



**Alan Henderson** has had a fascination for invertebrates his entire life. He has successfully combined this with his other passion, macrophotography, with his images having been published in books and other media throughout the world.

Alan completed a BAppSc, Scientific Photography before beginning a career in zoo-keeping. He created the Australian Nature Education Centre in 1995 and received the Young Australian of the Year Regional Development Award for the Centre. Lured to Melbourne Museum, he began the Live Exhibits Unit that ultimately led to the development of the extremely popular 'Bugs Alive!' exhibition, and authored the award-winning book *Bugs Alive – A Guide to Keeping Australian Invertebrates*.

Alan now operates his own company, Minibeast Wildlife, from the tropical paradise of Kuranda, north Queensland, one of the most biologically diverse regions of Australia, particularly with regard to invertebrates. His work with Minibeast Wildlife includes the development of Australia's first interactive spider identification app, 'Spidentify', in 2018. His expertise in working with live invertebrates has taken him around the world, from the deserts of Arizona to the jungles of Costa Rica.



Take a glimpse into the stunning life of minibeasts and discover how these tiny creatures influence every aspect of our world!

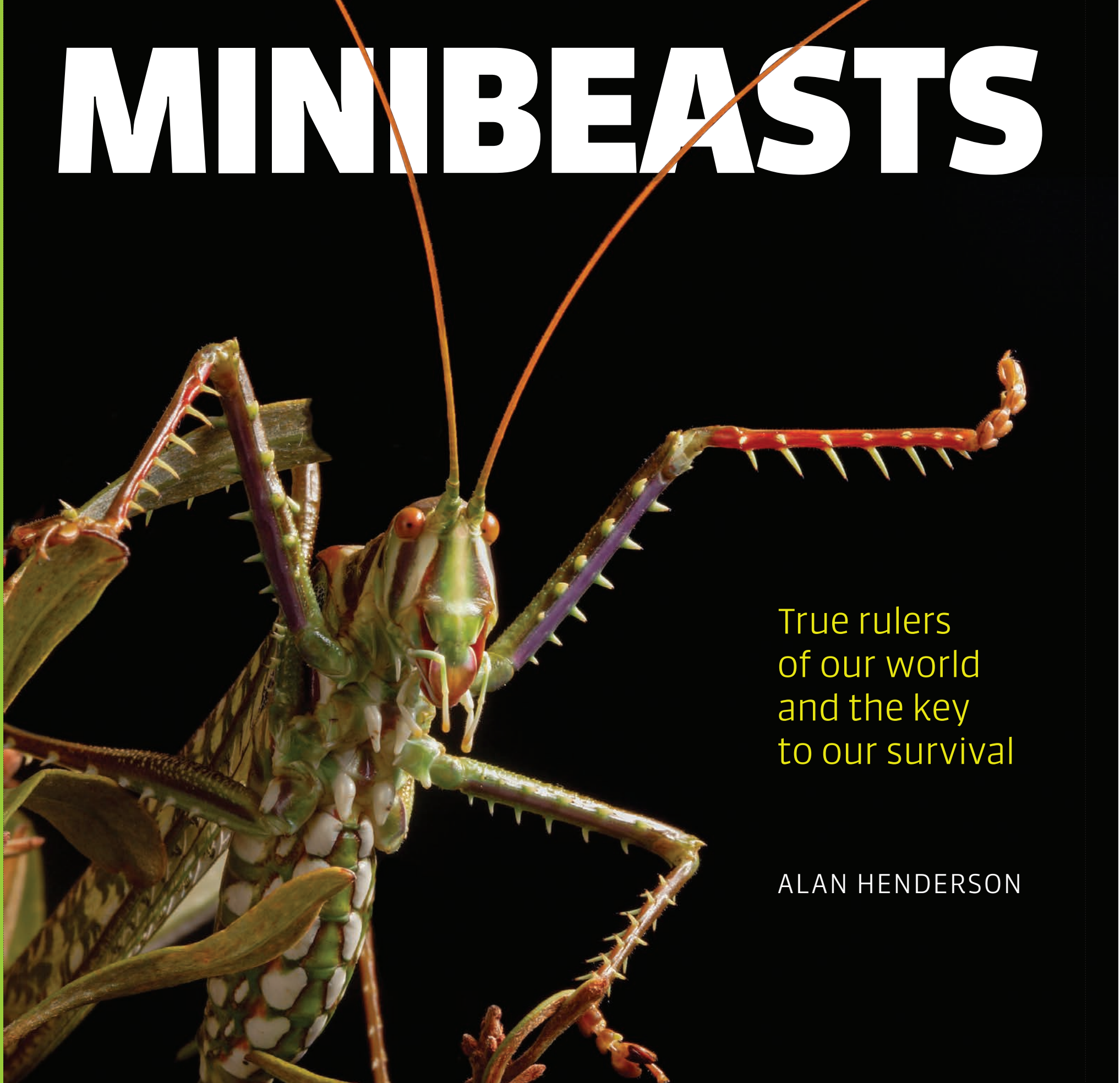
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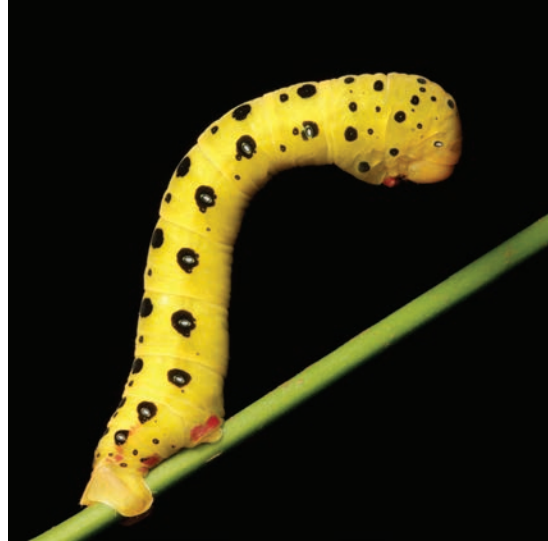
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True rulers  
of our world  
and the key  
to our survival

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Without insects, humans would not survive — an uncomfortable truth that many of us are perhaps not aware of. In this visual feast of detail and colour, the intriguing world of the minibeasts is brought to life for the human eye. The result is a book that will captivate while at the same time inspiring a new appreciation for these remarkable animals.

Each chapter focuses on a specific aspect of minibeast life, with the story told in breathtaking macrophotography and engaging text. From mating rituals to camouflage techniques, from intricate wing design to deadly fangs, the myriad ways in which these fascinating creatures have evolved to suit their environments are explored. *Minibeasts* also looks at the tasks they perform that enable life on earth to exist, and how we are now borrowing ideas from them in fields such as biotechnology, engineering and design.

As we will come to realize, these spectacular life-forms really are the true rulers of our world, providing a wealth of material for humans to draw on to help solve our 21<sup>st</sup>-century problems.