

BEE



Maggie Li

New plants are growing and the sun is coming out – it's spring!



Can you see **Bee** zipping through the flowers?



Speedy, buzzy Bee visits lots of flowers and slurps the sweet **nectar**.



On the way, tiny spots of **pollen** rub off on Bee's furry legs.



When Bee flies to the next flower, some of this pollen is left behind. This helps new plants to grow.

Where's Bee
going next?

. . . But some places don't have enough.

Oh no!
Poor Bee is
very **hungry!**

Far and wide, high and low, Bee flies
a long way to search for flowers .

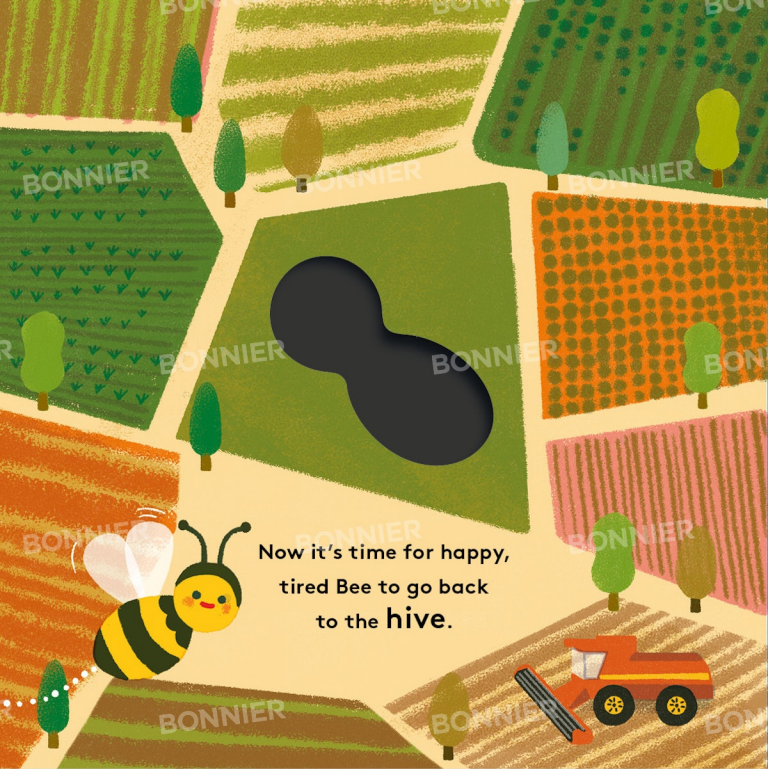
Without Bee's hard work, many plants,
fruits and vegetables wouldn't grow.



Luckily, this little child wants
to help Bee. They know
exactly what to do.



Grow pretty flowers!



Now it's time for happy,
tired Bee to go back
to the **hive**.

Hello Beekeeper!
Here Bee is safe and looked after.



Inside the hive,
there's a busy town . . .

. . . made of tiny rooms
called **honeycomb**.



Bee lives here
with a family
called a **colony**.



In these little rooms, some busy bees
make **honey** for the winter.



They fan and flap their wings until
the runny nectar turns to sticky honey.

But look!

Someone special
is buzzing by . . .



. . . It's **Queen Bee!**

It's her job to protect the hive.



Bee and the colony help her

by keeping their home strong and clean.



Soon, it will be summer and the colony will need lots more bees!

Queen Bee lays tiny eggs in her hive.



The little rooms are used as a nursery.

Now the cycle
starts again.



There's plenty of
eating honey . . .



. . . and
growing too.



Until a new, tiny
Bee appears!



Out in the meadow, Bee spends the **whole** summer searching for nectar and spreading pollen.



Can you see the bees dancing together?



This **waggle dance** tells Bee where to find the best flowers!



As summer sleeps, autumn blows and then
winter settles around the hive . . .



. . . Bee is ready to rest.

Bee **huddles** closely around
Queen Bee to keep warm.
The colony has a long wait ahead . . .



. . . Until spring comes around
and Bee's adventures begin again.

