



Radical Mycology

A Treatise on Seeing
and Working With Fungi

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Sample Interview Questions

1. How did you get interested in mycology?
2. What is "Radical Mycology"?
3. What does "seeing fungi" mean to you?
4. What are some of the most important roles that fungi play in the environment?
5. In the book, you talk about how you trained certain mushrooms to decompose used cigarette filters. Was that hard to figure out, or can anyone do it?
6. In the book, you suggest that all plants and animals evolved from a common fungal ancestor. Can you summarize that theory for those who might find it hard to believe?
7. Why do you think most people in the West avoid mushrooms and other fungi?
8. This book places fungi into a wide array of cultural contexts, from the design of social structures, to the improvement of environmental protection policies, to reflections on various branches of philosophy. Why did you feel it was necessary to present mycology with such a multi-disciplined approach?
9. Have you always viewed mycology from so many angles, or was it an analysis you developed during the writing process?
10. You often refer to the historical impacts of fungi on human cultures and the environment. Why is this?
11. So, how often do you eat mushrooms?
12. What are some of the easiest ways to grow mushrooms for food or medicine?
13. What is the most important thing that people should know about fungi?
14. What do you think it will take for mycology to become more widely acknowledged in the West?

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