

Jonathan Leeming

Introduction

Jonathan is a unique individual. Born in England in 1970, he was fortunate to have been brought up in a family who encouraged an understanding and appreciation of all aspects of the natural world. As a child, camping, hiking, climbing, fishing and sailing were all part of his “formal” education.

Immigrating to South Africa in 1984 sparked a boundless fascination in the natural world. Mesmerised by those creatures that bite and sting, his journey through an unforgiving world that so many fear, yet few understand began. In 2003, he wrote *Scorpions of Southern Africa*, which gave him the leverage and a platform to be seen and heard. A few books later Jonathan quickly became the venomous animal go-to-guy.



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SPEAKER • AUTHOR • CONSERVATIONIST

Jonathan has worked in 11 countries and with people of many different cultures, beliefs and backgrounds – not only answering the question ‘if it bites me will I die?’, but also unravelling the mystery of how the image of a spider, scorpion or snake reveals a deeply entrenched phobia that defines our culture and fabricates a disconnection from the natural world.

Jonathan’s latest book, *One World*, offers an ecosystem of workshops, training, presentations and free online resources, that focus upon empowering individuals and organisations to drive their own sustainability efforts, and create their own *One World*.

Best selling author, award winning conservationist and international speaker, Jonathan offers unique insight into creating a sustainable future through lessons from the natural world, to create opportunities for change, responsible leadership and innovation.
