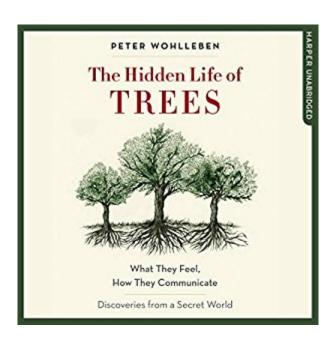
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The Hidden Life Of Trees: What They Feel, How They Communicate - Discoveries From A Secret World





Synopsis

How do trees live? Do they feel pain or have awareness of their surroundings? Research is now suggesting trees are capable of much more than we have ever known. In The Hidden Life of Trees, forester Peter Wohlleben puts groundbreaking scientific discoveries into a language everyone can relate to. In The Hidden Life of Trees, Peter Wohlleben shares his deep love of woods and forests and explains the amazing processes of life, death and regeneration he has observed in the woodland and the amazing scientific processes behind the wonders, of which we are blissfully unaware. Much like human families, tree parents live together with their children, communicate with them and support them as they grow, sharing nutrients with those who are sick or struggling and creating an ecosystem that mitigates the impact of extremes of heat and cold for the whole group. As a result of such interactions, trees in a family or community are protected and can live to be very old. In contrast, solitary trees, like street kids, have a tough time of it and in most cases die much earlier than those in a group. Drawing on groundbreaking new discoveries, Wohlleben presents the science behind the secret and previously unknown lives of trees and their communication abilities; he describes how these discoveries have informed his own practices in the forest around him. As he says, a happy forest is a healthy forest, and he believes that ecofriendly practices not only are economically sustainable but also benefit the health of our planet and the mental and physical health of all who live on Earth. After a walk through the woods with Wohlleben, you'll never look at trees the same way again.

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I first read it in the original German; very pleased that it is now available in English so that I can recommend it to friends and family here in he U.S. . It is a wonderful book by an author whose knowledge and gift as a writer makes it a wonderful read.

Wohlleben is a charming guide to magical, but very real, world. I haven't been able to look at a tree the same since reading this book.

Engagingly written and full of fascinating information about tree communication. The best thing I've read all year!

Informative and thoughtful, a fascinating read. Wohlleben skillfully weaves story with science to reveal what really goes on in the woods.

This book has given me a deep appreciation for the lives trees in a forest live just beyond the capacity of most human perception.

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