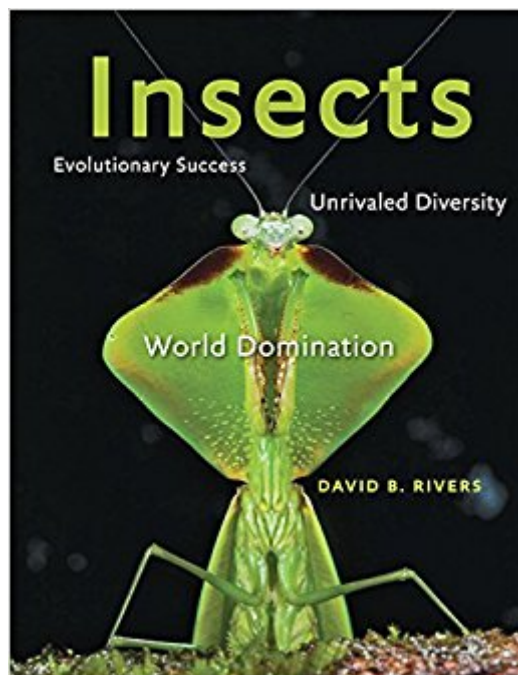




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- the positive and negative influences of insects on everyday human life
- insect abundance
- insect classification (here presented in the context of social media)
- insect feeding, communication, defense, and sex
- how insects are responding to climate change
- forensic entomology
- how insects can be used as weapons of war
- how insects relate to national security
- why insects have wings
- how to read pesticide labels

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