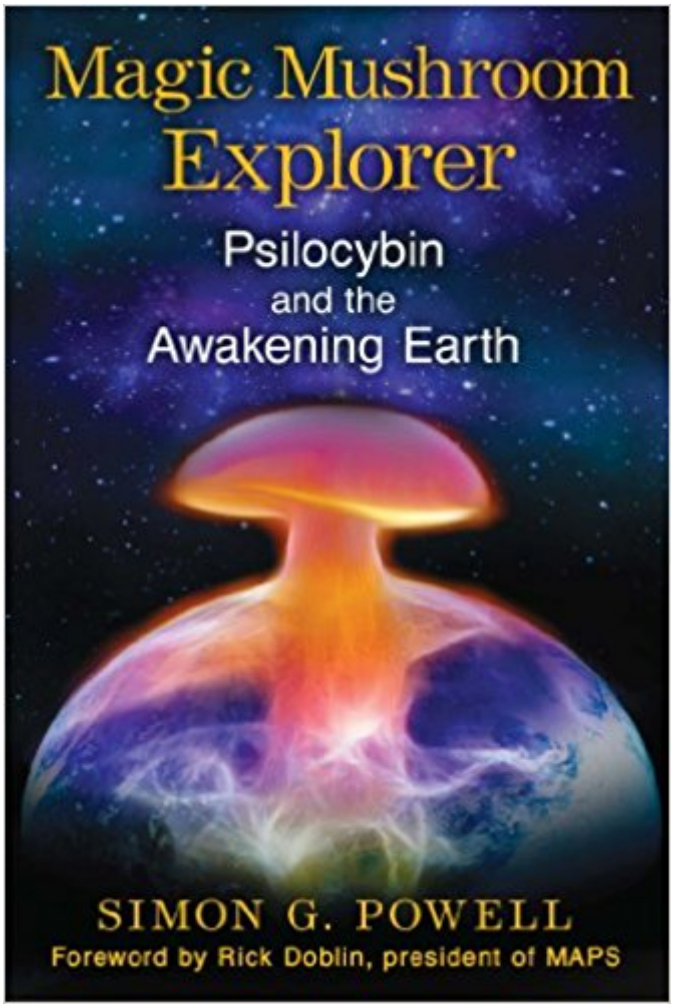
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Synopsis

A visionary guide to safely using psilocybin mushrooms to tap in to the wisdom of Nature and reconnect humanity to the biosphere Ã¢â ¬Â¢ Explores the ecopsychological effects of wild psychedelic mushrooms, including enhanced biophilia, expanded awareness, eco-shamanic encounters, and access to the ancient wisdom that binds all life on Earth Ã¢â ¬Â¢ Examines the most recent scientific studies on psilocybin in the U.S. and U.K. Ã¢â ¬Â¢ Details the authorÃ¢â ¬â„¢s work to keep the use of psilocybin mushrooms legal in the U.K. and shows that an irrational rejection of scientific evidence underlies the harsh war against psychedelic states of consciousness Psilocybin, the active ingredient found in psychedelic mushrooms, is an invaluable natural resource for spiritually revivifying the human psyche and reconnecting us to the biosphere and the vast intelligence of Nature. Interweaving the most recent scientific studies in the United States and Britain, more than 25 years of sacred mushroom exploration, and behind-the-scenes details on the political wars against psychedelics, Simon G. Powell offers a guide to safely navigating and maximizing the healing and spiritual potential of psilocybin. Powell explores the ecopsychological effects of wild psychedelic mushrooms, including enhanced biophilia, expanded awareness, mystical visions, and eco-shamanic encounters. He reveals how the beings and otherworldly teachers common in psilocybin experiences are actually emissaries from our higher consciousness that emerge when the floodgates of perception have been opened. He shares vivid descriptions from many of his own psilocybin journeys and shows how the mushroom offers a path of return to the ancient wisdom binding all life on Earth, a wisdom conveyed through tutorial visions and higher modes of perception. Illustrating psilocybinÃ¢â ¬â„¢s healthful properties, now acknowledged by mainstream science, Powell describes his activism in the fight to keep psilocybin mushroom use legal in the U.K. and shows that an irrational rejection of scientific evidence underlies the harsh war against psychedelic states of consciousness. Laying the groundwork for a new relationship with our biosphere, Powell shows how the EarthÃ¢â ¬â„¢s psychedelic medicines can reconnect us to the spirituality and wisdom of Nature and bring the human race back from the brink of ecological and existential disaster.

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SimonÃ¢â ¬â„¢s book discusses all these highly charged ideas in a charming, easily understood, humorous, and utterly engaging manner that will resonate with experienced psilocybin explorers and that may just open the eyes of those who are not (yet) experienced to the possibility that nature is richly blessed with unimagined realms of intelligence, mystery, and complexity. With this book, his third, Simon has knocked it right out of the park (or perhaps right into the park, since parks seem to be the frequent home of his little fungal friends).Ã¢â ¬Â• (Dennis McKenna, Ph.D., ethnopharmacologist, cofounder of the Heffter Research Institute, and author)Ã¢â ¬Å“Simon G. Powell, a credible psychonaut, has written a book that should be welcomed as our overpopulated species attempts to transition to sane drug policies and respect for native wisdom, integration with nature, and, ultimately, planetary maturity and ecological stability.Ã¢â ¬Â• (Dorion Sagan, American science writer, essayist, and theorist)Ã¢â ¬Å“The author informs, muses, and amuses as he chronicles his psilocybin explorations and insights into natural intelligence. He writes in joyfully plain English, tells compelling stories, and gets excited by all of life. Definitely outside the box.Ã¢â ¬Â• (Jeremy Narby, author of The Cosmic Serpent)Ã¢â ¬Å“Simon G. PowellÃ¢â ¬â„¢s most profound insight is that nature is intelligent, not in the way that we think of intelligence as confined to the human mind, but that intelligence is an intrinsic property of the whole of nature. He calls for a new science of Ã¢â ¬Ëœpsilocybinetics Ã¢â ¬â„¢ that views life anew under the Ã¢â ¬Ëœperceptual lens Ã¢â ¬â„¢ afforded by the mushroom. It is an interesting and provocative read!Ã¢â ¬Â• (David E. Nichols, Ph. D., president and cofounder of the Heffter Research Institute)Ã¢â ¬Å“Here is the thought-provoking description of the authorÃ¢â ¬â„¢s spiritual quest, his profound discoveries, and their implications for renewed research with psychedelic substances, reawakening us to the sacredness of nature and life itself. In and through the pitfalls and pinnacles of his journey is the transformation of a curious and courageous young man into a mature modern prophet and social critic. Fascinating read!Ã¢â ¬Â• (William A. Richards, Ph.D., Johns Hopkins School of Medicine)

Simon G. Powell is the writer and director of the documentary films Metanoia and Manna and the author of The Psilocybin Solution and DarwinÃ¢â ¬â„¢s Unfinished Business. He lives in London.

Overall it was a very interesting read. Some theories and information presented were very eye opening and thought provoking. But for some reason, his overall style of writing didn't mesh well with what I like. Plus I felt like the author was a bit too 'braggy'. Anytime he could insert something crazy that he's done but 'would not recommend for others', he took full advantage of and towards the middle of the book, this got quite annoying. Besides that, it was a decent book.

Excellent job of articulating the psilocybin experience. This book and hopefully many more alike come at a time when man desparately needs to reconnect with nature, each other and self in order to secure a peaceful future. Simon does a fantastic job of explaining how psilocybin conveys this message through his many years of experience with this natural lifestyle. He explores the mystical realms with an open mind, but more scientifically accurate than the late terrence mckenna. The only negative part was that there wasn't much information concerning modern scientific research as I was hoping for. But was an honest and intellectual man's righteous story for truth and insight into the fabric of reality and consciousness.

What a thoroughly engaging read! At no point in the book did I find the author to sway from his underlying message, yet all the while introducing new and exciting ideas to the reader. This is not to say that his ideas are sensationalist by any means, but rather he casts illumination on and speculates upon the fractal nature of ideas and experiences that may otherwise seem cliche. Intelligent thought and the tackling of wide, all-encompassing concepts lead this book to inspire one's own introspective and elevated thought processes, a very precious trait one may be hard pressed to discover in similar books. Recommended to those both appreciative of, and critical of the visions and insights accompanied by the psilocybin experience. I look forward to reading more by the author!

I've a few books on psychedelics and I have to say this is definitely in my top 3 favorites. I couldn't put it down, I would highly recommend to anyone interested in mushrooms. This book details a lot of the author's personal journeys and insights with the psilocybin mushroom. It only goes a little into the history and chemical make up of the shroom, so if you're more into that type information, then

maybe look for another book. If you like reading about the fascinating visions and insights and ideas of those bemushroomed, then this is the book for you.

Why is it then that a natural substance used for centuries in spiritual healing ceremonies has been banned by most countries? To understand the mystique one must become a willing participant in an experiment with one's own consciousness. Simon Powell has fallen down the rabbit hole and the findings he describes are remarkable. His descriptions will resonate with experienced psilocybin users but will be viewed with much skepticism by the uninitiated. How do you describe to a blind person what seeing is like? Psilocybin enables the user to see the world with a new perspective, a new set of eyes, if you will. It is refreshing to read about the joys and spiritual awakenings of one man under the spell of nature's messenger. Powell takes the reader through the history of the substance and the legal struggle it has endured against the world's governments despite the scientific and medical community's objections. Research efforts have been underway for the last decade to find therapeutic uses for the mushroom and each study finds new promise. The author succeeds at walking a fine line between the enthusiasm of a psilocybin aficionado and the need to proceed cautiously and safely to transform the mindset of humanity to a much needed reset. I happily recommend this important insight of one of nature's most wondrous and beautiful gifts.

I would recommend this book to anyone considering using magic mushrooms or people that would like to learn more about the psychoactive properties of psilocybin without the hysterical, unscientific viewpoints that are held by people that have no degrees in science and clearly dislike cultures other than their own.

Amazing. Read it.

A good read about the psilocybin experience. I was alarmed by the author's use of his bicycle in London traffic while on psilocybin. Several other risky behaviors which he states are not recommended, give the book an immature flavor. The author seems to have become fixated on the visual patterns that are displayed on psilocybin which is a distraction in my opinion. The real work is not 'out there' but 'inside'. All in all, a sincere work that is worth the time to read.

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