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Beekeeping with Zest

By Bill Summers

NORTHERN BEE BOOKS, United States, 2015. Paperback. Book Condition: New. 240 x 168 mm. Language: English . Brand New Book ***** Print on Demand *****.Bee Keeping with ZEST by Bill Summers This is a book like no other on the subject of honey bees. It addresses the author's belief and that of his colleague (Dave Durrant) that the welfare of honey bees in a traditional hive fails to provide for their needs as biological systems. This realisation led to the design of the ZEST hive which does do so. It deploys a longitudinal external envelope, with top bee entry and trickle ventilation, made from lightweight insulated building blocks and plastic lattice frames within which the bees draw out their wild honeycomb. The former is DIY from builders merchants and the latter available in boxes of 12. The external envelope is not just a lightweight insulated one, but is sufficiently heavy to provide the bees with a thermal lag of an envelope that is easily thermo-regulated to 35deg, the fundamental requirement of their brood. From the honey bee perspective the ZEST hive overcomes all the problems of other hive designs and frame types. An unintended consequence of the ZEST hive...



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