The book is essentially for growers and those closely connected with the culture of the crop wherever it is grown.

The production of mushrooms (Agaricus bisporus) is a major, world-wide, highly mechanised process. Healthy crops are essential if yields, quality and profitability are to be maintained. Pests and diseases are a major cause of crop losses and this book covers their recognition, biology and control. New pests and diseases are described together with changes in the management of pest and pathogen populations. The book is fully up-to-date on the important cultural changes that have occurred in recent years. New methods of crop production, the bulk handling of materials, changes in casing type, the more effective use of environmental controls, biological methods of control, the avoidance of environmental pollution, and the reduced use of pesticides, are all covered. Many of the cultural changes described influence the incidence of pests and diseases.

For those wishing to put the information into practice the book contains check lists for pest and disease control and also essential hygiene operations. ‘Mushroom Pest and Disease Control - A Colour Handbook’ is well illustrated, easy to use, and will increase the readers understanding of pests and diseases of the crop. It will contribute towards the production of good yields and high quality, thereby increasing profitability.