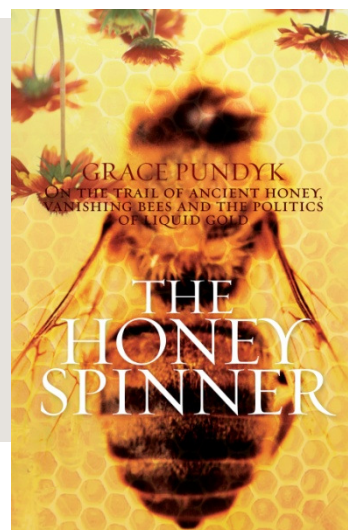


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Description

As you're spreading honey on your morning toast you probably aren't thinking about arms funding, terrorists, corporate scandals, contamination, smuggling rackets or environmental disaster.

But according to the CIA, the honey business is crucial to Al Qaeda's operation, Chinese honey has been found to contain bee-drugs deadly to humans, and across Europe, Turkey, the US and Australia, bee hives are empty and no one knows why.

This engaging narrative non-fiction tale follows Grace Pundyk's journey from the wild Yemeni deserts to the jungles of Borneo, and from Russia to Tasmania's leatherwood forests, with many other honey-producing destinations in between. Grace follows the sticky trail of this ancient food, and the people who make their living from it, to uncover the truth behind this 'food of the gods'.

Sales Points

- *The Honey Spinner* is involving, surprising and at times disturbing
- The highly topical content taps into various current issues, including terrorism, global warming and environmental concerns
- Grace's fascinating travelogue is personal and wonderfully descriptive
- Beautiful photographs bring many of the exotic destinations to life

Author Profile

Grace Pundyk has spent more than a decade indulging her passion for travel by moving between the Middle East, Asia, Africa, Australia and Europe. In addition to writing for travel publishers Lonely Planet and Marshall Cavendish her work has also appeared in numerous magazines, journals and newspapers around the world.

Grace attributes her 'discovery' of honey to the four years she spent in the Arabian Gulf where, during a stint as editor of an oil company magazine, she also discovered the work of Australian mariner, writer and photographer Alan Villiers. This led to further research on Villiers, a MA in Arab Gulf Studies in the UK, and co-editing the republication of his classic story, the *Sons of Sindbad*, and *Sons of Sindbad - the Photographs*, a large format publication of some 150 of Villiers' previously unpublished Arabian photographs. Grace currently lives in Tasmania.