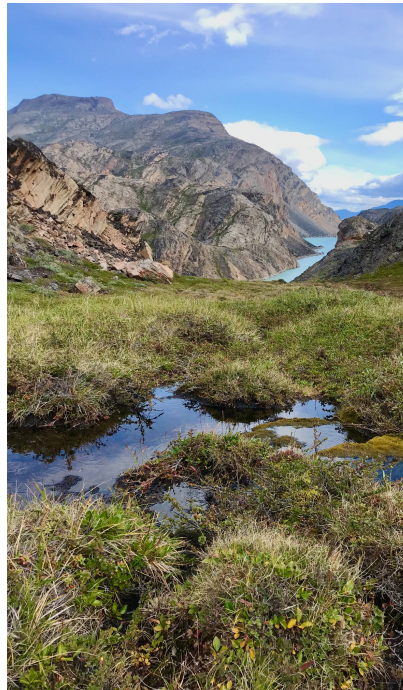


Media Kit

Bogland

Merritt R. Turetsky @queenofpeat



Biography: Merritt Turetsky is an ecologist, climate scientist, and writer whose work explores peatlands, wildfire, climate change, and the hidden ecosystems that shape our world. For more than two decades, her research has focused on wetlands and northern landscapes, investigating how fire, water, and carbon interact in a rapidly warming climate. Her fieldwork has taken her across boreal forests, Arctic regions, and peatlands around the globe—landscapes that preserve ancient histories while also helping determine Earth’s environmental future.

Turetsky is a professor at the University of Colorado Boulder and is internationally recognized for her contributions to ecosystem and climate science. Her research has informed global understanding of carbon storage, peatland vulnerability, and wildfire impacts in northern ecosystems. She has received numerous scientific honors and has served in leadership roles with the Permafrost Carbon Network, NASA, and other scientific agencies, advancing climate and environmental research internationally.

Dr. Turetsky has published close to 200 scientific articles and has been honored as a highly cited scientist in her field for five consecutive years. Alongside her scientific work, Turetsky writes creative nonfiction that bridges science and storytelling, exploring the emotional, cultural, and historical dimensions of landscapes often hidden from public view. Her forthcoming book, *Bogland*, is a sweeping exploration of peatlands and their significance to climate, memory, biodiversity, and human imagination. Through her writing and public speaking, Turetsky seeks to deepen how we understand the living world—not only as scientists, but also as witnesses, storytellers, and inhabitants of a changing planet.

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Example Interview Topics

- peatlands and climate change
- environmental and societal legacies and history
- wildfire and carbon storage
- the hidden ecosystems beneath our feet
- science and storytelling
- climate grief and ecological memory
- wetlands and resilience
- communicating climate science to public audiences
- women in science and environmental leadership
- how landscapes preserve history

Bogland: The Secret World That Defies Death and Protects Life

Book Description

From a stunning new voice in popular science, a beguiling invitation to discover the hidden power of one of Earth's most mysterious landscapes.

Boglands have long been dismissed as wastelands—too sodden to farm, too perilous to cross, too unruly to be considered beautiful. Yet come closer and a strange truth emerges: These unconventional landscapes are fascinating paradoxes that stretch our minds, hold the history of humanity, and will shape the future of our planet. As acclaimed ecologist Merritt R. Turetsky reveals, here between the borders of land and water, bogs conjure new life forms—acid-flinging mosses, amphibian-eating plants—from an overabundance of death. The past and present commingle with uncanny intimacy as ancient lives linger in remarkable states of preservation. Even as bogs sequester nearly one third of Earth's soil carbon, accelerating exploitation risks swiftly transforming them from climate allies to climate foes.

Gorgeously written, *Bogland* is an ode and a call to action: To value these places precisely for their refusal to conform, and to learn from them new ways to adapt, endure, and belong on our changing planet—before it's too late.

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