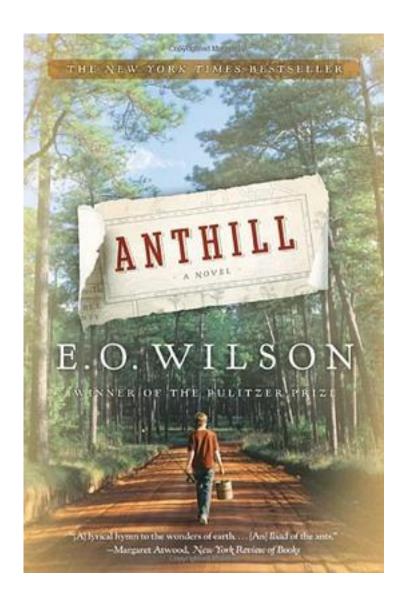
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"What the hell do you want?" snarled Frogman at Raff Cody, as the boy stepped innocently onto the reputed murderer's property. Fifteen years old, Raff, along with his older cousin, Junior, had only wanted to catch a glimpse of Frogman s 1000-pound alligator. Thus, begins the saga of Anthill, which follows the thrilling adventures of a modern-day Huck Finn, whose improbable love of the "strange, beautiful, and elegant" world of ants ends up transforming his own life and the citizens of Nokobee County. Battling both snakes bites and cynical relatives who just don t understand his consuming fascination with the outdoors, Raff explores the pristine beauty of the Nokobee wildland. And in doing so, he witnesses the remarkable creation and destruction of four separate ant colonies (The Anthill Chronicles), whose histories are epics that unfold on picnic grounds, becoming a young naturalist in the process. An extraordinary undergraduate at Florida State University, Raff, despite his scientific promise, opts for Harvard Law School, believing that the environmental fight must be waged in the courtroom as well as the lab. Returning home a legal gladiator, Raff grows increasingly alarmed by rapacious condo developers who are eager to pave and subdivide the wildlands surrounding the Chicobee River. But one last battle awaits him in his epic struggle. In a shattering ending that no reader will forget, Raff suddenly encounters the angry and corrupt ghosts of an old South he thought had all but disappeared, and learns that war is a genetic imperative, not only for ants but for men as well. Part thriller, part parable, Anthill will not only transfix readers with its stunning twists and startling revelations, but will provide readers with new insights into the meaning of survival in our rapidly changing world.

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為當代最重要的生物學家,於一九二九年出生於美國阿拉巴馬州的伯明罕,在南阿拉巴馬州及佛羅里達州狹長地帶度過他的童年。孩提時期的他就對自然生態非常有興趣,熱衷於探索當地的森林及沼澤,後來更因研究螞蟻而成名,奠定他在生物學界的地位,有「螞蟻先生」之稱。

一九五五年取得哈佛大學生物學博士學位,成為研究環境生態、動物行為與溝通、以及生物多樣性的先驅。此外,他曾於一九六九年獲選為美國國家科學院院士,並榮獲美國國家科學獎。其著作有《論人性》(On Human Nature)、及《螞蟻》(The Ants)、《追尋自然與天性》(In Search of Nature)、《島嶼生物地理學理論》(The Theory of Island Biogeography)、《繽紛的生命》(The Diversity of Life)、《論親生命》(Biophilia),以及他的自傳《大自然的獵人》(The Naturalist)。

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