

THIS BOOK PROVIDES THE FIRST IN-DEPTH, broadly synthetic look at the ash borer 'invasion' of North America (including the U.S. and Canada), from both scientific and social viewpoints. It covers all major phases of the research and regulatory efforts that have occurred since EAB was recognized as an invasive forest insect in 2002. Since its recognition, this wood-boring beetle has become one of the most destructive and costly exotic species ever encountered. More than \$300 million in federal funds have been devoted to battling this pest, which has killed some tens of millions of ash trees, chiefly within southeastern Michigan and surrounding states. EAB has now been found in twenty-eight states and two Canadian provinces. But those numbers are almost certain to keep growing in coming years.

While primarily a case study, this work nonetheless examines larger issues concerning invasive species as a whole, their inadvertent transport and worldwide spread through the rise of globalization, regulations that have been adopted to prevent their introduction, and the successes or failures of state and federal agencies to try and enforce those regulations. It offers the first general work of its kind to appear on the ash borer that is directed towards a broad audience including the public, entomologists and foresters, environmentalists and ecologists, researchers, regulators, and indeed anyone who wishes to learn more about this important and timely topic.

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