 1990, this slim volume shows its age and is of little use to today's beekeepers. For example, although the varroa mite is mentioned in an appendix, no effective method of treating is given because the parasite had only recently appeared in the U.S. This book would have been of use to new beekeepers in the early 1980s but much less so today. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Readable and informative By D.L. H. Some have called it dated. Maybe it is but most of the information is still good to know. It is very readable (unlike too many "bee" books). The best part of it, in my opinion, is that the author also answers many of the questions that others leave you asking after reading their works. As a beginner how often did you read, "leave enough honey to feed the hive though the winter." How often did you ask yourself, "how much is that"? Bonney tells you--or at least gives you place to start. 6 of 6 people found the following review helpful. An excellent source for the beginner By Mr John Little As the first bee book out of the box which I'd ordered, I read this book from cover to cover in one sitting. Richard Bonney's knowledge, experience and dry humour make it an engaging read. Richard has some strong opinions on beekeeping and I don't believe that any novice beekeeper could go far wrong (especially those in the N.E. of the United States) by following his advice. Having said that, Richard himself makes it plain that what works for one beekeeper may not necessarily work for his immediate neighbour and always endeavors to present alternative methods for given tasks, even though he may not actually recommend using them. The main strengths of this book though, are Richard's obvious experience and his enthusiasm for his bees. Owning this book is like having a mentor by your side when you visit your hives and will certainly increase your confidence and comfort levels if you happen to be a beginning beekeeper and probably add to your knowledge-base of bee handling procedures, even if you're an "old hand". Thank you, Richard!

Enjoy a thriving hive and plenty of delicious honey. This practical guide to beekeeping stresses practices that are based on an understanding of the intimate lives, behaviors, and motivations of honey bees. You'll learn proven methods for inspecting your hives, troubleshooting problems, introducing a new queen, collecting honey, and dealing with swarms. Whether you're starting your first hive or are tending to dozens of them, Richard Bonney's clear advice and expert insights will help make your beekeeping operation a success.

From the Back Cover The beekeeper's year begins with a late winter hive inspection and ends with "putting the bees to bed" in the autumn. Richard Bonney believes that each beekeeping activity should be performed with an eye toward the overall well-being of the colony, as part of an integrated year-round program of hive management. Long-term success in beekeeping can only be achieved by understanding the intimate lives, behaviors, and motivations of honey bees -- the factors which govern the life of each colony. Richard Bonney explains the reasons behind common practices that many beekeepers perform without really knowing why. He also stresses when to take timely actions that will prevent problems in future seasons. *Hive Management* offers concise, up-to-date information on the whole range of beekeeping tasks, including: -- How to prevent, control, and capture swarms. -- What you can tell from an outside inspection of your hives. -- When and how to "take the crop" and harvest honey. -- How to successfully requeen -- from handling and marking queens to methods of introducing one into a hive. -- The problem signs to look for when you open up a hive. For the practicing beekeeper who needs more information, or for the serious novice who wants to start out right, *Hive Management* offers sensible advice to help keep your honey bees thriving.