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Like us, honeybees represent a pinnacle of animal sociality. How they submerge individual needs into the colony collective provides a lens through which to ponder human societies. Winston explains how bees process information, structure work, and communicate, and examines how corporate boardrooms are using bee societies as a model to improve collaboration. He investigates how bees have altered our understanding of agricultural ecosystems and how urban planners are looking to bees in designing more nature-friendly cities.

The relationship between bees and people has not always been benign. Bee populations are diminishing due to human impact, and we cannot afford to ignore what the demise of bees tells us about our own tenuous affiliation with nature. Toxic interactions between pesticides and bee diseases have been particularly harmful, foreshadowing similar effects of pesticides on human health. There is much to learn from bees in how they respond to these challenges. In sustaining their societies, bees teach us ways to sustain our own.

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### Editorial Review

#### Review

In this personal and scientific journey into the history we share with bees, **[Winston]** ranges over neonicotinoid pesticides and colony collapse, the control of African ‘killer’ bees and more. The charismatic social insects emerge as both icons of societal cohesion and symbols of nature’s paradoxically mingled power and fragility. (Barbara Kiser *Nature* 2014-10-30)

**[Winston]** writes lovingly of the rhythms and quiddities of the apiary... In a highly personal style, Winston steps between reportage, scientific exactitude and a deep, poetically expressed love of bees, beekeeping and the cultural forms that bees inspire. People and bees have been working together for millennia?synergy that Winston, sensitized by his work as a communications specialist, clearly feels brings out the best and the worst in humanity. His take on the situation makes *Bee Time* an insightful delight. (Adrian Barnett *New Scientist* 2014-10-18)

**Winston** wants to acquaint his readers with the fascinating complexity of the bee world, and he also wants to alert readers to the fact that the bee world is drastically endangered. He brings to this hybrid task a very smooth ability to simplify the complex bee-literature he’s obviously mastered, providing engaging glimpses into the world of the hive?and usually presenting them in parallel context of the human world... Considering the enormous ripple-effects that would happen in the wake of the disappearance of these key pollinators, Winston’s wake-up call takes on an urgency that’s belied by its friendly, approachable tone. That clarion call makes *Bee Time* an important book, even if you by chance suffer from a touch of apiphobia. (Steve Donoghue *Open Letters Monthly* 2014-11-01)

**[Winston]** presents a stark picture of how much we expect from, and rely on, bees. (Kristin Treen *Literary Review* 2014-11-01)

Thoughtful and eloquent...**Winston** is an inspired cross-pollinator, who uses the ‘full-body experience’ of being with bees to draw lessons for human hives. (Sarah Murdoch *Toronto Star* 2014-11-01)

Like the beekeeper he is, paying careful attention to what’s going on in his colonies, **Winston** has done a fine job with this book. *Bee Time* is beautifully written and rich in the detail, evoking emotions without being overly maudlin. (Jeff Lee *Vancouver Sun* 2014-12-19)

**[Winston’s]** lyricism inspires awe of these necessary insects. (Temma Ehrenfeld *Weekly Standard* 2014-09-08)

A recap of what’s been going on in beekeeping over the past 10 years or so...**Winston** has left no hive unturned in this work, documenting all the good, and the bad that has occurred...There are indeed lessons to learn from a bee hive. This work will share some of them with you. (Kim Flottum *Bee Culture* 2014-11-01)

**Winston** combines beekeeping work/research, philosophical musings, and his personal memories in this enjoyable book. (J. M. Gonzalez *Choice* 2015-03-01)

*Bee Time* is a unique book: in turn a touching memoir, a warm paean to the honey bees that have fueled Winston’s impressive scientific career, and an insightful analysis of some of the serious environmental problems facing us today. (Gene E. Robinson, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign)

No other book celebrates the long relationship between humans and honeybees as powerfully, thoughtfully, and enchantingly as this one. Written in lyrical prose, *Bee Time* is a delightful and inspiring read. (Thomas D. Seeley, author of *Honeybee Democracy*)

Mark Winston has spent 30 years studying and working with bees. His book is a passionate celebration of bees, apiaries and honey, as well as a calmly reasoned critique of industrialized farming and a plea to halt the dramatic decline in bee numbers...A wonderfully rich insight into the imperiled world of the bee. (P. D. Smith *The Guardian* 2016-10-29)

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