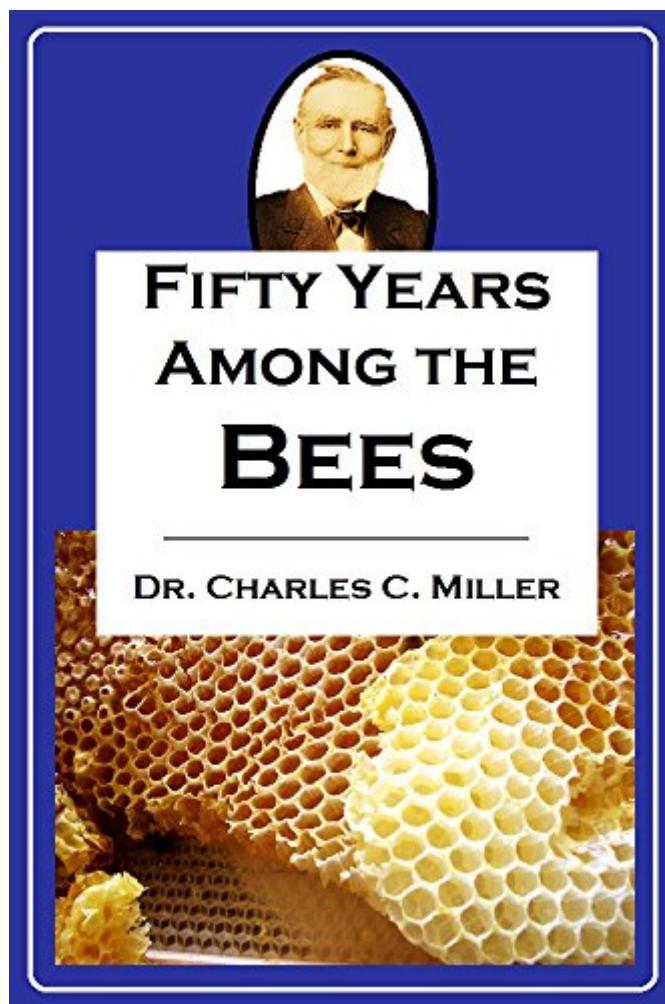


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# Fifty Years Among The Bees (1915)



## Synopsis

C(harles) C. Miller (1831â “1920) was an American practical commercial beekeeper that specialized in comb honey production. He was originally a physician, but gave up that profession to keep bees and to write about beekeeping. His books include *A Thousand Answers to Beekeeping Questions* and *Fifty Years Among the Bees*. Writing part memoir, part bee culture, Miller began his personal account of the honey business in 1886 with *A Year Among the Bees*, in which he announced he had "made the production of honey his exclusive business" for eight years. This was expanded into *Forty Years Among the Bees* (1903, 2nd ed. 1906), then into his classic, *Fifty Years Among the Bees* (1911), culminating with *A Thousand Answers to Beekeeping Questions* (1917). Miller also edited the American Bee Journal and produced a popular monthly advice column answering reader's questions. In honor of his fifty years of writing about apiculture and his gift of his personal beekeeping library, the University of Wisconsin named its apicultural library the Dr. Charles C. Miller Memorial Apicultural Library. This book published in 1915 has been reformatted for the Kindle and may contain an occasional defect from the original publication or from the reformatting.

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This book is in the same category as Langstroth's "The Hive and the Honeybee" for time-honored fundamental knowledge of beekeeping. Dr. Miller was a fascinating storyteller & humorous writer. For example, he says that a sure way to prevent swarming is to dynamite the hives, but that wouldn't be very productive.... His humility is reassuring and comforting for novices; after 50 years of experience he tells us that he does not know the right way to do things, only what seemed to work best for him. This book has as much practical advice as the most modern books, despite the fact that it was written nearly 100 years ago.

I have a large selection of beekeeping books and this rates at the very top of them. Sometimes it makes you wish you could go back in time to the pioneer days of beekeeping.

It is amazing how little has changed in the world of beekeeping. Sure there have been changes, but overall things are being done today much in the same way they have been done since the Langstroth hive was invented. The author was very careful to point out the way things were done in the past and tell about the changes and when they came about. I'm something of a history buff as well as a beekeeper and I enjoyed the book.

Hauled in a wagon pulled by two horses, the bees were on their way to a new source of honey. Although written in the first part of the 20th century, the basic business plan holds true and it is easy and a pleasure to read. The methods worked, and with a few modern ones added, I have a new confidence in my new hobby as a beekeeper.

Tremendous insight into bees and beekeeping in general written in a very readable style. Hard for me to imagine that this book was written almost a hundred years ago but I guess bees back then were not much different than the bees we keep today. Rather than the usual dry textbook style usually seen in many other beekeeping tomes Dr Miller has written in a simple narrative style very reminiscent of a fireside chat or kitchen table discussion. While this book does not cover many of the current evolving hive issues (varroa etc) I would consider no beekeeping library complete without a well read copy.

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