

The Honeybee Man

A RIF GUIDE FOR COMMUNITY COORDINATORS

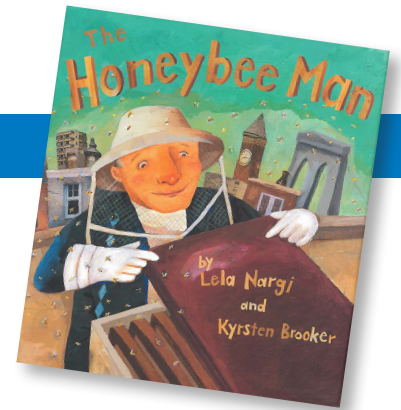
Themes: Pollination, Life Cycles, Habitats

Book Brief: Fred keeps honeybee hives on the roof of his brownstone. From his rooftop, Fred can see all the places his bees go. At harvest time, he gives jars of honey to all his neighbors so they, too,

can enjoy the sweet taste of their neighborhood.

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Illustrator:
Kyrsten Brooker



TIME TO READ!

Before reading, make predictions: Look at the cover of the book. Where does the Honeybee Man live? What does he do?

After reading, ask questions:

- ◆ Where do you think most beekeepers have their beehives?
- ◆ Why is it important for Fred to check his hives every day?
- ◆ What is another name for a six-sided shape?
- ◆ Why do the bees need smoke to be quiet?
- ◆ Do you think the bees know who Fred is?

While reading, make connections: Which parts of the story can you make connections to? Where do you usually see bees? Have you ever seen man-made beehives? Have you ever eaten honey?

RELATED ACTIVITIES

BEE BUTTER

Ingredients: 3/4 cup butter, 1/4 cup honey

Let the butter soften to room temperature. Mix together butter and honey with a hand mixer. Once blended, scoop in a small bowl, cover, and refrigerate. Try the bee butter on crackers, rolls, or waffles!

THUMBPRINT BEES

Materials: yellow or orange washable marker, black pen, paper

Create your own beehive full of worker bees! Draw an outline of a hive on the paper. Using the yellow marker, color the base of your thumb. Press thumb onto paper. Use the black pen to make stripes, wings, legs, and a face on your bee. A real beehive has thousands of worker bees. How many bees did you make?

BUSY BEES

Visit a flower garden at mid-morning when the temperature is above 60 degrees. Watch for any bees, being careful not to get close and not to disturb them. See how many different flowers the bees visit. Do the bees have a favorite color flower?

Watch to see if they visit the leaves or stems. If possible, make another visit late in the afternoon or when it is cooler. Compare the number of bees you see visiting flowers.



ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

OTHER BOOKS ABOUT BEES

The Beeman, Laurie Krebs (2009), *The Best Beekeeper of Lalibela: A Tale from Africa*, Cristina Kessler (2006), *What if There Were no Bees?*, Suzanne Slade (2010).



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