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THE DEMOISELLE DAMSELFLIES are among the most beautiful of all insects. They typically inhabit clear pristine streams, where they cavort jewel-like in the sun over the waters. The superb photographs in this book and an informative text introduce us to their fascinating world. Besides the familiar European species, the book also includes representatives of all Demoiselle genera from around the world, as well as their nearest relatives. This book is the product of a fruitful collaboration between an exceptionally gifted nature photographer and a well known scientific authority on these insects. The book is bilingual (Finnish and English).

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