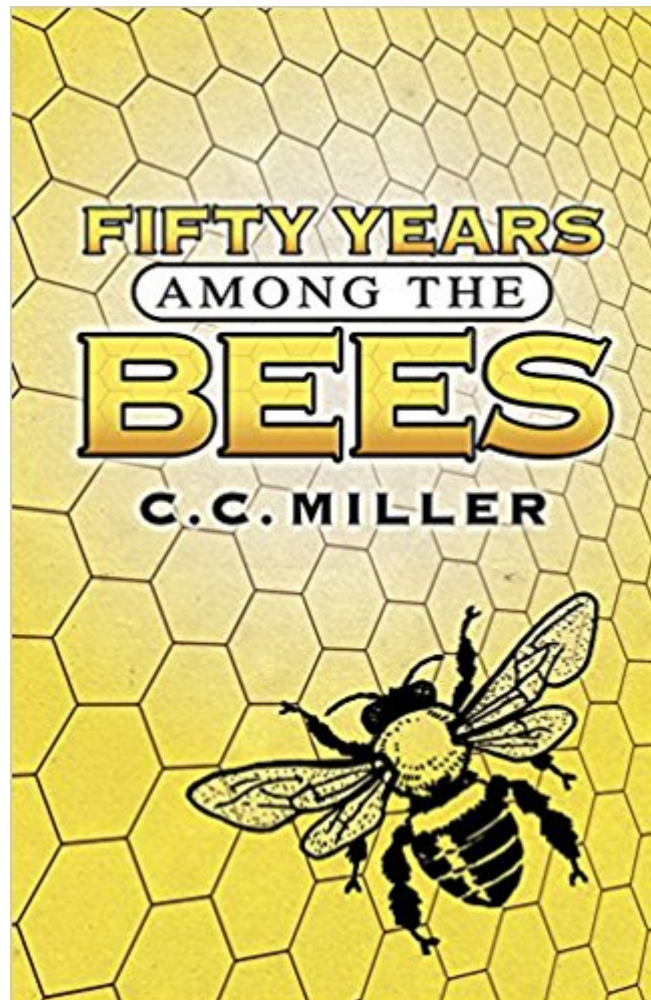


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# Fifty Years Among The Bees



## Synopsis

One of the few people of his time who actually made a living from bees, C. C. Miller made beekeeping his sole business, beginning as a hobby in 1861 and continuing until his death in 1920, following a long and distinguished career that produced many articles and books on the subject. This volume, long a classic within the beekeeping community, is a practical, yet endlessly charming handbook on all aspects of a romantic and arcane pursuit. Offering advice, observations, and information gleaned from more than a half-century of beekeeping, it covers, among many other topics, the importance of keeping hives clean and well-ventilated, mending combs, maintaining proper hive temperatures, winter storage, the Queen's nursery, harvesting honey, plus a special section of recipes that range from honey cake to salves for frostbite. Written by a major figure in apiculture history, this volume remains a standard text on hive management and the practices and principles of efficient, effective beekeeping.

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## Customer Reviews

This book is in the same category as Langstroth's "The Hive and the Honeybee" for time-honored fundamental knowledge of beekeeping. Dr. Miller was a fascinating storyteller & humorous writer. For example, he says that a sure way to prevent swarming is to dynamite the hives, but that wouldn't be very productive.... His humility is reassuring and comforting for novices; after 50 years of experience he tells us that he does not know the right way to do things, only what seemed to work best for him. This book has as much practical advice as the most modern books, despite the

fact that it was written nearly 100 years ago.

I have a large selection of beekeeping books and this rates at the very top of them. Sometimes it makes you wish you could go back in time to the pioneer days of beekeeping.

It is amazing how little has changed in the world of beekeeping. Sure there have been changes, but overall things are being done today much in the same way they have been done since the Langstroth hive was invented. The author was very careful to point out the way things were done in the past and tell about the changes and when they came about. I'm something of a history buff as well as a beekeeper and I enjoyed the book.

Hauled in a wagon pulled by two horses, the bees were on their way to a new source of honey. Although written in the first part of the 20th century, the basic business plan holds true and it is easy and a pleasure to read. The methods worked, and with a few modern ones added, I have a new confidence in my new hobby as a beekeeper.

Tremendous insight into bees and beekeeping in general written in a very readable style. Hard for me to imagine that this book was written almost a hundred years ago but I guess bees back then were not much different than the bees we keep today. Rather than the usual dry textbook style usually seen in many other beekeeping tomes Dr Miller has written in a simple narrative style very reminiscent of a fireside chat or kitchen table discussion. While this book does not cover many of the current evolving hive issues (varroa etc) I would consider no beekeeping library complete without a well read copy.

50 Years Among the Bees is one of the classic beekeeping books. It deserves a place on every beekeeper's bookshelf, right next to The Hive and the Honeybee. Sometimes the descriptions of when and where to move which frame and which box - and the timing of the moves - could have been written a little bit more clearly. Still, it's a great book that will benefit every beekeeper.

interesting book. A little bit outdated, if books on beekeeping can ever be outdated, but fascinating and timeless

Very informative beekeeping resource! Highly recommended .

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