



African Penguins... Going, Going, Gone

Mysterious friends
Flightless seabirds
Leaping swimmers
Sardine squid krill fishers
Cold experts
Twenty sun orbits,
Full lives.



African penguins
Pink eye gland beauts,
Twenty-first century
One point three million deaths,
Doomed this decade.
Big Coal's global heating
Ruining complex ocean system,
Obliterating fisheries,
No fish
No krill
No marine life!

Algoa Bay busiest port,
Ship-to-ship refueling
Noisiest in the world,
Underwater cacophony
Deadly din,
Seabirds impaired
Impossible livelihood,
Emaciated
Done in,
Cape penguins collapsed!



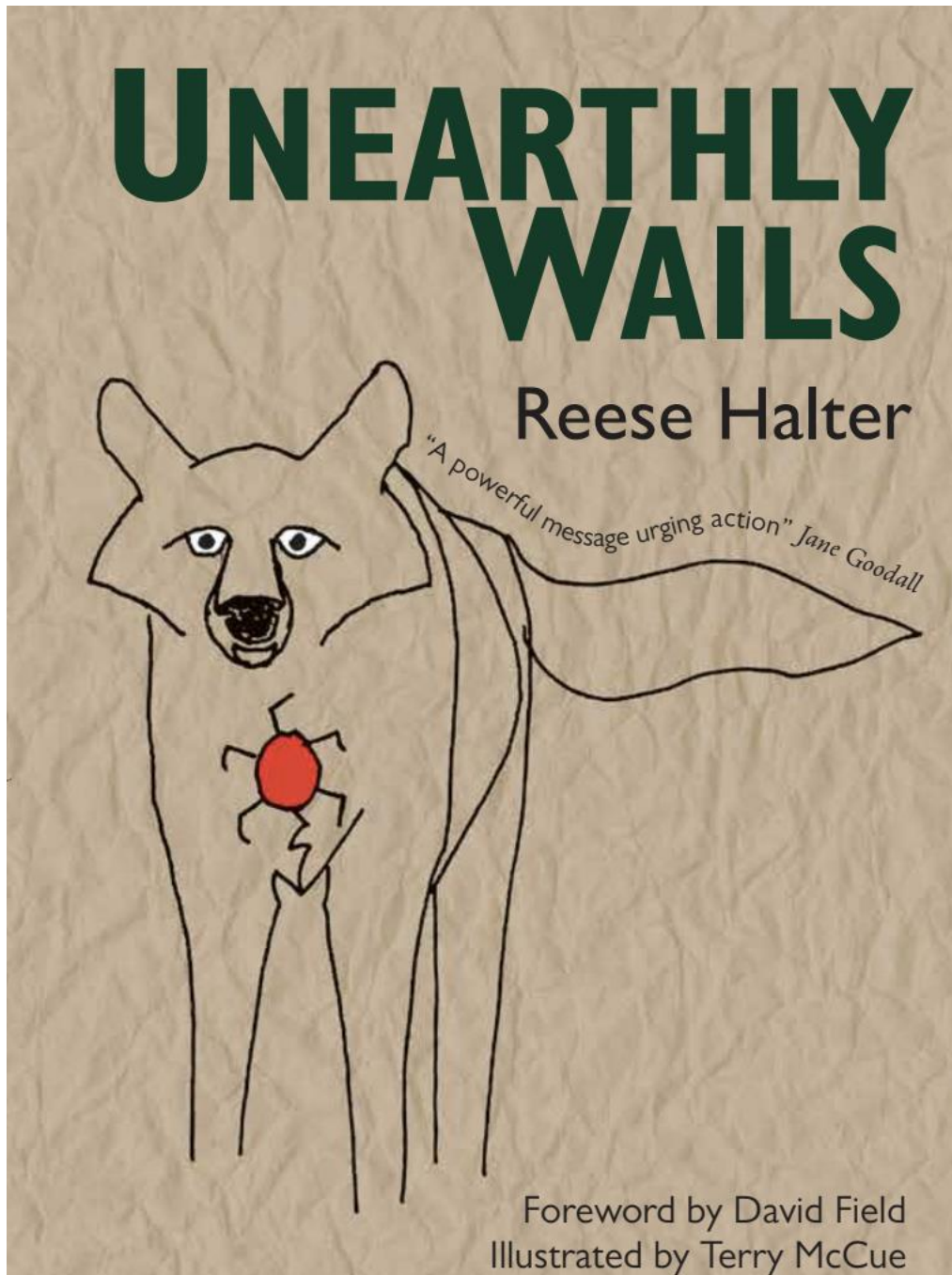
More stuff
More ships
More subsidised fossil fuels
More marine heatwaves,
Breakneck extinction.

Action is antidote,
Curb consumerism
Eschew materialism
Refuse plastic
Walk more
Go vegan
Rally for Mother Earth,
System change
Get outta the ocean!

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