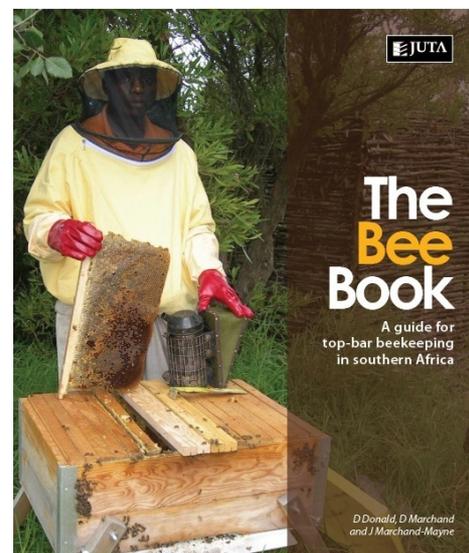


# Bee Book, The

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## About this Publication:

In terms of its focus specifically on top-bar beekeeping in southern Africa, this book is a first. This claim is especially true in relation to its application as a viable source of income for people in poorer communities as well as its specific educational content and structure. Thus, the book aims to provide:

- a detailed guide to setting up a top-bar beekeeping project in a rural or semi-rural community as an income-earning resource, the primary purpose of which is its potential use as a learning tool appropriate to studying Agriculture on Adult Education and Training courses
- a textbook or resource that could be used by lecturers training teachers in the area of Agriculture, as well as by teachers in schools at Senior Secondary level
- a handbook for Agricultural Extension Officers and NGOs wishing to set up a rural beekeeping project to provide people in their area with a ready source of income
- a practical field guide to top-bar beekeeping for anyone to set up their own, or a co-operative, beekeeping business
- practical support by two of the co-authors in terms of providing training with AgriSeta Accreditation.

## Contents Include:

- Chapter 1: The wonder of bees
- Chapter 2: Inside a bee colony
- Chapter 3: Becoming a beekeeper
- Chapter 4: Safety with bees
- Chapter 5: Top-bar hives
- Chapter 6: Getting a colony of bees
- Chapter 7: Looking after your bees
- Chapter 8: Your bee products

## Of Interest and Benefit to:

The book is structured with a number of elements specifically designed to aid readability and practical application, as well as to maintain interest and encourage active learning, such as the use of:

- clear, uncomplicated language with definitions in the margins of the text where technical terms are necessary, together

with a glossary of these definitions for easy reference

- shaded boxes that highlight practical information, instructions and lists of various kinds which are especially relevant at particular points in the text
- copious illustrations, photographs and diagrams to aid visual interpretation of the text
- short case studies, drawn from real life in southern Africa, at the beginning of each chapter
- a set of activities at the end of the chapter for consolidation purposes
- a number of small inset boxes containing a range of fascinating observations or stories about the role that bees have played in the ancient beliefs, rituals or art of Africa.
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