

Do you have a gut-feeling about the deterioration of many of your favorite trees, a suspicion that humans must be the problem? As Dr. Reese makes clear, the beetles, the fungi are only symptoms. We must look to ourselves to safeguard our remarkable planet for future generations.

Dr. James Hansen, Director of NASA Goddard Institute for Space Studies, author *Storms of my Grandchildren*

Dr. Halter presents a convincing picture of the effects of global warming from an unusual perspective. If anyone still has doubts about climate change, they need only to read this book to see one of the consequences developing as pine bark beetles expand their range and destroy our temperate forests.

Dr Gordon Moore, Co-founder and Chairman Emeritus Intel Corporation

A superb science communicator on his home territory - the forests. Dr Halter's text is infused with passion, vision and an up-to-the-minute knowledge of the signatures of change that global warming is bringing to Earth's forest ecosystems. A stunning expose of recent science from around the globe that is woven with the authors' deep knowledge of forests to sound the warning of further devastation to our forests unless we can curtail our climate-warming activities. We must heed Dr Halter's call so that generations to follow will be able to do what he does and "Find a special, sacred place in nature where, with just a little practice, you can feel, smell, hear and even taste the wild untamed universal energy that courses throughout our planet."

Dr. Chris Weston, Department of Forest and Ecosystem Science, The University of Melbourne

Dr Reese Halter's love of nature and despair at the devastation that man is wreaking on the Earth's wild places ring out passionately from the pages of this book. With the world changing so quickly it is hard to know which way to look, but Dr Reese's pause to take in the tragedy threatening the ancient forests of North America puts the immediate and immense threat of global warming in sharp focus. As chilling as a howl in a moonlit wood, *The Insatiable Bark Beetle* is a desperate plea for sense to prevail.

Steve Payne, Editor, Australian Broadcasting Corporation's Organic Gardener

In this lucid and information-rich book, Dr. Reese Halter tells the story of an ancient relationship gone awry, perhaps the most dramatic example to date of how climate change is disrupting and imbalancing the Earth's ecosystems.

David Perry, Professor Emeritus, Oregon State University, coauthor *Forest Ecosystems*

The Insatiable Bark Beetle by Dr. Reese Halter, is a well-written, systemic examination of the growing challenges we humans face by hiding behind the intellectual wall of informed denial and social irresponsibility with respect to global warming.

Chris Maser, Zoologist, coauthor *Economics and Ecology: United for a Sustainable World*

Can it be true that a handful of fertile soil contains more microorganisms than the total number of humans who have ever lived? Can beetles, birds and trees be linked in a way that can transform our world? This small book has huge implications for our global future.

Robyn Williams, Award-winning Australian science journalist and broadcaster, author *True Story Waiting to Happen*

""""""""Dr. Halter's call of the tiny wild""""""""

Dr Reese Halter has done it again. Not satisfied with bringing global attention to what honeybees have been trying to tell us, in his most recent book *The Insatiable Bark Beetle*, he is acting as microphonist for the tiny Bark Beetles.

These increasingly numerous insects are chomping away at our forests at rates, and in areas never before seen.

And why?

Us.

It was the same "us" as in the story of the difficulties faced by honeybees in his last amazing book.

But this time the warnings are for damages that are not food related, but rather for damages that will be - er - are - shelter related.

As larger and larger tracts of forest are manipulated by forestry companies to keep markets indefinitely supplied with cheap wood, larger and larger tracts of 'food' are being created for the bark beetles to eat.

Add to this are the effects of global climate change that increasingly fails to kill off these pests during winters that are increasingly mild. And add even MORE to this by the attempts to suppress natural forest fires. When forests are prevented from undergoing their eternal cycle of growth, maturity, fire, growth, maturity, fire. What happens is that huge. No...

HUGE

Well, enough from me. I'm a retired ecologist and hence my

thoughts are part of the series of events that made all of this happen. Instead of reading what I say, read Dr Reese Halter's new book in which he beautifully and compassionately tells these stories --- then do something. Anything.

Anything that helps.*****

Doug Larson, Professor Emeritus, University of Guelph,
author *Storyteller Guitar*

This is not a pleasant read. In fact it is frightening - and meant to be so. Most commentary in the popular media is about what might be the future impact of global warming on human welfare. Dr Reese Halter shifts the emphasis to what has already occurred, present and past, as a result of human-induced global warming with particular emphasis on the impact of exploding populations of bark beetles on forested ecosystems in North America. I was surprised by the extent to which bark beetles have already caused such wide devastation over so many forest types and over such a wide geographical range. Dr Reese presents convincing evidence that increased average temperatures have caused this. He presents the impact of bark beetles on forests as just one example of the deleterious effects of global warming, both known and predicted, on terrestrial and marine ecosystems worldwide. There is a great amount of detail in this book. In this respect the book is fine discussion on ecosystem processes and stress physiology. The passion (and despair) of the author pervades the book. There may be the temptation by some to mistake the passion for ideology. This would be a mistake. The book is backed by quality science. Politicians and policy makers should read this book. I thoroughly recommend it.

Roger Sands, Professor Emeritus, University of Canterbury,
author *Forestry in a Global Context*

Dr. Reese Halter provides compelling evidence that climate change, bark beetles, forest fires and dying forests are incredibly intertwined. He has shown us a frightening, but all too real, scenario of our future. The Insatiable Bark Beetle is a warning that the unintended consequences of climate change are already with us and are reaching deep into our forests. The balance of nature between plants and insects he describes is fascinating, and an important reminder of the interconnectedness of life on Earth. A great read!

Robert Teskey, Distinguished Research Professor, Warnell School of Forestry and Natural Resources, University of Georgia

Dr. Reese Halter has written a new “must-read” book. It is jam-packed with fascinating information and awe-inspiring stories that portray the intricacy and complexity of our forest ecosystems, their vulnerability to climate change, and the many services they provide to mankind. Dr. Halter draws on his vast knowledge about tree physiology, forest ecology, climate change and conservation biology, and takes us on a grand ride to some of the wonders on planet Earth and how we all can help retain them for many generations to come.

Professor Gerhard Gries, Simon Fraser University, NSERC Industrial Research Chair in Insect Communication Ecology

As a retail management specialist and a non scientifically trained layman, I find it relaxing and fascinating to read Dr. Reese Halter stories on the life of the Giant Sequoias of California or The Insatiable Bark Beetles.

We learn of the interdependence of the various species that live on our planet and the effects of human habits and behavior.

His words, his advice are powerful, but always encouraging

and full of hope for our society.

Dr. Reese Halter has a knack to simplify complex situations and describe in a poetic, simple and inviting manner the enchanting areas of the world he has studied or visited.

To the busy and curious human beings I recommend reading a few pages of Dr. Reese Halter stories on a regular basis, it will give you a positive outlook on life.

Aldo Bensadoun, Founder and CEO ALDO Groupe