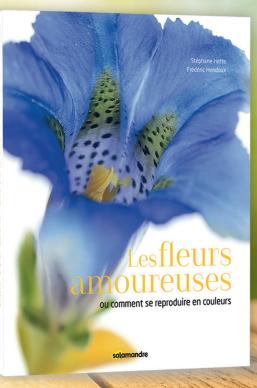
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Amorous Trees

or how trees reproduce without moving

By Francis Hallé and Frédéric Hendoux - Photographs: Stéphane Hette

You'll never look at a tree in the same way again!

About the authors

How do trees reproduce? What ploys do they use to ensure their lineage without moving from the spot? All around us, unseen by us, trees that are ten, twenty or thirty metres high woo each other and whisper sweet nothings. Shrouded by their foliage, their brightly coloured flowers employ amazing methods. Photographer Stéphane Hette's sumptuous illustrations reveal their often bizarre shapes and brilliant colours. Welcome to the world of amorous trees, where buds, flowers and catkins rival one another in their surprising beauty.

A reference book

Botanist Francis Hallé introduces this exquisitely illustrated book. The reader is invited to discover the inner life of twenty different trees through Stéphane Hette's delicate photographs and botanist Frédéric Hendoux' accompanying texts – a skilful blend of fascinating anecdote and scientific fact.

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Introduction by Francis Hallé

- 1. The hazel tree let the dance of the flowers begin...
- 2. The black alder when a tree falls in love with a bacterium
- 3. The field elm how a fungus hinders reproduction
- 4. The trembling aspen beating the cold weather
- 5. The male dogwood a real tough guy that hides its feminine side
- 6. The yew a story of water

Francis Hallé is an internationally renowned botanist and an expert on trees and tropical forests. He is the author of numerous books, including *Plaidoyer pour l'arbre* (Actes Sud, 2005). He is also the narrator of Luc Jacquet's film *Il était une forêt*.

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20 flowers in a riot of colours

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This book offers a brief history of the science of plant reproduction and includes unique historical and vellum colour illustrations from the Paris Natural History Museum, presented by Alice Lemaire, curator, and Marc Jeanson, botanist in charge of the museum's plant collection.

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Supernatural stories Plants and insect partnerships, tricks and ploys

By Gregory Roeder - Photographs: Stéphane Hette

20 mind-boggling stories of partnerships, trickery and rivalries between insects and plants, illustrated by stunning photographs.

Verging on the unreal close to home

From the insect that uses an aquatic plant as an aqualung to live underwater to the parasitic fungus that convinces its plant host to make fake flowers to confuse pollinators, or the beetle that feeds on poison to make itself indigestible, this illustrated book features 20 fascinating stories of extraordinary tactics used by plants and insects to ensure their survival. Gregory Roeder, professor and PhD in chemical ecology, is a modern-day explorer whose research pushes the boundaries of science. He and his team publish in the leading scientific journals including Science and Nature. In this thrilling narrative, illustrated by Stéphane Hette's sumptuous photos, the author shares cutting-edge scientific information. You'll never see spiders, flowers or butterflies in the same way again!

Highlights

- Cutting-edge science, presented as a thriller with beautiful illustrations.
- A deep-dive into the interactions between insects told in an engaging way with stunning photographs.
- Exquisite 'action' photographs published for the first time, with informative captions.
- The author is a PhD and professor in a laboratory at the forefront of research into plant-insect interactions, in collaboration with an internationally renowned photographer.
- For all those keen to discover astonishing facts about the incredible interactions between plants and insects, for lovers of beauty and the naturally inquisitive.

About the authors

Gregory Roeder, professor and PhD in chemical ecology, is a modern-day explorer who pushes the boundaries of science. He and his team publish in the leading scientific journals, including Science and Nature. An accomplished sportsman and mountaineer, he ventures into the most extreme environments to observe the flora and fauna that are the subject of his research.

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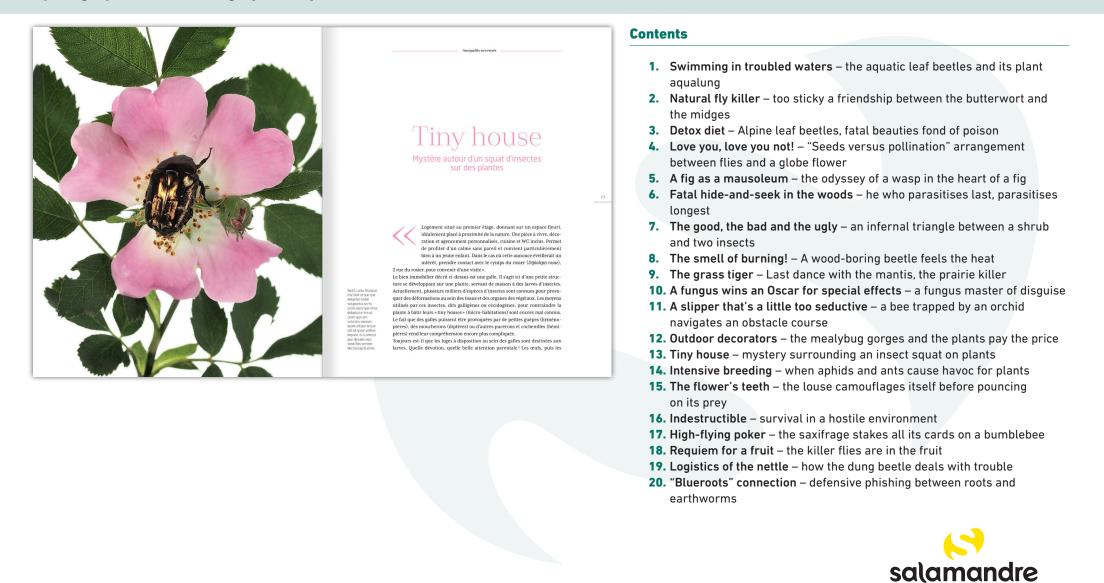
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Les dents de la fleur

La thomise se fond dans le décor avant de fondre sur sa proie

ce début d'été. Les insectes pollinisateurs, abeilles et mouches en tête, sont à la fête et profitent de la chaleur ambiante. Cousin des mouches, un syrphe revêt la livrée caractéristique des guèpes sociales. Son mimétisme lui assure une protection visuelle des plus efficaces. Car les prédateurs entomophages connaissent, loin à la ronde, la réputation des guèpes et l'effet peu aimable de leur venin. Fort habile en vol, le syrphe se décide à rendre visite à une belle marguerite (*Leu*-

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