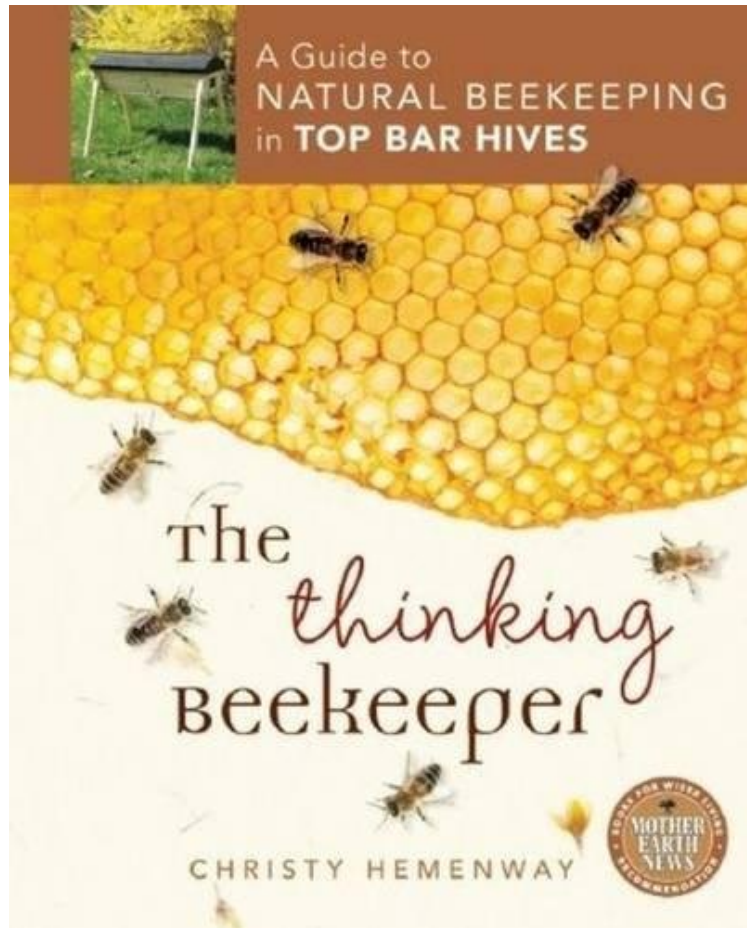


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Christy Hemenway : The Thinking Beekeeper: A Guide to Natural Beekeeping in Top Bar Hives before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised The Thinking Beekeeper: A Guide to Natural Beekeeping in Top Bar Hives:

25 of 25 people found the following review helpful. Thanks to Christy Hemenway, I no longer feel lost and confused. By DebbS The Thinking Beekeeper: A Guide to Natural Beekeeping in Top Bar Hives is appropriately titled. Christy Hemenway not only explains what to do and how to do it, but why you want to do it that way. Where the other books that I've read on beekeeping assume that the reader already knows the jargon, this one clearly explains the meanings of the terms. As a beginning beekeeper, I took away more understanding from this book than the previous three I had read on the subject combined. If you're a beginning beekeeper or if you're contemplating top bar hives, this book is a must read! 15 of 16 people found the following review helpful. A Good Resource By S. Duck This may sound

like a funny review, but I really haven't found ONE resource that I think covers all the bases of top-bar beekeeping or that I'd recommend and rave about as the ONLY resource. Of course, I'm not sure that's possible with any subject. I started with Les Crowder's "Top-Bar Beekeeping" and I really like it. It's concise and I like the way he does the diagrams (although they can be a little hard to manage on my Kindle.) I also like this book (Thinking Beekeeper), and I think it covers some areas that Crowder may not cover in as much detail, and also give some alternative ideas and opinions. (I don't agree with her about not using smoke, but whatever works I suppose is okay.) In addition, there is a series of videos on Youtube about top-bar beekeeping that are excellent (Outofabluesky). It really helps to see HOW a person is manipulating the bars, especially if you cannot be mentored by someone for whatever reason. I had already purchased The Beekeeper's Bible when I first started thinking about beekeeping, and it's honestly what convinced me I probably couldn't manage an regular Langstroth hive. It have recipes and good, in-depth info, though. If you're thinking about top-bar beekeeping, I really think it'd be wise to invest in or watch a LOT of different resources. It seems that almost everyone has a different opinion in certain areas, and you have to find what will work for you, in your area, and with your family and time constraints.

1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Well written but very basic
By Katrina Bradley
This book is well written but very basic. I was expecting more information specific to top bar hive management. It does cover enough to get you through your first year with a top bar. If you are familiar with beekeeping most of the book will be unnecessary. The case is well made for natural hive management but I was disappointed in her view that top bar hives are the only way to achieve natural management. Overall, I'd recommend this book to a beginner interested in top bar hives. If you are intermediate or advanced as a beekeeper but want more in depth top bar specific info keep looking.

What's the buzz about the growing popularity of backyard beekeeping? Providing habitat for bees, pollinating your garden, and producing honey for your family are some of the compelling reasons for taking up this exciting hobby. But conventional beekeeping requires a significant investment and has a steep learning curve. The alternative? Consider beekeeping outside the box. The Thinking Beekeeper is the definitive do-it-yourself guide to natural beekeeping in top bar hives. Based on the concept of understanding and working with bees' natural systems as opposed to trying to subvert them, the advantages of this approach include: Simplicity, sustainability, and cost-effectiveness Increased safety due to less heavy lifting and hive manipulation Chemical-free colonies and healthy hives Top bar hives can be located anywhere bees have access to forage, and they make ideal urban hives. Emphasizing the intimate connection between our food systems, bees, and the well-being of the planet, The Thinking Beekeeper will appeal to the new breed of beekeeper who is less focused on maximizing honey yield, and more on ensuring the viability of the bee population now and in the coming years. Christy Hemenway is the owner and founder of Gold Star Honeybees, a complete resource for all things related to beekeeping in top-bar hives. A passionate bee-vangelist and advocate for natural, chemical-free beekeeping, Christy is a highly sought-after speaker, helping audiences to understand the integral connection between bees, food, human health, and the future of the planet.

No matter the box you keep your bees in, if you are a new beekeeper you need solid, practical and most of all accurate information to get started. You'll find that here. And if you are keeping your bees in a top bar hive, you'll find information you need here that's not available anywhere else. Both you and your bees will benefit from Christy's approach, advice and philosophy.

---Kim Flottum, Editor Bee Culture Magazine
Christy Hemenway's The Thinking Beekeeper is a very nice book. It provides a blend of the author's philosophy, ranting (about the use of chemicals in beekeeping), and clear practical advice about honey bee culture, especially regarding Top Bar Hives. There has been little written about the specifics of raising honey bees in Top Bar Hives. The bees are the same of course, but the Top Bar Hive is quite different from the traditional Langstroth Hive. At the University of Maine we had plenty of questions when we first embarked upon the use of the Top Bar Hive. NOW there is a good guide. Not only is the book informative, being accessible to all with its clear concise prose and liberal use of photos and data tables, but in addition it is enjoyable to read.

---Dr. Frank Drummond, Pollination Ecologist, University of Maine
Christy's passion shines through in this delightful book, which I'm sure will inspire many people to take up top bar beekeeping. I am particularly pleased to see that she has developed her own style, while staying true to the principles of simplicity and minimal interference with the lives of the bees. Having watched Christy's progress so far, I'm sure that Gold Star Honeybees has a great future!

---Phil Chandler, author of The Barefoot Beekeeper
It is great to see that top bar beekeeping is alive and well in Maine and that Christy Hemenway is passionate about her top bar hives. The top-bar hive is coming!

---Les Crowder, coauthor with Heather Harrell of Top-Bar Beekeeping
Whether you're looking for another argument for keeping your own bees or are already convinced, The Thinking Beekeeper is an excellent resource. Christy knows her stuff and shares her experience and passion on every page.

---Roger Doiron, Founder, Kitchen Gardeners International
The Thinking Beekeeper is a unique and exceptional resource for the beginning beekeeper. It will enable the novice to make a successful start in the craft and as he/she progresses all those instructions offer the opportunity to object to something Christy recommends. And that ladies and gentlemen is the

badge of an independent practitioner and mature thinking beekeeper.---Marty Hardison