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Now in paperback, Marina Marchese's inspirational and practical story of learning to raise honeybees and creating a life she loves "[An] engaging, delightfully informative work..." —Publishers Weekly "Marchese has given us a lovely gift. Honeybee is an entertaining and useful primer for the novice and honeybee devotee alike." —Washington Times "Surpassing the predictable "how I changed careers" memoir of finding the good life, Marchese's informative guide is packed with facts about everything from pollination to harvesting, life cycles to historical lore, nutritional benefits to gourmet flavor combinations, medical applications to unusual varieties." —Booklist In 1999, Marina Marchese fell in love with bees during a tour of a neighbor's honeybee hives. She quit her job, acquired her own bees, built her own hives, harvested honey, earned a certificate in apitherapy, studied wine tasting in order to transfer those skills to honey tasting, and eventually opened her own honey business. Today, Red Bee® Honey sells artisanal honey and honey-related products to shops and restaurants all over the country. More than an inspiring story of one woman's transformative relationship with honeybees (some of nature's most fascinating creatures), Honeybee is also bursting with information about all aspects of bees, beekeeping, and honey—including life inside the hive; the role of the queen, workers, and drones; pollination and its importance to sustaining all life; the culinary pleasures of honey; hiving and keeping honeybees; the ancient practice of apitherapy, or healing with honey, pollen, and bee venom; and much more. Recipes for food and personal care products appear throughout. Also included is an excellent, one-of-a-kind appendix that lists 75 different honey varietals, with information on provenance, tasting notes, and food-and-wine pairings. Originally published in 1908, this is one of the earliest books on bee keeping and the natural history of the honey bee, with information on its natural history, bee society, anatomy, bee keeping, and much more. Full of fascinating information and detailed explanations, this timeless volume will be of considerable utility to modern bee keepers, and would make for a valuable addition to collections of related literature. Contents include: "The Oldest Craft Under the Sun", "The Ancients and the Honey-Bee", "The Isle of Honey", "Bee-Masters in the Middle Ages", "At The City Gates", "The Commonwealth of the Hive", "Early Works in the Bee-City", "The Genesis of the Queen", "The Bride-Widow", "The Sovereign Worker-Bee", and more. Many classic bee books such as this are becoming increasingly scarce and expensive. We are republishing this volume now in an affordable, high-quality edition complete with a specially commissioned new introduction on bee keeping. An incomparable illustrated look at the critical role bees play in the life of our planet Bees pollinate more than 130 fruit, vegetable, and seed crops that we rely on to survive. Bees are also crucial to the reproduction and diversity of flowering plants, and the economic contributions of these irreplaceable insects measure in the tens of billions of dollars each year. Yet bees are dying at an alarming rate, threatening food supplies and ecosystems around the world. In this richly illustrated natural history of the bee, which includes more than 250 color photographs and illustrations, Noah Wilson-Rich and his team of bee experts provide a window into the vitally important role that bees play in the life of our planet. Earth is home to more than 20,000 bee species, from fluorescent-colored orchid bees and sweat bees to flower-nesting squash bees and leaf-cutter bees. This book provides an unmatched account of this astounding diversity, blending an engaging narrative with practical, hands-on discussions of such topics as beekeeping and bee health. It explores our relationship with the bee over evolutionary time, examining how it originated and where it stands today—and what the future holds for humanity and bees alike. Provides an accessible, richly illustrated look at the human-bee relationship over time Features a section on beekeeping and handy guides to identifying, treating, and preventing honey bee diseases Covers bee evolution, ecology, genetics, and physiology Includes a directory of notable bee s Presents a holistic approach to bee health, including organic and integrated pest management techniques Shows how you can help bee populations This innovative collection opens a door into the rich history of animals in China. This title is also available as Open Access. Beekeeping is a sixteen-billion-dollar-a-year business. But the invaluable honey bee now faces severe threats from diseases, mites, pesticides, and overwork, not to mention the mysterious Colony Collapse Disorder, which causes seemingly healthy bees to abandon their hives en masse, never to return. In *The Quest for the Perfect Hive*, entomologist Gene Kritsky offers a concise, beautifully illustrated history of beekeeping, tracing the evolution of hive design from ancient Egypt to the present. Not simply a descriptive account, the book suggests that beekeeping's long history may in fact contain clues to help beekeepers fight the decline in honey bee numbers. Kritsky guides us through the progression from early mud-based horizontal hives to the ascent of the simple straw skep (the inverted basket which has been in use for over 1,500 years), from hive design's Golden Age in Victorian England up through the present. He discusses what worked, what did not, and what we have forgotten about past hives that might help counter the menace to beekeeping today. Indeed, while we have sequenced the honey bee genome and advanced our knowledge of the insects themselves, we still keep our bees in hives that have changed little during the past century. If beekeeping is to survive, Kritsky argues, we must start inventing again. We must find the perfect hive for our times. For thousands of years, the honey bee has been a vital part of human culture. *The Quest for the Perfect Hive* not only offers a colorful account of this long history, but also provides a guide for ensuring its continuation into the future. "Integrates history, technology, sociology, economics, and politics with this remarkable insect serving as the unifying concept" (Buffalo News). The tiny, industrious honey bee has become part of popular imagination—reflected in our art, our advertising, even our language itself with such terms as queen bee and busy as a bee. Honey bees—and the values associated with them—have influenced American culture for four centuries. Bees and beekeepers have represented order and stability throughout the changes, challenges, and expansions of a highly diverse country. *Bees in America* is an enlightening cultural history of bees and beekeeping in the United States. Tammy Horn, herself a beekeeper, offers a social and technological history from the colonial period, when the British first brought bees to the New World, to the present, when bees are being trained by the American military to detect bombs. Horn shows how the honey bee was one of the first symbols of colonization and how bees' societal structures shaped our ideals about work, family, community, and leisure. This book is both a fascinating read and an "excellent example of the effects agriculture has on history" (Booklist). "A wealth of worthy material." —Publishers Weekly Beekeepers and those interested in beekeeping An introduction and guide to the complex subject of beekeeping, an ancient pastime which has seen a recent revival in interest. Whether the reader is a novice or a professional beekeeper, this book will be a valuable addition to existing literature. The book is fully comprehensive, starting with the novice and ending with the semi-expert It tells you all you need to know about taking up beekeeping on a small scale. Starting Beekeeping When and where; hives and beekeeping equipment; buying secondhand; understanding honeybees. Siting Your Bees Selecting a site; hiving your bees; feeding your bees; looking through the hive; avoiding bee stings. A Thriving Colony Adding supers; using a queen excluder; how bees forage; the honey flow; taking off honey. Wintering Down Preparing and feeding the hive for winter; mice, damp, wax moth and other enemies. The Second Year Spring cleaning; getting a second hive; oil seed rape; the 'June gap'; problems with a poor harvest. Planning Ahead Keeping the queen in charge; requeening; making a nuc. warming Why bees swarm; swarms in action; catching and hiving a swarm; drone laying queens and other problems. beekeeping; migratory hives. Honeybee Products Honey for sale; honey for show; honey recipes; making mead; wax extracting; beeswax polish and candles; propolis' and medicinal properties. Honeybee Problems Killer bees; bee pests and diseases. Bees in History Beekeeping from BC to the present century. Glossary of beekeeping terms and information packed appendices. In an extraordinary exposition, Lorenzen – an expert beekeeper and student of contemporary spiritual science – describes the 'Logos mysteries', based at the ancient temple of Artemis in Ephesus, where priestesses were known as 'Melissas' ('honeybees') and the sacrificial priests were called 'Essenes' (or 'bee-kings'). These cultic mysteries, he says, bore remarkable parallels to the workings of a bee colony – specifically in the relationship between the queen and worker bees to the spiritual 'group-soul' of the bees. Lorenzen commences his unique study with a discussion of flowers and insects, exploring their common origins. He then describes the beginnings of the honeybee, its connection with the fig wasp, and the subsequent controlled transformation of the latter that took place in pre-historic mystery-centres. Breeding the honeybee from the fig wasp – a sacred deed performed at consecrated sanctuaries – was part of the 'Fig-tree mysteries'. The initiates behind this task developed the ability to commune with the bees' group-soul and to work consciously on the mutual development of the hive and humanity. This concise but rich work features an illuminating foreword by Heidi Herrmann of the Natural Beekeeping Trust as well as a lucid introduction by translator Paul King that explains the anthroposophical concepts employed by Lorenzen in his text. This book not only reviews the basic aspects of social behavior, ecology, anatomy,

physiology, and genetics, it also summarizes major controversies in contemporary honey bee research, such as the importance of kin recognition in the evolution of social behavior and the role of the well-known dance language in honey bee communication. A beekeeper and herbalist shares how you can use six products of the beehive: honey, pollen, propolis, royal jelly, beeswax, and bee venom. Not all new beekeepers realize that a honeybee hive produces a lot more than just honey. While your hard-working ladies will produce delicious honey, the hive as a whole also produces pollen, propolis, royal jelly, beeswax, and bee venom; all very useful things for humans, if we know how to use them. The Benevolent Bee describes how and why the bees make these products, how they've been used by humans throughout the ages, and how beekeepers can harvest the products. It also presents simple do-it yourself recipes for using the products in health and wellness, body care, nutrition, and craft. You'll learn how to make salves for burns and a cough syrup from raw honey; how to make a tincture, an infused oil, and a mouthwash from propolis, the anti-bacterial "bee glue" that lines the inside of the hive; and much more. Get crafting now, it's all already in your hive! Beekeeping is nothing new—the ancient Egyptians were well versed in the benefits of living with bees—but in recent years, there has been a surge of folks struck with the desire to build and nurture a hive of their own. Beekeeping has become the passion of farmers in rural Vermont, urbanites with rooftops in LA, and thousands of people in between. This book is for beginners and experts alike, with all the basic information you need to get started, as well as stories and tips that will inspire and instruct the most seasoned beekeeper. In this guide, you will learn how to: Choose a spot for your hive Build a hive with simple tools and materials Buy bees or attract them to your hive Harvest the fruits of the bees' labor Make beeswax candles and lip balm Utilize honey, wax, and propolis for medicinal purposes And much more! Cummings offers readers something truly unique—a book that comes alongside you like a wise friend, offering sage advice as well as humorous anecdotes and fascinating interviews with beekeepers across the country. Equally good for reading while curled up inside during the long winter as for carrying with you to the hives mid-summer, this will be a welcome addition to any bee enthusiast's library. Ever since men first hunted for honeycomb in rocks and daubed pictures of it on cave walls, the honeybee has been seen as one of the wonders of nature: social, industrious, beautiful, terrifying. No other creature has inspired in humans an identification so passionate, persistent, or fantastical. The Hive recounts the astonishing tale of all the weird and wonderful things that humans believed about bees and their "society" over the ages. It ranges from the honey delta of ancient Egypt to the Tupelo forests of modern Florida, taking in a cast of characters including Alexander the Great and Napoleon, Sherlock Holmes and Muhammed Ali. The history of humans and honeybees is also a history of ideas, taking us through the evolution of science, religion, and politics, and a social history that explores the bee's impact on food and human ritual. In this beautifully illustrated book, Bee Wilson shows how humans will always view the hive as a miniature universe with order and purpose, and look to it to make sense of their own. Queen bee. Worker bees. Busy as a bee. These phrases have shaped perceptions of women for centuries, but how did these stereotypes begin? Who are the women who keep bees and what can we learn from them? Beeconomy examines the fascinating evolution of the relationship between women and bees around the world. From Africa to Australia to Asia, women have participated in the pragmatic aspects of honey hunting and in the more advanced skills associated with beekeeping as hive technology has advanced through the centuries. Synthesizing the various aspects of hive-related products, such as beeswax and cosmetics, as well as the more specialized skills of queen production and knowledge-based economies of research and science, noted bee expert Tammy Horn documents how and why women should consider being beekeepers. The women profiled in the book suggest ways of managing careers, gender discrimination, motherhood, marriage, and single-parenting -- all while enjoying the community created by women who work with honey bees. Horn finds in beekeeping an opportunity for a new sustainable economy, one that takes into consideration environment, children, and family needs. Beeconomy not only explores globalization, food history, gender studies, and politics; it is a collective call to action. Did you know that Abraham Lincoln and Muhammad Ali both consumed bee pollen to boost energy, or that beekeepers in nineteenth-century Europe viewed their bees as part of the family? Or that after man, the honeybee, *Apis mellifera*, is the most studied creature on the planet? And that throughout history, honey has been highly valued by the ancient Egyptians (the first known beekeepers), the Greeks, and European monarchs, as well as Winnie the Pooh? In *Sweetness and Light*, Hattie Ellis leads us into the hive, revealing the fascinating story of bees and honey from the Stone Age to the present, from Nepalese honey hunters to urban hives on the rooftops of New York City. Uncovering the secrets of the honeybee one by one, Ellis shows how this small insect, with a collective significance so much greater than its individual size, can carry us through past and present to tell us more about ourselves than any other living creature. The *Beehive Effect* begins by introducing you to the ancient knowledge of hive location and the electromagnetic fields that enhance a hive to levels of maximum potential. Feral bees locate over high energy zones. These zones which are part of a global electromagnetic frequency emission essential for all life. Humans thrive at the low frequency of about 7.83 Hz. However, earth frequency varies due to underground irregularities such as mineral deposits, wet or dry river beds, faults, lay lines and man-made electromagnetic disturbances. Geologists refer to these zones as geopathic stress. Colony insects "refer" to them as high frequency zones finding them of great benefit to their vitality and survival. Bees locate over these zones because the energy they emit is free; meaning, i.e., that it does not require work to be absorbed. In quantum physics, all energy exchange is information transfer. Free information transfer is highly advantageous to honeybee colonies of over 80,000 individuals living in a highly-condensed space. At the level of quantum mechanics, free energy reduces the colony's work which extends the vitality of the hive. Work reduction means less caloric intake for tasks that require high caloric expenditure, such as temperature maintenance for comb construction, incubation, winter heat, humidity within the hive and honey, vibratory communication and hive activities, pollination, foraging and protection from disease and parasites. Fundamentally, to perform a task, a spark of electromagnetic energy is required to generate a behavior, hence free energy is more desirable to the colony than food source location. In *The Beehive Effect*, the effect of electromagnetic fields on hives is dealt with in depth. However, it is not the first cause that animates the narrative. Primary to the book's inception and throughout its development is my trust in the intuitive voice that guides me into frequency research, beekeeping and the question of hive sustainability. Before owning a hive, my research indicated that the sound of Hive A played to Hive B would elicit Hive A behavior in Hive B; Hive B achieves sustainability through frequency entrainment. What happens when the hive frequency entrains me, too? What I experience is the metaphysics (beyond mental structure) of quantum (discrete quantity of energy). "It's all the same thing," Dr. Rustum, Pennsylvania State University geochemist and materials science engineer, observes, "I don't want to be constrained by the separation between physics and metaphysics. I don't see that physics and metaphysics are the same thing. I see physics as a subset of metaphysics." As my search and research unfold, synchronicities, like a falling line of dominos, lay down before me the path I am to follow. I began to experience energy and healings beyond the realm of cause and effect. Science (qEEG technology) and Bee crossed on a computer-generated graph displaying the organizing effect of *HealingBees* CD sound on the brain. Bee spirit informs me it is time to re-awaken it in the mind of human beings. I am invited to speak at a Robert Redford environmental event in Albuquerque, New Mexico. In my talk, I include mythological and archeological studies on the honeybee (Andrew Gough). The honeybee, for over 10,000 years, is worshipped from great mother to divine intermediary. My experiences, and other people's, inform me that the divine power of the hive has not diminished. One more thing required. I want to bring the bees into relationship with you. I want the bees to talk to you. In *The Hive Stories*, the bees talk about being a bee, its hazards and delights. This sets the bee on your hand and requires you to bee-come aware of her. *The Beehive Effect: Ancient Rites ~ Quantum Principles* is a transitional book. We start at the altar of science, the Laboratory, and progress to a space where we experience sister bees as divine beings offering gifts from 200,000 years forward. In *Honey Bees: Letters From the Hive*, bee expert Stephen Buchmann takes readers on an incredible tour. Enter a beehive--one part nursery, one part honey factory, one part queen bee sanctum--then fly through backyard gardens, open fields, and deserts where wildflowers bloom. It's fascinating--and delicious! Hailed for their hard work and harmonious society, bees make possible life on earth as we know it. This fundamental link between bees and humans reaches beyond biology to our environment and our culture: bees have long played important roles in art, religion, literature, and medicine--and, of course, in the kitchen. For honey fanatics and all who have a sweet tooth, this book not only entertains and enlightens but also reminds us of the fragility of humanity's relationship with nature. Includes illustrations and photographs throughout. In the ancient country of Orn, there lived an old man who was called the Bee-man, because his whole time was spent in the company of bees. He lived in a small hut, which was nothing more than an immense bee-hive, for these little creatures had built their honeycombs in every corner of the one room it contained, on the shelves, under the little table, all about the rough bench on which the old man sat, and even about the head-board and along the sides of his low bed. All day the air of the room was thick with buzzing insects, but this did not interfere in any way with the old Bee-man, who walked in among them, ate his meals, and went to sleep, without the slightest fear of being stung. He had lived with the bees so long, they had become so accustomed to him, and his skin was so tough and hard, that the bees no more thought of stinging him than they would of stinging a tree or a stone. A swarm of bees had made their hive in a pocket of his old leathern doublet; and when he put on this coat to take one of his long walks in the forest in search of wild bees' nests, he was very glad to have this hive with him, for, if he did not find any wild honey, he would put his hand in his pocket and take out a piece of a comb for a luncheon. The bees in his pocket worked very industriously, and he was always certain of having something to eat with him wherever he went. He lived principally upon honey; and when he needed bread or meat, he carried some fine combs to a village not far away and bartered them for other food. A collection of translated love letters and poems from the ancient Mediterranean, illustrated by antique paintings, or Fayum Portraits, from the Greek cemeteries of Roman Egypt. But perhaps bees' greatest benefit has been their pollination of crops."--BOOK JACKET. Well-documented study of bees, hives, and beekeepers, along with rare illustrations as they appear in ancient paintings, sculpture, on coins, jewelry, and Mayan glyphs. They work hard, are devoted to family, love sex, and know the importance of a good piece of real estate. Honey bees, and the daily workings of their close-knit colonies, are one of nature's great miracles. And they produce one of nature's greatest edible bounties: honey. More than just a palate pleaser, honey was once an offering to the gods, a preservative, and a medicine whose sought-after curative powers were detailed in ancient texts . . . and are being rediscovered by modern medical science. In *Letters from the Hive*, Prof. Stephen Buchmann takes us into the hive--nursery, honey factory, queen's inner sanctum--and out to the world of backyard gardens, open fields, and deserts in full bloom, where the age-old sexual dance between flowers and bees makes life on earth as we know it possible. Hailed for their hard work, harmonious society, and, mistakenly, for their celibacy, bees have a link to our species that goes beyond biology. In *Letters from the Hive*, Buchmann explores the fascinating role of bees in human culture and mythology, following the "honey hunters" of native cultures in Malaysia, the Himalayas, and the Australian Outback as they risk life and limb to

locate a treasure as valuable as any gold. To contemplate a world without bees is to imagine a desolate place, culturally and biologically, and Buchmann shows how with each acre of land sacrificed to plow, parking lot, or shopping mall, we inch closer to what could become a chilling reality. He also offers honey-based recipes, cooking tips, and home remedies--further evidence of the gifts these creatures have bestowed on us. Told with wit, wisdom, and affection, and rich with anecdote and science, *Letters from the Hive* is nature writing at its best. This is natural history to be treasured, a sweet tribute that buzzes with life. 17 papers take a holistic view of beekeeping archaeology (including honey, wax, associated products, hive construction, and trade) in one large interconnected geographic region, the Mediterranean, central Europe, and the Atlantic Façade. The book serves as a handbook for current and future researchers considering the archaeology of beekeeping.

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In this authoritative ethnography and spiritual memoir, Simon Buxton, an elder of the Path of Pollen, reveals for the first time the richness of this tradition: its subtle intelligence; its sights, sounds, and smells; and its unique ceremonies, which until now have been known only to initiates. Buxton unknowingly took his first steps on the Path of Pollen at age nine, when a neighbor--an Austrian bee shaman--cured him of a near-fatal bout of encephalitis. This early contact prepared him for his later meeting with an elder of the tradition who took him on as an apprentice. Following an intense initiation that opened him to the mysteries of the hive mind, Buxton learned over the next 13 years the practices, rituals, and tools of bee shamanism. 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The uses for the sweet nectar go well beyond flavor. Bee pollination extensively benefits agricultural crops in the area. Elements from the beehive are commonly used in popular cosmetics, medicines and mead. Beekeepers also face serious challenges like Colony Collapse Disorder. Join author and beekeeper April Aldrich as she traces the delectable history of honey and beekeeping throughout the region, from ancient apiaries to modern meaderies and beyond. "In that glistening dollop, I could taste the sun and the water, the metallic minerals of the soil, the tang of the goldenrod and the wildflowers blooming around the meadow" Essential to the food, drink, religion, economics, medicine and arts of every civilisation since the Egyptians, honey - and the bees that make it - have been a vital part of the human record for millennia, appearing on cave paintings, wax tablets and papyrus scrolls. From the temples of the Nile to the hives behind the author's house, men and women have had a long, rapturous love affair with the beehive. *ROBBING THE BEES* is a biography, history, celebration and love letter to bees and their magical produce. Holley Bishop follows beekeeper Donald Smiley on his daily tasks then explores the lively science, culture and lore that surround each step of the process and each stage of lives of the bees and their honey. Throughout are the author's lyrical reflections on her own beekeeping experiences, the business and gastronomical world of honey, the myriad varieties of honey (as distinct as the provenance of wine), as well as recipes, illustrations and historical quotes. Combining passionate research, rich detail, and fascinating anecdote, *ROBBING THE BEES* is a sumptuous look at the oldest, most delectable food in the world. 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From honeybees and bumbles to lesser-known diggers, miners, leafcutters, and masons, bees have long been central to our harvests, our mythologies, and our very existence. They've given us sweetness and light, the beauty of flowers, and as much as a third of the foodstuffs we eat. And, alarmingly, they are at risk of disappearing. As informative and enchanting as the waggle dance of a honeybee, *Buzz* shows us why all bees are wonders to celebrate and protect. Read this book and you'll never overlook them again. Seeley, a world authority on honey bees, sheds light on why wild honey bees are still thriving while those living in managed colonies are in crisis. Drawing on the latest science as well as insights from his own pioneering fieldwork, he describes in extraordinary detail how honey bees live in nature and shows how this differs significantly from their lives under the management of beekeepers. Seeley presents an entirely new approach to beekeeping--Darwinian Beekeeping--which enables honey bees to use the toolkit of survival skills their species has acquired over the past thirty million years, and to evolve solutions to the new challenges they face today. He shows beekeepers how to use the principles of natural selection to guide their practices, and he offers a new vision of how beekeeping can better align with the natural habits of honey bees. To teach his daughter the value of books, a father leads a growing crowd in search of the tree where the bees keep all their honey. According to Egyptian mythology, when the god Re cried, his tears turned into bees upon touching the ground. Beyond the realm of myth, the honey bee is a surprisingly common and significant motif in Egyptian history, playing a role in the mythology, medicine, art, and food of the ancient culture. In this book, entomologist Gene Kritsky presents the first full-length discussion of the ways in which bees were a part of life in ancient Egypt, shedding light on one of the many mysteries of the ancient world. Kritsky delves into ancient Egypt's complex society, revealing that bees had a significant presence in everything from death rituals to trade. In fact, beekeeping was a state-controlled industry, and in certain instances honey could even be used to pay taxes! Honey was used both to sweeten foods and treat cuts, and was sometimes used as a tribute or offering. From the presence of bees in paintings and hieroglyphs in tombs to the use of beeswax in a variety of products, bees had a significant presence in ancient Egyptian culture. As you're spreading honey on your morning toast you probably aren't thinking about arms funding, terrorists, corporate scandals, contamination, smuggling rackets or environmental disaster. But according to the CIA, the honey business is crucial to Al Qaeda's operation, Chinese honey has been found to contain bee-drugs deadly to humans, and across Europe, Turkey, the US and Australia, bee hives are empty and no one knows why. This engaging narrative non-fiction tale follows Grace Pundyk's journey from the wild Yemeni deserts to the jungles of Borneo, and from Russia to Tasmania's leatherwood forests, with Grace Pundyk many other honey-producing destinations in between. Grace follows the sticky trail of this ancient food, and the people who make their living from it, to uncover the truth behind this 'food of the gods'.

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When I tell you offhand to give me your immediate response the moment you hear the word Honeybee, your response is going to be "honey," about 99.9% of the time. And then after that, you are going to say "beeswax." But the product of a beehive is not restricted to just these two items. It also has royal jelly, pollen, and propolis. All of these products have traditionally been in use by mankind for the propagation of good health, beauty, and products in use around the house and as a health food for millenniums, going back to prehistoric times. So this book is going to tell you all about how you are going to be introduced to bees, and if you are enterprising enough to keep them in your backyard, you are soon going to be called an apiarist, keeping a number of your hives in your apiary. The year is 2036. Honeybees are nearly extinct. The world's crops are disappearing and a young boy's life hangs in the balance. When Melissa Bui's origami opens a time portal to Ancient Crete and connects her to a young athlete named Amethea, she has a chance to save both bees and boy. But she may risk blinking out of existence like the quarks her scientist father studies.

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