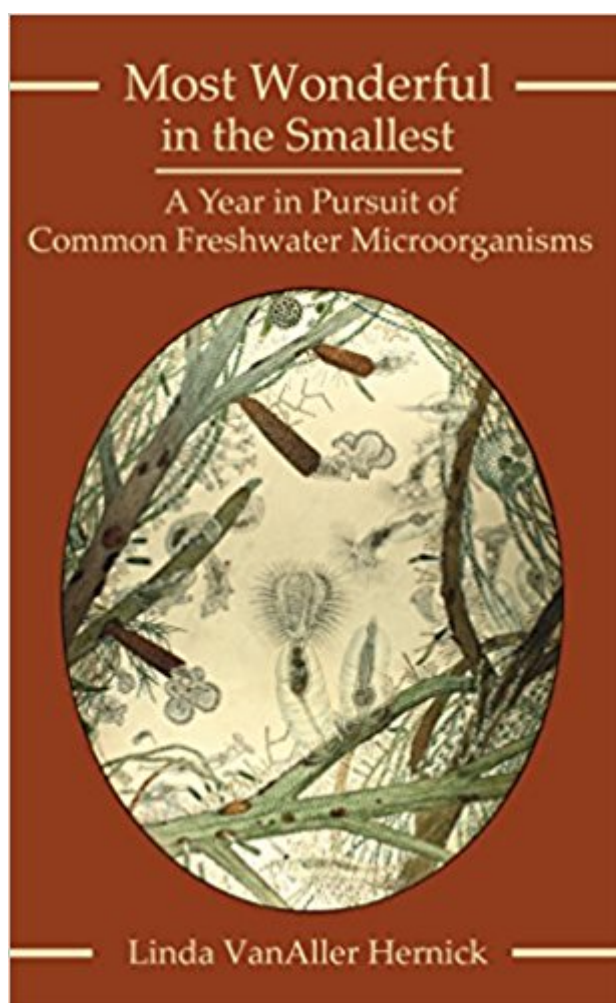


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Synopsis

Most Wonderful in the Smallest is a year-long observation of microorganisms that dwell in freshwater environments such as streams, ditches, ponds, and swamps, common and accessible habitats that surround us all. Written in the form of a journal, the entries and numerous accompanying micrographs describe and illustrate the author's sampling sites and the fascinating array of organisms that she finds in the samples themselves. Microorganisms comprise the greatest portion of Earth's biodiversity and yet few of us are aware of their existence beyond the microbial pathogens that make us ill. Most Wonderful in the Smallest acquaints the reader with some of the beauty and complexity of freshwater microorganisms and their vital role in maintaining aquatic habitats.

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I was born in Albany but grew up in the beautiful and historic Schoharie valley of New York state. I received a bachelor's degree in biology from the College of St. Rose and graduated from the Albany School of Cytotechnology (now a part of Albany College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences). For sixteen years I worked in commercial cytopathology laboratories microscopically screening cell samples for cancer and cancer precursors. However, a fascination with paleontology ultimately led me to a career at the New York State Museum where I first microscopically examined disaggregated rock samples for Cambrian-age microfossils and, later, turned to paleobotany. In collaboration with colleagues from the NYSM, Binghamton University, and Cardiff University I helped make significant

contributions to Devonian paleobotany through new discoveries pertaining to Earth's oldest forests at Gilboa, New York. Much of this research was published in the journal Nature. After retiring from the NYSM in 2014 I have been able to focus time and attention on light microscopy, my hobby of many years. In particular, I study the protists and micro-metazoans of freshwater environments. Most Wonderful in the Smallest came about as a result of realizing that there is very little literature available concerning freshwater microorganisms for the general public. I live in Rensselaerville, New York with my husband.

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