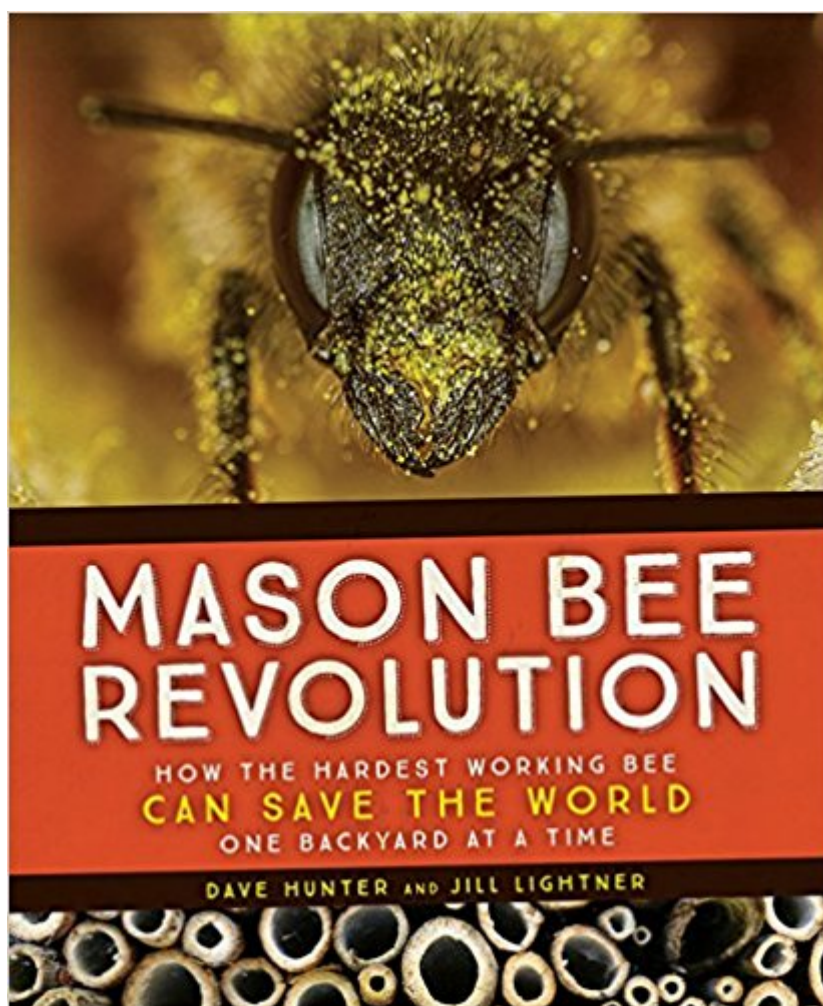


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# Mason Bee Revolution: How The Hardest Working Bee Can Save The World - One Backyard At A Time



## Synopsis

The national media regularly features dire stories on honeybee colony collapse and its danger to our food supply. But there's another, unsung bee that has the potential to save the planet—the mason bee. *Mason Bee Revolution* explains how docile, hard-working, solitary mason bees (and their compatriots, the leafcutter bees) are even more productive pollinators than honeybees, and keeping them can be a fun, easy, backyard hobby for gardeners, conservationists, foodies, and families everywhere. Why these bees? Bee pollination is critical for about 80 percent of US agricultural crops, increasing crop value by an estimated \$15 billion annually. Since 2006, nearly a third of all honeybee hives have been lost each year, due to parasites, pesticides, habitat loss, climate change, and a newer malady called Colony Collapse Disorder. While scientists search for answers to save the honeybee, Dave Hunter and his company, Crown Bees, are leading the effort to increase the population of other highly efficient pollinators: One mason bee can produce twelve pounds of cherries, via pollination, where it would take sixty honey bees to achieve the same. *Mason Bee Revolution* is an easy-to-follow guide to keeping both mason and leafcutter bees. It tells you how to set up, care for, and harvest your own bees and what types of plants and habitat encourage mason and leafcutter bees, as well as provides general information on other common pollinators and bee-related facts, projects, and personalities.

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advisory panel to the US Department of Agriculture's National Institute for Food and Agriculture. He and his wife, Barb, live in Woodinville, Washington. Visit him at [crownbees.com](http://crownbees.com). >Editor and Writer Jill Lightner was the founding editor of the award-winning bimonthly magazine Edible Seattle. She is also the author of Edible Seattle: The Cookbook and editor of the Edible Communities recipe app. In addition, she has written extensively as a food critic and journalist. Jill lives in Seattle.

A must have resource for anyone that invest the time and expense for fruit and vegetable plants. Followed the directions of the author and the same space that yielded fewer than a dozen tomatoes last year has produced hundreds this season and is still going strong.

I was hoping that this book would have some nice photos and I was not disappointed. There are a good number of nice color photos in the front of the book and the rest of the book has black-and-white pictures. There is a lot of information on why Mason bees are important and on how to care for them. Since I am interested in the subject it was an interesting read.

Beyond informative. I do non-GMO gardening and very concerned for the welfare of our bees. I will be getting materials together to start off next season's garden. We already have native plants, red-bud trees, kwanzan cherry, blueberries, Bradford pear and massive amounts of clover in the yard. I am really looking forward to this experience and will be putting up bee homes for both mason and leaf cutters. Can't wait to see who shows up! Thank you.

I am really glad I got this book. It is very informative if you are a beginner & is easy to understand. It, also, has a nice resource section in the back of the book. The book was worth buying & a necessity for a beginner mason or leaf cutter bee keeper.

additional information of a very interesting subject matter. This is something that is very important, for all. This book is full of answers to having mason bees. Good Buy.

Nice, well-written book. I am new to keeping solitary bees and was hoping to get more in-depth information than I could find available on the internet. I think I was fooling myself as there is just so much information available whether you find it in this book or find it on the internet. Still, it is a nice reference book, well-written, and has beautiful pictures.

Super informational book

I haven't read the whole book but lots of information about all bee types. I have been able to identify many that I thought were flies or wasps. A really fine book.

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