

Comment From rejoyce

All the "honeys" are here!



Chapin Hardy, WCV:

Hi Lacy!

Comment From Lacy, WCV

Hi!

Comment From BarbG

lots of buzzing going on

Comment From GN

Lacy!

Comment From rejoyce

Hi Lacy, Chapin, and Amanda!! Our Queen Bees!!!



Amanda Nicholson, WCV:

I see that GN has some insights on the book ... GN, did you read the book?

Comment From Lydia in PA

Blessed be the Queen! Holy in thy womb!



Chapin Hardy, WCV:

Hopefully we don't have a fight like the book!

Comment From Lydia in PA

Can only have 1 queen in the hive rejoyce

Comment From GN

I didn't know there would be questions.



Raina Krasner, WCV:

Hi everyone!



Chapin Hardy, WCV:

Ha! You are a flower... how fitting!

Comment From Kali-TX

oh goodness, i checked in earlier, then left to do other things.... cub cam is back? yay! i'm ready for book club.

Comment From rejoyce

LOL Lydia!!!



Amanda Nicholson, WCV:

So ... The Bees! Were there passages or events that you particularly enjoyed?

Comment From rejoyce

I loved the detailed descriptions of the hive!

Comment From Brenda from Virginia

Great avatars, WCV folks!

Comment From rejoyce

Raina!! Our other Queen Bee!!

Comment From GN

Here is what I learned: The bees have The Sages and WCV has The Divas.



Amanda Nicholson, WCV:

That is a VERY interesting analogy.



Chapin Hardy, WCV:

I enjoyed all of Flora's descriptions of the hive and searching for flowers!



Chapin Hardy, WCV:

As well as the appearances of the other bees.

Comment From Kathy in NM ♥

I never would have picked up this book on my own, so "Thank You" Lacy for recommending it!

Comment From BarbG

loved all the descriptions

Comment From Lydia in PA ☐

Oh yes. I loved the experiment with Flora. Born to be a sanitation worker, but rose to woan in the nursery and then a forager, and eventually had a princess! I loved the whole thing. I will admit I cried some too

Comment From Lacy, WCV

The description of the "hive mind" was interesting!



Amanda Nicholson, WCV:

Yes, I thought that was interesting too! The daily "bee stuff" was pretty interesting -- the communication, the workings of the hive.



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Honeybees

Comment From rejoyce

All of the different types of bees and their roles were very interesting!

Comment From rejoyce

I cried too, Lydia :(

Comment From Lacy, WCV

You're very welcome, Kathy! I'm glad you liked it!

Comment From Lydia in PA

Hahaha GN! Are you comparing te Divas to the Sages? No way. I did not like the Sages much

Comment From BarbB in nj

I didn't realize there was such a social structure within the hive.



Raina Krasner, WCV:

Yea, I think the sages were meant to be sort of unlikeable.



Chapin Hardy, WCV:

Yet at first, them seemed like a good bee



Amanda Nicholson, WCV:

Now -- to clarify -- the one big thing that isn't true about bees in this book is the notion that they are all born into a specific role, for life.



Raina Krasner, WCV:

Oh, not true?



Amanda Nicholson, WCV:

They actually change roles based on age. So Flora was actually more of the norm (in real bee world). Rather than the exception.



Amanda Nicholson, WCV:

But obviously that wouldn't make for a very dystopian bee book. :)

Comment From cwerb ♡ ♡ ♡ ♡ ♡ ♡ ♡ ♡ ♡ ♡
dystopian?



Raina Krasner, WCV:
Yes, definitely dystopian!

Comment From Kali-TX

i had a difficult time "getting into" the book, as my family kept bees for several years. i know bees up close and personal, so i had to try to separate fact and fiction.

Comment From Lydia in PA

I agree Lacey. Everything for the Hive!

Comment From rejoice

I did not know that!



Amanda Nicholson, WCV:
Yep!



Amanda Nicholson, WCV:
Google is my friend.

Comment From BarbB in nj

Well, there you go. I thought it was all true.



Amanda Nicholson, WCV:

Nope! Always worth doing some research. I think that's what I liked too about the book -- made me want to learn more!



Amanda Nicholson, WCV:

Well, I do have a video -- a couple, actually! Let me play one.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Vaszh2bY3mc>

Comment From Lydia in PA

Amazing --the dance!!! wow!

Comment From Lydia in PA

Oh cool, so the dance is real!



Amanda Nicholson, WCV:

Oh yes! It's very cool. I have another video on the dance too.



Amanda Nicholson, WCV:

I think that a lot of the little details -- day to day bee life -- was all true. The only big thing (that wasn't true) was the roles/caste system

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2S-ozxplrdI>



Raina Krasner, WCV:

Imagine we had to dance directions to the best restaurants in town? That would be kinda fun actually.

Comment From Izzy

Dancing directions would make the world a great deal more fun! I think it would be like one giant party :)

Comment From Lacy, WCV

Bees talking to each other! Fascinating!

Comment From Lydia in PA

That is fascinating!



Amanda Nicholson, WCV:

I love it!! I think that is so cool.

Comment From BarbG

wonderful

Comment From katiesmom

Amazing!!!

Comment From BarbG

great video



Chapin Hardy, WCV:

Well before the bee can even do the dance, she has to get through the guards/



Chapin Hardy, WCV:

Her pass is her smell!

Comment From katiesmom

In my head, I am picturing humans the waggle dance to go to Mill Street Grill. ITs an onteresting picture

Comment From Marianne in NC

Full disclosure: I didn't read much of the book. When I realized it was going to be a standard dystopian tale like Game of Thrones, I dropped out. A hive may have evolved to be very organized, but to compare it to an authoritarian hell makes it . . . well, fiction.



Chapin Hardy, WCV:

I thought it was very interesting about the scent and hive mind.

Comment From rejoyce

I wondered about all of the different smells and if there is really that much dependence on them.



Raina Krasner, WCV:

Oh yes, it was totally fiction. I mean, some things were based on natural history - but it was certainly meant to be a fictional bee book.

Comment From Lydia in PA

Accept, Obey and Serve--is that realistic or innate to the honey bee?



Chapin Hardy, WCV:

Oh yes! Smell is everything to a bee!



Chapin Hardy, WCV:

I found out that the scent of the Queen can be too strong and cause her problems!



Raina Krasner, WCV:

Well, that's true for everyone, isn't it? :)

Comment From rejoyce

Very true, Raina!

Comment From Izzy

Giggles so if the queen smells too strong does that mean she has bad BEE O lol



Chapin Hardy, WCV:

The queen is in a way very pungent and if the other bees aren't constantly exposed to it and her smell is not distributed, her smell becomes too strong and the bees will start to avoid her.



Chapin Hardy, WCV:

The bees that groom her get it on their mouths and then when they come into contact with other members of the hive, it distributes the smell.

Comment From Lacy, WCV

No one wants a smelly monarch... I can respect that.



Chapin Hardy, WCV:

The scent does keep the bees calm and hives that don't have a queen frequently are very stressed.



Chapin Hardy, WCV:

It's a fine line. Can't have too much or too little scent.



Chapin Hardy, WCV:

The warning smell was true too!



Chapin Hardy, WCV:

Bees make a scent from a gland near their mouth to alert others of trouble.



Chapin Hardy, WCV:

If trouble gets worse they use their stinger, which is ripped out including a scent sac that basically marks the intruder with a smelly bullseye.

Comment From rejoyce

It's amazing the way they communicate!

Comment From Lydia in PA

So the guards were true too. where the bees at the landing board accurate too...who received the pollen and nectar when the foragers returned?



Chapin Hardy, WCV:

Yep!

Comment From rejoyce

Interesting

Comment From rejoyce

This book had some strong themes to go along with the strong smells!

Comment From Izzy

Without a queen can a hive survive? Is it true only queens have babies?



Chapin Hardy, WCV:

Correct! Only the queen (her scent prevents the development of ovaries in the other bees). And yes without a Queen, hives don't survive.



Amanda Nicholson, WCV:

But not only queens can have babies! Much like in the book ... some workers can try to have babies.



Amanda Nicholson, WCV:

Try being the operative word.

Comment From Kali-TX

ohh geez, some worker bees can lay eggs, but not all are fertile. (have babies?)



Amanda Nicholson, WCV:

Nope, they can lay fertile eggs -- ready for your big vocab word?



Amanda Nicholson, WCV:

(you may already know this, if you didn't question Flora laying eggs without mating).

Comment From Lydia in PA

Only the Queen may breed. But Flora made it sound like her eggs just appeared without breeding. Like a virgin birth. That had to be fiction. I think they fooled around when they groomed those drones



Amanda Nicholson, WCV:

Nope!



Amanda Nicholson, WCV:

That is Haplodiploidy!

Comment From Izzy

Ooo new word!



Raina Krasner, WCV:

Oh big word!

Comment From Lydia in PA

Then there was the big pile of Sage babies dead in the morgue that Flora found!

Comment From BarbG

new word

Comment From Lacy, WCV

Yay! Big word!

Comment From rejoyce

Ooooooooooooo



Amanda Nicholson, WCV:

Right -- they don't want other offspring to survive -- that the queen didn't lay.

Comment From Kali-TX

not only flora produced eggs, the sages did alwo.

Comment From Lydia in PA

Oh a new word --Haplodiploidy



Raina Krasner, WCV:

And the nursery bees ... what kin were they again?



Amanda Nicholson, WCV:

So, it comes down to chromosomes -- but worker bees can lay eggs that turn into males (drones).

Comment From Izzy

So that means that all of floras babies would always be male?



Amanda Nicholson, WCV:

Right!



Amanda Nicholson, WCV:

But, to lay a female egg, mating is required.



Amanda Nicholson, WCV:

This is all within the big picture of kin selection and the evolution of eusociality



Amanda Nicholson, WCV:

If you are more related to your sisters, it serves you well to not have offspring.

Comment From Lydia in PA

is a sex-determination system in which males develop from unfertilized eggs and are haploid, and females develop from fertilized eggs and are diploid.



Amanda Nicholson, WCV:

Yepper!

Comment From Marianne in NC

Not THAT would have been an interesting plot device (mating only required for females)!



Amanda Nicholson, WCV:

So that was weird to me -- that Flora did end up laying a female.



Chapin Hardy, WCV:

Dark Queen would never have been hatched...



Raina Krasner, WCV:

Ha, true! It is still a fiction book ... that needs a plot driver.



Amanda Nicholson, WCV:

BUT ... there is a very obscure reference in the greenhouse, with the spider. Anyone remember that?



Raina Krasner, WCV:

Yes!

Comment From Brenda from Virginia

That was another fictional event when Flora produced an egg that became a queen.



Amanda Nicholson, WCV:

Kinda ... although not quite. I'm not sure if this can REALLY happen, but the author did work in a twist to make it more plausible.

Comment From BarbG

I wondered about that

**Amanda Nicholson, WCV:**

Greenhouse discussion with the spider -- the spider basically explains why Flora looks so different than the other bees.

**Amanda Nicholson, WCV:**

And it's kind of obscure, but basically it references that her father was likely an African honeybee -- and those bees CAN produce female offspring, without mating with a male.

**Amanda Nicholson, WCV:**

So ... not quite sure if that can happen in real life, but ... the author did some work to make it plausible!

**Raina Krasner, WCV:**

Interesting (obscure) plot twist.

**Chapin Hardy, WCV:**

The spiders were so knowledgeable and sneaky! Trading their secrets and weaving a figurative web.

Comment From Lacy, WCV

Those wise and crazy spiders...

Comment From rejoyce

Yes, they were!!

**Amanda Nicholson, WCV:**

Google was my friend for that. It bothered me ... until I learned more. :)

Comment From Mary E in NC

How is the queen selected really? I enjoyed the book, but it seemed kind of brutal! I thought it was really a unique way to learn about bees!

Comment From Lydia in PA

Is there any truth to bees that become princesses having been fed flow (honey) for more days than other bees?

**Raina Krasner, WCV:**

Well, this was pretty interesting. Because it seems that the author was kind of on point about that in the book. Well ... sort of.

Comment From Brenda from Virginia

I liked the description of how the queen's pheromones affected the entire hive.

**Raina Krasner, WCV:**

It seems that fertilized are selected at random (maybe) and are fed more royal jelly in order to develop into a "queen bee".

Comment From Kali-TX

or the egg/larva must be fed royal jelly



Chapin Hardy, WCV:

Very cool. You are what you eat.



Raina Krasner, WCV:

Yes, my understanding is that they alllll get the royal jelly. But, the queen is fed longer and kept in a bigger egg cell.



Chapin Hardy, WCV:

Yes, I read that too.



Raina Krasner, WCV:

And the best part (or at least a really interested part) is that there are multiple queens!

Comment From Lydia in PA

Oh interesting Raina. More Royal Jelly



Raina Krasner, WCV:

And whoever emerges first does in fact kill off the other "queens" that are being raised.

Comment From Lacy, WCV

I suppose that happens when the current queen is old and dying?



Raina Krasner, WCV:

So, when the Sage princess and Flora's daughter fought to the death ... not entirely off base. Although, it seems that one emerges first and just quickly kills the others. Not much fighting involved.

Comment From Izzy

It's harsh when you're a bee! Had no idea they dealt with so much! One day you're on top of the hive next day you're out!



Chapin Hardy, WCV:

The scent changes for the queen and the workers start feeding more jelly.



Raina Krasner, WCV:

All about those smells.



Raina Krasner, WCV:

Now, the cells and nursery thing fascinated me.



Amanda Nicholson, WCV:

Oh I have a video!



Raina Krasner, WCV:

Yay!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=f6mJ7e5YmnE>



Amanda Nicholson, WCV:

So there's the real nursery.

Comment From Izzy

Yikes had no idea what developing bees looked like! Slightly terrifying! Don't exactly have that awww cute factor

Comment From Dave in Missouri

Ouch, I got stung logging in here! Cool video!



Chapin Hardy, WCV:

So cool!

Comment From Lacy, WCV

Saw this on facebook a couple days ago. So cool!



Amanda Nicholson, WCV:

Oh, don't get stung by a honeybee! They'll die ...

Comment From Kali-TX

chapin, bees can only sting once if they sting a mammal, but they can sting multiple times with another insect.



Amanda Nicholson, WCV:

Depends on the type of bee. Actually, honeybees are the only species to die after stinging (the stinger pulls out and causes massive abdominal rupture and death). Other bees, and wasps, can sting you and keep moving on to sting again.



Chapin Hardy, WCV:

I have a picture!



Raina Krasner, WCV:

Of a bee sting? I don't wanna see ...



Chapin Hardy, WCV:

Close your eyes



Amanda Nicholson, WCV:

Ooooooh.



Amanda Nicholson, WCV:

Creepy.

Comment From BarbG

oh my

Comment From Dave in Missouri

I try to be very careful when Im around honey bees, they really dont bother anyone!



Raina Krasner, WCV:

Hmmmm



Amanda Nicholson, WCV:

They really don't. They are a little more peaceable than the other guys ...

Comment From Lacy, WCV

Speaking of wasps, those guys were nuts.



Amanda Nicholson, WCV:

Yes, they were a bit scary!



Raina Krasner, WCV:

Uh. Yes.

Comment From Izzy

If other bees and wasps can sting more than once does that mean they have the ability to regrow their stinger after injury?

**Amanda Nicholson, WCV:**

They have smooth stingers -- so can sting more than once.

Comment From Izzy

Since bees are motivated by scent does that mean what we wear like perfume or body spray could impact if they are around us?

**Amanda Nicholson, WCV:**

Yes!

**Amanda Nicholson, WCV:**

They generally aren't interested in humans, but can get a little confused by perfumes or hairsprays ...

Comment From Brenda from Virginia

I recall the spider in the greenhouse, but I totally missed the significance of the African honeybee reference.

Comment From rejoyce

They are definitely attracted to sweet smells!

**Raina Krasner, WCV:**

Oh, I did too! Until Amanda pointed it out and it made perfect sense! Good catch.

**Amanda Nicholson, WCV:**

What, if any, comment do you think The Bees makes about the human world?

Comment From Dave in Missouri

Invaders!

Comment From Kali-TX

that was something i didn't find in the book, amanda.

**Chapin Hardy, WCV:**

Yes, what was it called? The visitation?

**Raina Krasner, WCV:**

One of the "panels" about the theft of the treasury.

**Amanda Nicholson, WCV:**

Right!

Comment From Izzy

I think The Bees tells us the dangers of pesticide as well as what happens when we keep plants and flowers out of natural settings like within green house walls. We impact all things even if we may not realize it



Raina Krasner, WCV:

the "gray film" over the bees.

Comment From Jakermo♥

Right Dave. Trying to take over the environment.

Comment From BarbG

not too impressed with humans



Amanda Nicholson, WCV:

I agree -- that stuck out for me as well. How we humans influence what the bees are foraging for ...



Chapin Hardy, WCV:

Yes, made me feel sick.



Raina Krasner, WCV:

Reading reviews about this book, one comment stuck out to me. From Huffington Post:

"Ultimately, the stakes of the novel seem disappointingly small, as broad environmental issues are tantalizingly hinted at but never confronted. Like several other strains of the plot, these unsettling signs of ecosystem destruction are underdeveloped, and finally dropped."

Comment From Brenda from Virginia

Those in power or riding the skirts of those in power will do all they can to maintain the status quo is also shown

Comment From Kali-TX

a beekeeper doesn't take all the honey, and they usually use an excluder so no eggs are taken.

Comment From Lydia in PA

The orchard keeper took part of their hive, and with it Floras second egg..and used smoke and turned the hive upside down..I think Humans might be thought of as invaders, or killers..and used pesticides to cause sickness and death to bees and endanger the hive



Amanda Nicholson, WCV:

Yes, ultimately when the land was sold (to developers) ... that was sad.



Raina Krasner, WCV:

She mentions some of the human and environmental impacts as almost tangential storylines, but I bet they are little more than tangential to real life bees!

Comment From Izzy

I think in some ways it reminds us to be aware and appreciate all things in the wild not just those things we believe to be pretty, interesting or that have a purpose in our own minds. I for example have a pretty strong fear of bees being stung enough does that. But I've taken to trying to catch and release them back outside, or opening windows to give them a chance to go free.



Amanda Nicholson, WCV:

I do look at bees with a greater appreciation!



Chapin Hardy, WCV:

I know someone else who is afraid of bees...

Comment From Lacy, WCV

This book definitely made me want to learn more about these little insects. I've thought about this story and Flora every time I've seen a little honeybee out in the yard.



Chapin Hardy, WCV:

Awww!

Comment From Lydia in PA

I loved the description of the foragers revving their engines before they took off from the landing board, and the different maneuvers it took to get the pollen or nectar depending on type and shape of the flower. I was out filling bird feeders today and heard all this buzzing and was watching the honeybees move down into the various flower heads and could not stop thinking of that. Revving their little engines.

Comment From rejoyce

It gives you such an appreciation for bees, the work they do, and the dangers they face.

Comment From Lacy, WCV

It isn't as bad as it looks, Raina... Well, maybe it is. But at least honeybees are pretty peaceful :)



Raina Krasner, WCV:

Oh, the bee sting. I dunno ... :)

Comment From rejoyce

Yes, I like honeybees!

Comment From Lydia in PA

I agree Rejoyce. and The effect of the heavy rains on the nectar supply, planting ornamentals that have no value to the bee, the use of pesticides that are killing the bees..



Raina Krasner, WCV:

(oh this was from earlier ... but good point!)



Chapin Hardy, WCV:

And then there is colony collapse syndrome.

Comment From Lydia in PA

When Flora came near the cell tower, she called a tree, it pulled her in and she got very tired and confused. What effect do those cell towers have on honey bees?



Amanda Nicholson, WCV:

Oh -- I did google that. Apparently there was some thought that maybe cell towers were impacting bees, but some researchers have decided it's not likely. From USDA "Despite a great deal of attention having been paid to the idea, neither cell phones nor cell phone towers have been shown to have any connection to CCD or poor honey bee health."



Chapin Hardy, WCV:

I think scientists think its a combination of things that causes CCD

Comment From Lydia in PA

Oh, thanks Amanda.

Comment From Mary E in NC

So much of our food depends on bees - they are essential!



Amanda Nicholson, WCV:

Yes. Seems like a very complicated issue.

Comment From Izzy

It also has made me aware of the places and spaces where you would expect to find bees and don't see or hear any. Makes you wonder if damage has already been done in that area that caused them to disappear.



Chapin Hardy, WCV:

Tracheal mites, pesticides, temperatures

Comment From Kali-TX

i was disappointed that the author didn't mention CCD or other problems affecting bees... only tangentially.

Comment From Lydia in PA

We NEED the honey bee for our own survival. Our world and crops would be greatly impacted negatively if the honeybee does not survive

Comment From Lacy, WCV

It is tough to be a bee... and we (humans) aren't making it easier. I have lots of invasive plants at our new house... I'm hoping to slowly replace those with native plants over the next few years for the good of insects, birds, etc.

Comment From Mary E in NC

Beekeepers move bees around to pollinate crops - makes you wonder how they stick to their own hives.



Raina Krasner, WCV:

Smells, I guess!



Amanda Nicholson, WCV:

Dancing!

Comment From rejoyce

I think it also explores the idea of blind devotion and following others just because that's what everyone else is doing. Being afraid of being different.



Amanda Nicholson, WCV:

Ah, there's the dystopian nature of the book ...



Chapin Hardy, WCV:

They ship them across states. I saw a documentary on the bee pollinating business.

Comment From Kali-TX

the hive description was based on some ancient house, not an actual hive, and it confused me.



Raina Krasner, WCV:

Yes, Laline Paull talks about that in an interview ... she said her vision of the hive was based off of "a map of a Minoan palace interior, from the British Museum. The Cretan Minoan civilization dates from 1700BC, and was very sophisticated and sexually egalitarian, if not biased towards women. It was an inspiration for translating a real beehive into a fictional landscape." So, not like a real hive? I'd love to have a better understanding of what the interior of a hive looks like.

Comment From rejoyce

I was struck the most by the theme of a mother's love for her child. That is soooooo true, and a bond that cannot be broken.

Comment From GN

An "R" rated book club and you need a dictionary to understand.



Chapin Hardy, WCV:

HA!



Raina Krasner, WCV:

We aim to educate.

Comment From Dave in Missouri

Lol GN!



Raina Krasner, WCV:

So ... reviews of the book?

Comment From Marianne in NC

I read a lot of the reviews in Goodreads. Many people loved it, including people who appeared to know a lot about bees.

Comment From Marianne in NC

From the bee blog The Hive from Mark Winston: "I just wish she had let her imaginary bees be just a bit more like real bees, and that her grains of truth had been expanded to pebbles or even large nuggets of honeybee reality."



Photo from Kline Honey Bee Farm



Raina Krasner, WCV:

What do we rate this book overall?



Amanda Nicholson, WCV:

Sorry -- winter cluster! I thought that was cool.



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Comment From Marianne in NC

Beautiful --



Raina Krasner, WCV:

Ratings?

Comment From Izzy

I really enjoyed this book I think it gave you insight into what bees face and the impact humans are having overall. Yet at the same time it was imaginative and kept you wanting to read to the end. I give it a Buzzing Five Stingers up!



Amanda Nicholson, WCV:

Ha!



Raina Krasner, WCV:

Ha :)



Chapin Hardy, WCV:

It was an entertaining read... I say 4.

Comment From Dave in Missouri

Awesome pictures!



Amanda Nicholson, WCV:

So Izzy says 5 ... Chapin says 4 ... (remember this is a 5 star system, no half stars on Goodreads)

Comment From rejoyce

5

Comment From katiesmom

Oh my did you see that there was a tractor trailer accident a couple of weeks ago with a couple hundred hives on their way to a blueberry farm. I felt so bad for the bees.

Comment From Kathy in NM ♥

I give it a 4 for an imaginative story. I, too, would have preferred a little more reality.



Raina Krasner, WCV:

I say 4, too.

Comment From Mary E in NC

I liked it - a 5!

Comment From Lacy, WCV

I read this book in the winter and I was so excited to see the honeybees when things started warming up. It has really stuck with me. Flora and the hive made quite an impression



Raina Krasner, WCV:

:)

Comment From BarbG

4



Chapin Hardy, WCV:

What would you rate it, Lacy? You were the one who suggested this book.

Comment From Lacy, WCV

I think 4.

Comment From Brenda from Virginia

The book shows the hard lives bees lead and made me sympathetic and respectful at the same time. I read it in two days--hated to put it down. I give it a 5.

Comment From Kali-TX

i'll give a 3 - too much fiction and not enough fact. i love bees, and this book didn't do them justice.

Comment From Lydia in PA

I rated in a 4 in Goodreads.



Amanda Nicholson, WCV:

So maybe a collective 4.

Comment From Izzy

Great book choice Lacy a real Royal Jelly of a choice! Top of the hive!



Raina Krasner, WCV:

4 seems fair



Chapin Hardy, WCV:

That sounds good to me.

Comment From Lydia in PA

And I wrote a review in Goodreads of why I rated it a 4.



Amanda Nicholson, WCV:

But you know ... you can sign up on Goodreads and rate it yourself (I LOVE goodreads)



Raina Krasner, WCV:

I like your review, Lacy.



Raina Krasner, WCV:

I like Lydia's review, too!

Comment From Lacy, WCV

Ha! Thanks! Glad ya'll liked it :)



Amanda Nicholson, WCV:

Yes. And then review it too. Reviews are good.

Comment From rejoyce

4 seems fair :)

Comment From GN

I give the book club moderators a five. As you are probably aware, I didn't read the book. Again.

**Amanda Nicholson, WCV:**

But ... you had comparisons and everything!

**Amanda Nicholson, WCV:**

The sages!

**Raina Krasner, WCV:**

Big fat F for you, GN.

**Chapin Hardy, WCV:**

Sneaky GN!

Comment From katiesmom

Oh GN!!!!

Comment From Marianne in NC

Yes, the moderators get fives!

Comment From BarbG

yes the moderators were fantastic and I learned a lot more thanks

**Chapin Hardy, WCV:**

So what is next?

**Amanda Nicholson, WCV:**

So ... next book

**Chapin Hardy, WCV:**

I feel this book will be more black and white ...

Comment From Izzy

Ooo feel like we need a fanfare or a drum roll... next book is???

Comment From Marianne in NC

Drum roll . . .

Comment From Brenda from Virginia

I agree 5 for the mods and Lacy and 4 for the book as a group rating.



Amanda Nicholson, WCV:

We didn't pick a date yet ... (although we were so prepped in every other way)

Comment From rejoyce

What's next????



Amanda Nicholson, WCV:

So we'll meet in December.

Comment From Lacy, WCV

I'm excited for the next book! I don't think it is one that I've read...



Amanda Nicholson, WCV:

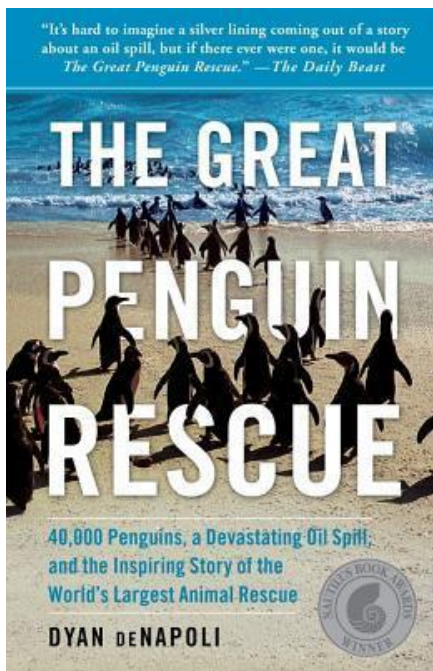
But it will be cold ...

Comment From Marianne in NC

Zebras?

Comment From Marianne in NC

Penguins?



Comment From Marianne in NC

YES!



Raina Krasner, WCV:

The Great Penguin Rescue: 40,000 Penguins, a Devastating Oil Spill, and the Inspiring Story of the World's Largest Animal Rescue by Dyan deNapoli

Comment From Izzy

Chapin said the book is more black and white.. and i bet in the critter nation it will be... read all over ;)



Raina Krasner, WCV:

The Great Penguin Rescue for short. :)



Amanda Nicholson, WCV:

Groan



Chapin Hardy, WCV:

HA!

Comment From Izzy

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Comment From Marianne in NC

Another good one, Izzy!

Comment From rejoyce

Oh my, is it sad?



Chapin Hardy, WCV:

Well there is the word rescue in there, so not all sad.

Comment From Marianne in NC

Course "rescue" is in the title.



Raina Krasner, WCV:

We'll have to read to find out!

Comment From katiesmom

Oh my Izzy!!!

Comment From GN

I will read this book. I like penguins.

Comment From BarbG

sounds very interesting



Raina Krasner, WCV:

Finally.

Comment From Lydia in PA

HA Izzy!



Raina Krasner, WCV:

I'll believe it when I see it, GN.

Comment From Lacy, WCV

I can't imagine what these folks went through rescuing and rehabbing 40,000 penguins! I'm excited to learn how they did it!

Comment From Kathy in NM ♥

Awww...Penguins break my heart - such a tough life.

Comment From Izzy

This sounds like a great book I love penguins! I got to watch them swim and eat and do penguin things while at the Montreal Biodome :) Would love to hear more about them even if it is a little sad



Amanda Nicholson, WCV:

Thanks so much, everyone. Great book club!



Raina Krasner, WCV:

Thanks everyone!



Chapin Hardy, WCV:

Yes! Thank you to everyone who joined us tonight!

Comment From Marianne in NC

Thanks, WCV!

Comment From Izzy

Thanks for a great book club all :) mods you all are the best!!

Comment From Brenda from Virginia

This will be perfect for the cold weather, and I love penguins.

Comment From Lacy, WCV

Thanks for all the bee knowledge!

Comment From rejoyce

Thanks everyone! AS always, I learned a lot!

Comment From Kathy in NM ♥

Thanks WCV and CN! Another great book club!

Comment From Brenda from Virginia

Another great book club. Thanks, everyone!

Comment From katiesmom

Have a good evening girls!

Comment From BarbB in nj

Learned a lot more about bees tonight.Thanks!

Comment From Izzy

I'm so excited I actually read the whole book ahead of the meeting, and got to be here for it! Yes :D best ever!

Comment From GN

Can't wait to find out how they choose the queen penguin.

Comment From Lydia in PA

I watched the movie---darn--what was it called? March of the Penguins? About the penguins caring for their eggs. They do have a hard life. That movie made me cry

Comment From Mary E in NC

Thanks for a great book club, WCV and everyone!

Comment From Lydia in PA

Thanks Lacey for suggesting the book. Guess I will be visiting AmazonSmile for the next one (but please not Dec 6-10. I will be away!

Comment From p reaves

I didn't read the book but enjoyed learning about bees. Thanks