A field trip with the bees

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Leaving Home

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Henrietta is a scout, a so-called field bee. Though she spent her youth inside the hive working, now she has a big responsibility outside – she has to find a new home for the bee colony! The colony has grown too large for the many worker bees to survive. And so Henrietta leaves home with a huge swarm --thousands of her sisters. But where will the bees find a new home?

Dive into the fascinating world of bees and join them on their journey! Bee expert Kirsten Traynor knows lots of amazing stories about a largely unknown part of these fascinating insects' lives. Accompanied by wonderful illustrations, these stories bring the bee colony to life.

Kirsten Traynor

Kirsten Traynor, born 1981 in New York, is head of the Bee Institute at the University of Hohenheim near Stuttgart. After completing her Bachelor's degree in English, the German-American discovered her passion for bees by chance: she went to a farm in Maryland, took a beekeeping course, won a bee box in a raffle and soon had 20 bee colonies.

The fascination was so great that she quickly switched to studying biology. Even before she started studying biology, she studied the differences between European and American beekeeping as a scholarship holder at the Bee Institute in Celle.

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Carim Nahaboo is an illustrator living in London. He specialises in detailed nature illustrations, but also illustrates much more.