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THE HIDDEN KINGDOM OF FUNGI: EXPLORING THE MICROSCOPIC WORLD AROUND US

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Praise for *The Hidden Kingdom of Fungi*

'An impassioned, erudite and enthralling exploration of these extraordinary life-forms.'
Alison Pouliot, author of *The Allure of Fungi*

An accessible look at our relationship with fungi, from an author who has spent more than forty years studying them on five continents

Fungi are essential to all life on Earth and yet fungal diseases and toxins lead to over one million deaths each year. How can we strike a better balance with our microbial cousins?

These remarkable microbes enrich our lives: from enhancing the health of forests, to producing life-changing medicine, to adding umami flavour and B vitamins to our food. But not all fungi are good for us.

This compelling book from esteemed mycologist Keith Seifert ventures into our homes, bodies, farms, and forests to profile the fungi that inhabit our environments. Drawing from the latest research, he explains where fungi came from and how yeasts, lichens, and moulds have evolved and adapted over millions of years.

The Hidden Kingdom of Fungi urges us to better understand our relationship with fungi, while revealing their world in all its beautiful complexity.



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Keith Seifert spent more than forty years studying fungi on five continents. At Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada, he did research on microscopic fungi from farms, forests, food, and the built environment, to reduce toxins and diseases affecting plants and animals. He was president of the International Mycological Association, an executive editor of *Mycologia*, and associate editor of several other scientific journals. He is an adjunct professor at Carleton University and lives near Ottawa, Canada.

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