



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.

**These books are understood to be currently out of print, but tend to be readily available. You may find them in your local beekeeping association library or through the public library service. Also they may be available second hand from Chris Arden Books or Northern Bee Books (details below). The IBRA Book Shop can also supply many of these books, as well as the latest publications.*

GENERAL LIBRARY

This first section of books is applicable to all the following assessment and examinations and should be available in a personal or Association library:

All Ministry disease leaflets, Varroa, Foul brood, SHB, Tropilaelaps	www.nationalbeeunit.com	
Beekeeping Study Notes for the BBKA Examinations in 6 volumes	J.D. & B.D. Yates	NBB
Guide to Bees and Honey (5th. edition) (2010)	Ted Hooper	NBB
Haynes Bee Manual (2011)	A & C Waring	Haynes
Practical Beekeeping (1997)	Clive de Bruyn	Crowood Press
The BBKA Guide to Beekeeping	I Davis/R Cullum- Kenyon	Bloomsbury
The Biology of the Honey Bee (1987)	M. Winston	Harvard
The Honey Bee Around and About	C Davis	Bee Craft
The Honey Bee Inside and Out.	C Davis	Bee Craft
*Encyclopaedia of Beekeeping (1985)	Morse & Hooper	Blandford

Basic Certificate

See General Library above		
Better Beginnings for Beekeepers	A. Waring	BIBBA
Get Started in Beekeeping	A & C Waring	Hodder Education
Medical Aspects of Beekeeping (2000)	Dr H Riches	NBB

General Husbandry certificate

See General Library above		
BBKA Leaflets on various topics	(Various)	BBKA
Better Beginnings for Beekeepers	A. Waring	BIBBA
HMSO leaflets on honey, honey regulations & food safety	HMSO -FSA	
Medical Aspects of Beekeeping (2000)	Dr H Riches	NBB
Queen Bee Biology, Rearing and Breeding	Woodward	NBB
Some Important Operations in Bee Management (1978)	T.S.K. & M.P. Johansson	NBB
The Hive and the Honeybee (1992)	J. Graham (Ed.)	Dadant & Sons
*The Behaviour & Social Life of Honeybees (1953)	R Ribbands	IBRA

Advanced Husbandry

See General Library above		
BBKA Leaflets on various topics	(Various)	BBKA
Bee Genetics and Breeding	T Rinderer	NBB
Queen Bee Biology, Rearing and Breeding	Wood ward	NBB
HMSO leaflets on honey, honey regulations & food safety	HMSO -FSA	
Managing Mini Nucs (1998)	R Brown	NBB
*Queen Rearing and Bee Breeding (1997)	H.Laidlaw & R.Page	Wicwas Press
Some Important Operations in Bee Management (1978)	T.S.K. & M.P. Johansson	NBB
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.

Module 1

See General Library above		
The Hive and the Honeybee (1992)	J. Graham (Ed.)	Dadant & Sons

Module 2

See General Library above		
Beekeeping Study Notes for the BBKA Examinations in 6 volumes	J.D. & B.D. Yates	NBB
Beeswax (1984)	W.Coggeshall & R.Morse	Wicwas Press
Beeswax (1995)	R. Brown	NBB
Crop Pollination by Bees	Delaplane and Mayer	CABI Publishing
Guide for Judges & Exhibitors of Honey & Bee Products	Examinations Board	BBKA
HMSO leaflets on honey, honey regulations & food safety	HMSO -FSA	
Medical Aspects of Beekeeping (2000)	Dr H Riches	NBB
National Honey Show Leaflets	(Various)	N.H.S.
Oil Seed Rape and Bees	Allan Calder	NBB
Plants and Honey Bees (2004) An Introduction to their relationships	David Aston & Sally Bucknall	NBB
Plants for Bees	WDJ Kirk & FN Howes	IBRA
The Hive and the Honeybee (1992)	J. Graham (Ed.)	Dadant & Sons
*A Book of Honey (1980)	E. Crane	Oxford U.P.
*Plants & Beekeeping (1979)	F N Howes	Faber

Module 3

See General Library above		
Anatomy and Dissection of the Honeybee	H.A. Dade	IBRA
Anatomy of the Honeybee (1956)	R.E. Snodgrass	Cornell UP.
Development of Chalk Brood	L. Heath	IBRA 110
Having healthy Honeybees (2012)	J McMullan	FIBKA
Healthy Bees are Happy Bees	Pam Gregory	BeeCraft
Keeping Healthy Honey Bees	David Aston & Sally Bucknall	NBB
Varroa still a problem in the 21 st Century?	IBRA edited Carreck	
Virology and the Honey Bee (2007)	European commission	NBB
Honey Bee Pests, Predators and Diseases (3rd Ed 1997)	R.Morse & K.Flottum	NBB
*Honeybee Pathology (1991) Second edition	Bailey and Ball	Academic Press
The Hive and the Honeybee (1992)	J. Graham (Ed.)	Dadant & Sons

Module 5

See General Library above		
Anatomy and Dissection of the Honeybee	H.A. Dade	IBRA
Anatomy of the Honeybee (1956)	R.E. Snodgrass	Cornell UP.
Apis Through the looking Glass (2 nd Ed 2010)	G Royle	NBB
Form & Function in the Honeybee (2003)	L. Goodman	IBRA
Understanding Bee Anatomy	Ian Stell	Catford Press
The Biology of the Honey Bee (1987)	M. Winston	Harvard

Module 6

See General Library above		
Honeybee Democracy (2010)	T Seeley	Princeton Uni Press
Pheromones of Social Bees (1987)	J.B. Free	NBB
The Buzz about Bees (2008)	J Tautz	Springer
The Hive and the Honeybee (1992)	J. Graham (Ed.)	Dadant & Sons
The Social Organisation of Honey Bees (1977)	J.B. Free	NBB
*Communication among Social Bees	Lindauer	Harvard
*The Behaviour & Social Life of Honeybees (1953)	R Ribbands	IBRA
The Biology of the Honey Bee (1987)	M. Winston	Harvard
*The Honey Bee (1988)	J. Gould & C. Gould	Scientific Am.
Wisdom of the Hive (1995) (available but very expensive)	T Seeley	Harvard UP/Wiley
*World of the Honey Bee (1974)	C. Butler	Collins

Module 7

See General Library above		
Background to Bee Breeding (1999)	J. Atkinson	NBB
Bee Genetics and Breeding	T Rinderer	NBB
Bee Sex Essentials(2008)	L J Connor	Wicwas Press
Breeding Better Bees	Dews/Milner	BIBBA
Breeding Techniques and Selection for Breeding of the Honeybee (1988)	F. Ruttner	BIBBA
Elements of genetics with special reference to the bee (1981)	J Mesquida	BIBBA
Queen Breeding and Genetics (1986)	E Holm	NBB
Queen Rearing Simplified (2004)	V Cook	NBB
Honey Bees of the British Isles (1986)	B. Cooper	BIBBA
In Search of the Best Strains of Bees (1983)	Br. Adam	NBB

Managing Mini Nucs (1998)	R Brown	NBB
*Queen Rearing and Bee Breeding (1997)	H.Laidlaw & R.Page	Wicwas Press
The Hive and the Honeybee (1992)	J. Graham (Ed.)	Dadant & Sons

Module 8

See General Library above		
Bumblebees	Prys-Jones/Corbet	Pelagic
Bumblebees: Behaviour, Ecology and Conservation (2009)	Goulson	Oxford U.P.
History of Beekeeping in Britain	Fraser	NBB
Honey Bees of the British Isles (1986)	B. Cooper	BIBBA
Honey Identification (1988)	R. Sawyer	NBB
Pollen Identification for Beekeepers (1981)	R. Sawyer	NBB
The Observation Hive (1985)	K. Showler	NBB
*Communication among Social Bees	Lindauer	Harvard
Great Masters of Beekeeping (1994) (available end of 2014)	R. Brown	BBNO
Life of the Bumblebee	D.V. Alford	NBB
*Solitary Bees and Wasps	C. W. Andrews	IBRA M87
The Hive and the Honeybee (1992)	J. Graham (Ed.)	Dadant & Sons
The Humble Bee	Sladen	NBB

Microscopy

See General Library above		
Anatomy and Dissection of the Honeybee	H.A. Dade	IBRA
Anatomy of the Honeybee (1956)	R.E. Snodgrass	Cornell UP.
Apis Through the looking Glass (2 nd Ed 2010)	G Royle	NBB
Beekeeping Study Notes for the BBKA Examinations - Microscopy	J.D. & B.D. Yates	NBB
Honey Identification (1988)	R. Sawyer	NBB
Microscopy for Beekeepers - Beekeeping in a nutshell No.69	P Jewell	NBB
Microscopy on a Shoestring for Beekeepers and Naturalists	O. Meyer	NBB
Pollen Identification for Beekeepers (1981)	R. Sawyer	NBB
Pollen, it's Collection and Preparation for the Microscope (2 nd Ed 1999)	J White	NBS
Practical Microscopy for Beekeepers (2012)	R Maurer	Beecraft
Teach Yourself Microscopy	W.G. Hartley	English U.P.
The Pollen Grain Drawings of Dorothy Hodges	D Hodges	IBRA
Understanding Bee Anatomy	Ian Stell	Catford Press
*Honeybee Pathology (1991) Second edition	Bailey and Ball	Academic Press
*Light Microscopy, an Illustrated Guide (1994)	R. Oldfield	Wolfe

Show Judge

Mead	H Riches	NBB
Guide for Judges & Exhibitors of Honey & Bee Products	Examinations Board	BBKA
HMSO leaflets on honey, honey regulations & food safety	HMSO -FSA	
National Honey Show Publications	www.honeyshow.co.uk	

BOOK SOURCES

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NBB: Northern Bee Books, Scout Bottom Farm, Mytholmroyd, Hebden Bridge, HX7 5JS Tel. 01422 882751, E-mail jerry@northernbeebooks.co.uk, shop at <http://www.northernbeebooks.co.uk>

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