

A neurobiologist shares fascinating insights into the intelligent behaviour of bees.



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Randolf Menzel, born in 1940, has been busying himself with bees for five decades. The zoologist and neuro-biologist is an authority on research into animal intelligence and has been head of the Neurobiology Institute at the Free University in Berlin for over 30 years. *The Intelligence of Bees* is his first publication for a general audience.

Matthias Eckoldt, born in 1964, is an author, lecturer and radio contributor with multiple awards to his name. He has published novels, essays and non-fiction books.

We love bees because of the sweet honey they make. But more significantly, they are among the most important and intelligent of the useful animals on earth. Without them pollinating the blossoms, things would look bad indeed for the world food supply. But they can do far more: their tiny brains think, plan, count and even dream. Even after five decades of intensive research, bees never cease to amaze the famous brain expert Randolph Menzel. Now at last, in cooperation with science journalist Matthias Eckoldt, he has put into a wonderfully readable book all he knows about bees.

For readers of Peter Wohlleben's *The Secret Life of Trees* and Josef Reichholf's *Ornis: The Life of Birds*.

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