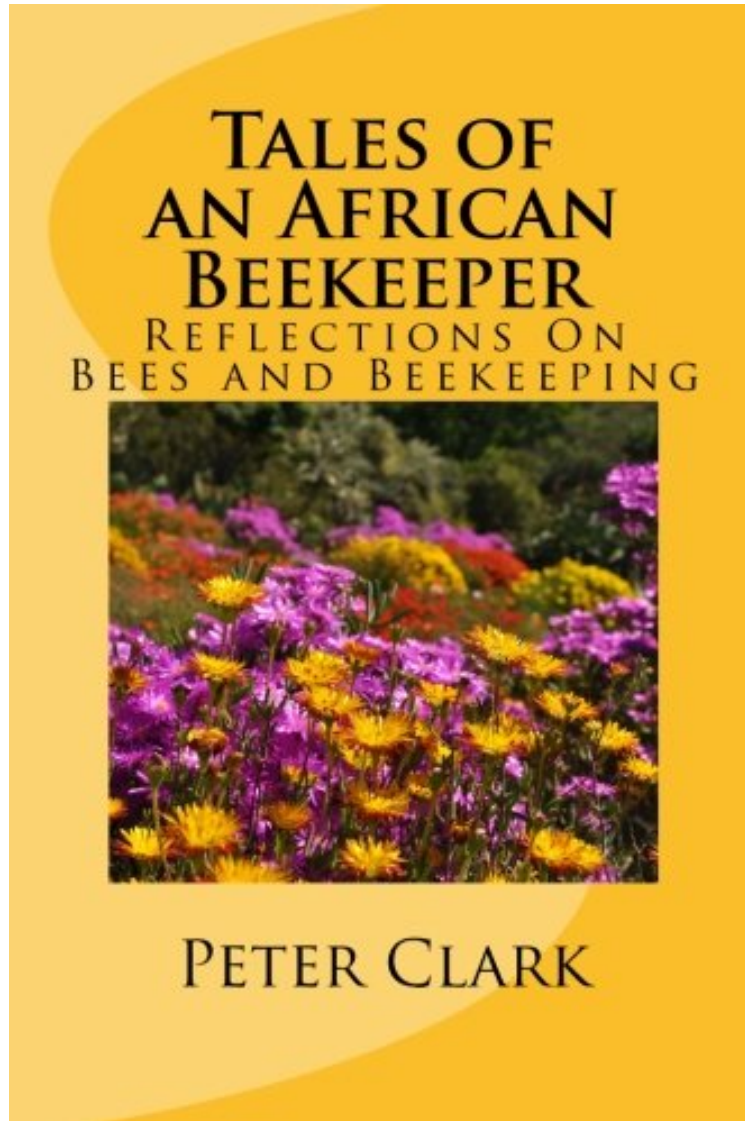


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Author, Peter, makes the information quite clear, only sometimes interestingly challenging because of our unfamiliarity with South African lingo and knowledge. I am writing this quick review just because there was none and it deserves a few good words. And, the price was perfect ... a perfect zero. Which is no indication of the value of the book, which is nicely current, by the way, issued in 2012. I look forward to reading more of the facts and stories. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Delightful By Colin Myles Truly a delightful read, whether you are already into bees or wish to learn more about these fantastic creatures. The writing flows and it is a great read for a sunny afternoon. Peppered with wonderful snippets of wisdom along the way. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Five Stars By Franklin R. Great Book. Good read

In this Second Edition Peter Clark shares over 60 years of hard-won experience as a beekeeper in this conversational and practical guide to beekeeping. The book content has been revised, updated, and restructured based on recent feedback. Writing from South Africa Peter's essential knowledge of the honeybee is transferable to many regions and climates. In *Tales of an African Beekeeper* you will be entertained as well as find valuable material into which you can dive at will, each of the chapters standing alone to become a lifelong reference book and manual. The *Tales of an African Beekeeper*, by veteran beekeeper Peter Clark with over 60 years of experience in the field and still working his bees at age 75, will stimulate the enquiring mind of those who are aware that there is such a creature as a bee and that there are people who devote their lives to working with bees. There are folk who have desired to keep bees and this read will whet their appetite and encourage them to get started. There are also those who have started and are not aware of the in-depth nature of the subject that could take them far beyond their wildest dreams. To the seasoned old beekeeper there will be that knowing grin that similar experiences also occurred in his life, but he too will learn something new from these pages. The book will soften the hearts of those who hate and detest bees, those whose only desire is to kill them at first sight. However there are those who have lost a loved one due to a bee sting and they must be pardoned from wishing to take revenge. Discovering the brilliance of the honeybee will ease their burden and they will glean a better understanding of this marvelous creature of God's creation. The chapters are short and to the point and are designed for a reference at a glance, diving into the relevant topic for just-in-time wisdom. The structure of the book is to begin with a general overview of the bee and beekeeping, and is then broken into the broad topics of Starting Out, Removing Bees, Working With Bees, Honey Production, Things To Watch Out For, and ends with Appendices which deal with the business side of beekeeping and with seasonal management. The chapters on incidences and episodes of bee disasters are true occurrences in which the author was involved. There were many, many more far too many to describe within the pages of this book. They have been related to illustrate the ongoing life of a beekeeper. The book will appeal to beekeepers, gardeners, farmers and horticulturists, and all lovers of the great outdoors who daily look upon a foraging bee and marvel at this most industrious of workers.

About the Author Peter Clark has been a beekeeper for some sixty years, starting off as a hobbyist, and turning it into a retirement income later in life. Peter is a man of the land and would have become a farmer if life had dealt a different hand. Instead he has been farming bees successfully all these years. His business takes him all over the region, visiting farms far and wide; enjoying the various characters that beekeeping has introduced him to. Over 70 years of age Peter still works his own hives, and has been successfully running his bee courses for many years under the auspices of the Eastern Highveld Beekeeping Society. He lives in Springs, historically a gold mining area east of Johannesburg, South Africa.