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Egypt to the present. Not simply a descriptive account, the book

suggests that beekeeping's long history may in fact contain