Mark Moffett Bio

For the last six years, as a research associate in entomology at the Smithsonian Institution and visiting scholar in anthropology at Harvard, Dr. Mark W. Moffett has been building a synthesis on how societies stay together and fall apart, across species and in humans right up to the present day. His most recent book brings together biology with modern psychology and anthropology with surprising insights. *The Human Swarm: How Societies Arise, Thrive and Fall*has been called “a magisterial work of monumental importance” by Scientific American columnist Michael Shermer, while Kevin Kelly, founder of Wired magazine, tells us to “read this manifesto if you like to have your mind changed.”

One of only a handful of people to earn a PhD under the world’s most respected ecologist, Edward O. Wilson, Moffett is a modern-day explorer with more than a little luck on his side, having accidentally sat on the world’s deadliest snake, battled drug lords with dart guns, and scrambled up a tree to escape bull elephants. For him such risks are worth it, as part of his mission to find new species and behaviors in remote places and often reporting them in the pages of National Geographic magazine. He's often been called “Doctor Bugs,” but has also been given the monikers “the Indiana Jones of Entomology,” “the Martha Stewart of dirt,” and “the Jane Goodall of ants” (the last given by Jane herself).  He has had many articles for *National Geographic magazine.*