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**Margriet Dogterom : Pollination with Mason Bees: A Gardener and Naturalists' Guide to Managing Mason Bees for Fruit Production** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Pollination with Mason Bees: A Gardener and Naturalists' Guide to Managing Mason Bees for Fruit

## Production:

3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. Only OKBy Viktor LuxI bought this book because it is hard to find information on keeping Mason, or Orchard Bees. With the continued decline in bee populations of all kinds (at least to my eyes here in Spokane, WA) it seems imperative I supplement the surviving population in order to ensure a crop from my backyard fruit trees. This book said both more and less than I had hoped. The author seems to write English as a second language: the entire text would have been improved by careful editing. She went into considerable detail in how she "harvests" pupae, but did not address any other methods of keeping pupa over the winter, apart from brief mention to keep them cool and reasonably humidified until the following year. What about keeping them outside all winter? She apparently lived on the Pacific Slope (near the Puget Sound/ Inside Passage area) where winters are mild. The winter low temperature in my region can drop to minus 10 Fahrenheit and relative humidity can be equally low. In short, she raised as many questions as she answered. I'll keep looking.

4 of 4 people found the following review helpful. Simple and Hands-on w/Mason beesBy Opportunities-KnockThis is a small but succinct book covering all aspects involved with the introduction of Mason Bees to your garden. In addition to outlining the insect's life cycle, the primary value of the book is the short, but adequate steps outlined regarding housing, caring for the cocoons and increasing numbers of the bees through a careful management of their environment. Highly recommended.

12 of 13 people found the following review helpful. a starter book, but a bit thinBy T. WiseNot a bad book for a starter into the topic, but it's fairly thin on details, and some of the ideas contained within do run counter to ideas found elsewhere. If you're looking for a basic book on Mason Bees, I'd suggest the one by Brian Griffin instead, which gives a bit more detail while being eminently more readable.

Introduces concept of pollination and bees/ mason bees to gardeners in order to increase fruit production. Includes information on nest construction and mason bee build-up with detailed pen and ink illustrations.