

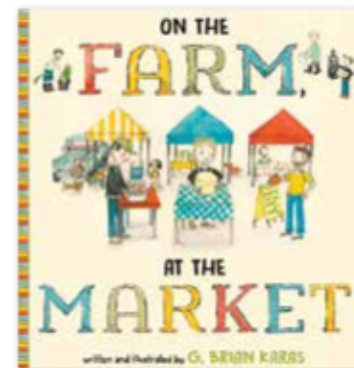
Lisa Prince Newman grew up amid endless orchards in what is today the urban sprawl of the Silicon Valley. Her cookbook **For the Love of Apricots** was inspired by her passion for the local Blenheims she grew up enjoying. Recipes center around the fruit in fresh and dried forms, and include sweet and savory items, such as a fruity kale and farro salad, apricot custard tart and her own legendary jam. Hardcover available at [fortheloveofapricots.com](http://fortheloveofapricots.com). \$25.



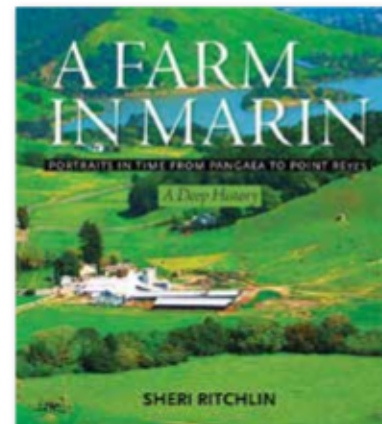
As practical as it is engaging, **Honey Bee Hobbyist** by University of California, Davis, entomologist Norman Gary can help you decide if backyard beekeeping is for you and how to go about it. Learn all about these important pollinators, including the intricacies of bee reproduction and society, how to use surplus honey, and why most people shouldn't be overly afraid of a bee's sting. Paperback from CompanionHouse Books. \$19.99.



In **The Posy Book**, author Teresa H. Sabankaya, a farmer-florist living in the Santa Cruz Mountains, presents "recipes" for the namesake small, circular flower bouquets. Each of the author's arrangements uses the Victorian "language of flowers" to symbolically convey sentiments such as friendship, luck, courage and love. The book includes plenty of practical advice on flower-arranging basics. Hardcover from The Countryman Press. \$24.95.



It's the day before the farmers market, and lots of work is underway at the vegetable farm, the dairy and the mushroom farm to harvest, make cheese and collect mushrooms for hungry market-goers. **On the Farm, at the Market**, written and illustrated by G. Brian Karas, offers a detailed look at the interdependent relationship between those who produce food and those who consume it. Hardcover from Henry Holt and Co. \$17.99.



Sheri Ritchlin's **A Farm in Marin** meanders through time, interweaving the origins of a ranch in Marin County, migrations of people throughout history, and her own experiences working at a local farm stand. Ambitious and at times madcap, Ritchlin's charming memoir/history manages to transform the legacy of a single ranch into a story that in one way or another touches us all. Paperback from Millichap Books. \$30.

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