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## On the Shoulders of Nature. How Ten Millions Species Save your Life

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Fascinating tales of our interactions with nature, from the author of Sunday Times bestseller, *Extraordinary Insects*.

Millions of species give us food, medicine and a habitable environment. In characteristically engaging prose, Anne Sverdrup-Thygeson takes us out into the rainforests, where orchid bees make perfume and pollinate the nuts you crack at Christmas; beneath the cool shade of great trees on city streets that reduce the need for air-cooling systems. We read about trees in ancient woodland that provide us with cancer medicines and the kingfisher that inspired the design of bullet trains. But we also discover how our behaviour can place all this in jeopardy, because our capacity to exploit nature also risks undermining the basis for our very existence. What we are seeing today is a biodiversity crisis in which species are threatened and habitats vanishing - a situation just as acute and serious as the climate crisis.

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### Other titles

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