Recommended Reading & Information Sources when studying for the SBA Examinations.

It is not intended that students read or even access all of these texts. Only some parts of books may be relevant to any given exam – use the syllabuses as a guide to which books should be used. Most of these books are available in the SBA Moir Library. The Library Officer regularly sends books to local associations.

The Microscopy, Plants & Pollinators Module & Honey Judge syllabuses contain their own reading lists.

Title	Author	Publisher	Basic/Junior Beekeeping	Intermediate Practical	Apiarian	Module 1	Module 2	Module 3	Module 5	Module 6	Module 7	Module 8	Microscopy
Guide to Bees & Honey	Ted Hooper	NBB	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Practical Beekeeping	C de Bruyn	Crowood	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Study Notes – Basic book, Green Book & Orange Book	JD & BD Yates	BBNO	✓			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Encyclopedia of Beekeeping 1985	Morse & Hooper	Blandford	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Haynes Bee Manual	A&C Waring	Haynes	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
The BBKA Guide to Beekeeping	Davis, Cullum Kenyon	Bloomsbury	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
The Honeybee Inside Out	C Davis	Beecraft	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Foul Brood Booklets	NBU	DEFRA	✓	✓	✓			✓					
Managing Varroa	NBU	DEFRA	✓	✓	✓			✓					
BBKA Special Issue Series General Husbandry	BBKA	BBKA	✓	✓			✓						
BBKA Special Issue Series Advanced Husbandry	BBKA	BBKA		✓	✓		✓					✓	
BBKA Special Issue Series Husbandry: developing expertise	BBKA	BBKA	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓					
BBKA Special Issue Series Honey	BBKA	BBKA					✓					✓	
BBKA Special Issue Series Honey Bee Anatomy	BBKA	BBKA							✓				
BBKA Special Issue Series Communications within the hive	BBKA	BBKA								✓			
BBKA Special Issue Series Queen rearing	BBKA	BBKA									✓		
Anatomy & Dissection of the Honeybee	HA Dade	IBRA							✓				✓
Anatomy of the Honeybee	RE Snodgrass	Cornell							✓				✓
Form & Function in the Honeybee	Lesley J. Goodman	IBRA & NBB							✓				
The honey Bee Solution to Varroa	Steve Riley	NBB			✓			✓		✓	✓		
Honey Bee Veterinary Medicine	N Vidal-Naquet	5M Books Ltd											
Tropilaelaps: At the Gate of Your Apiary	Gill, Uzunov, Janashia, Kovacic												
Beeswax	R Brown	BBNO					✓						
Dance Language & Orientation	K von Frisch	Harvard								✓		✓	

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Great Masters of Beekeeping	R Brown	BBNO										✓	
A Book of Honey	E Crane	Oxford					✓						
A Case of Hives	L Heath	BBNO				✓							
The Honeybee Around & About	C Davis	Beecraft					✓	✓			✓		
Plants & Honeybees – Their relationships	D Aston & S Bucknall	NBB					✓						✓
Queen Rearing & Bee Breeding	H Laidlaw & R Page	Wicwas Press		✓	✓						✓		
Sustainable Honey Bee Breeding	COLOSS	Springer			✓						✓		
The Biology of the Honeybee	M Winston								✓	✓			✓
The World of the Honeybee	C Butler	Collins								✓			
The Social Organisation of Honey Bees	JB Free	NBB								✓			
A manual of Beekeeping	EB Wedmore	BBNO										✓	
Breeding Techniques & Selection for Breeding of the Honeybee	F Ruttner	BIBBA									✓	✓	
Queen Breeding & Genetics	E Holm	NBB									✓	✓	
Microscopy Study Notes 2nd edition	JD & BD Yates	BBNO											✓
Practical Microscopy for Beekeepers	Bob Maurer	Beecraft											✓
Plants for Bees (2012)	Kirk and Howes	IBRA					✓						✓
Pollen Identification for Beekeepers Facsimile	Rex Sawyer	Northern BB											✓
The Pollen Loads of the Honeybee: A Guide to their Identification by Colour and Form	Dorothy Hodges												✓
The Pollen Grain Drawings of (Taken from the Pollen Loads Book)	Dorothy Hodges												✓
Honey Identification	Rex Sawyer	Cardiff University Press											✓
The Wild Flower Key	Francis Rose Frederick Warne												✓
The Early Years – Early History of the SBA	Una Robertson	SBA 2012										✓	
The Moir Library	Una Robertson	SBA Website										✓	
The Honey Bee and Climate Change	Gloria DeGrandi-Hoffman	Academic Press			✓								
Honeybee Democracy	T Seeley	Princeton								✓			
The Lives of Bees	T Seeley	Princton								✓			
Piping Hot Bees and Boisterous Buzz-Runners	T Seeley	Princeton								✓			
The Buzz about Bees	J Tautz	Springer								✓			
The Complexity of Honey Fraud Detection *(review article)*	Norberto Garcia	Available on line			✓								

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