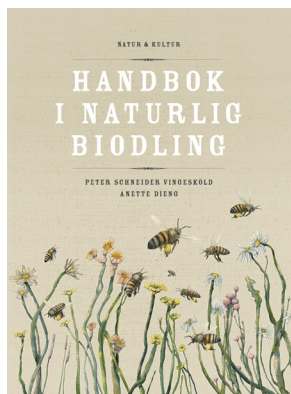


HANDBOOK IN NATURAL BEEKEEPING



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Beekeeping on the bees' terms

These days there are a number of books on beekeeping to choose from. What they have in common is that they teach conventional beekeeping as the "official" version of beekeeping. It is based on a mechanical and materialistic view of the bee colony and the right of people to exploit it to the maximum degree.

"I think beekeeping today, both the conventional and ecological form, is undertaken without any consideration for the interests of the bee colony itself", says beekeeper Peter Vingsköld.

In this book Peter relates a different kind of beekeeping, in which the beekeeper is observant and supportive of the bee colony's natural development in harmony with nature and takes into consideration the intelligence that evolved long before we humans entered the world.

The book is aimed at both beginners and established beekeepers and is divided into two parts; one describes Peter's inspiring and innovative view of the bee colony and the other is a practical handbook on the care of the beehive.

About the authors



Peter Vingsköld has been a beekeeper since 1975 and over the years has worked with both conventional and ecological models, and more recently bio-dynamic ones. Today Peter runs about 100 bee colonies in Gnesta and its surroundings.

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