

Bring on the Bugs!

Books for Older Elementary Schoolers

Mosquito Bite by Alexandra Siy

A game of hide-and-seek forms the backdrop of a mosquito's life cycle. Microscope photographs (micrographs) show details of the mosquito and what she sees as she searches!

Prehistoric Actual Size by Steve Jenkins

In this "actual size" look at the prehistoric world, which includes two dramatic gatefolds, you'll meet a dragonfly with a two-foot wingspan and a giant millipede!

When Bugs Were Big, Plants Were Strange, and Tetrapods Stalked the Earth: A Cartoon Prehistory of Life Before Dinosaurs by Hannah Bonner

A delightful look at prehistoric animals, including some very impressive insects and bugs.

Insect by David Burnie

This beautifully illustrated book uses two-page mini-chapters to introduce many aspects of insect life and directs readers to more resources. Very useful and interesting!



The Magic School Bus: Butterfly and the Bog Beast by Joanna Cole

Ms. Frizzle takes her class on another wild adventure. See how the butterfly hides from the bog beast!

The Bug Scientists by Donna M. Jackson

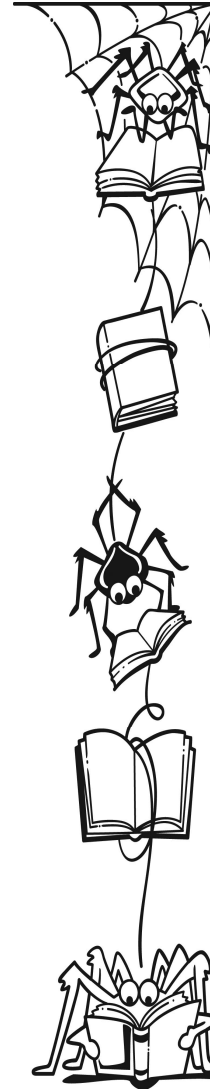
Great info and creepy photos make this picture book about entomology irresistible!

Incredible Insects by The National Wildlife Federation

Make an insect field guide, solve mazes to investigate the stages of metamorphosis, and compare the different ways that insects move. Lots of hands-on fun!

Don't Bug Me! By Pam Zollman

When Megan has to collect 25 insects for a school project, she learns how little she knows about her brother and a classmate.



Summer Reading 2008



It's a Bug's Life!

Take a peek inside to find a great list of books about all sorts of bugs (even really, really old ones!), where they live, what they eat, and why we need them to survive!



The Business of Bugs:

Books for Preschoolers



Are You a Bee? by Judy Allen

Describes what life would be like if a child were a bee. Lots of fun and full of information!

The Honeybee and the Robber by Eric Carle

This cute, clever story, with pull-tabs and moving parts is great for preschoolers. It tells the life of a worker bee and her encounter with a hungry bear intent on stealing honey from her hive.

Honeybee's Busy Day by Richard Fowler

Honeybee does not let anything distract her as she gathers nectar from the summer flowers to make into honey.

Diary of a Spider by Doreen Cronin

This clever picture book weaves lots of information about the habits and life cycle of a spider into a humorous diary about a young spider's activities, including a sleepover at Worm's!

Gotta Go! Gotta Go! by Sam Swope

Although she doesn't know why or how, a small bug is certain that she must make her way to Mexico.



What Do You Do When Something Wants to Eat You? by Steve Jenkins

Describes how different animals, including an octopus, bombardier beetle, puff adder, and gliding frog escape danger.

Buggy Behaviors:

Books for Beginning Readers

Spider Fly Guy by Tedd Arnold

Mayhem ensues when Buzz brings his pet fly to school, mayhem ensues. Will Super Fly Guy save the day and rescue students from the nasty lunch lady?

Bug Off (Eek! Stories to Make You Shriek) by Jennifer Dussling

Bugsy, who delights in tormenting and destroying bugs, finds out what it is like to be a small, helpless bug himself!

Insects Are My Life by Megan McDonald

No one at home or school understands Amanda Frankenstein's devotion to insects until she meets Maggie.

Ma Jiang and the Orange Ants by Barbara Ann Porte

When her father and brothers are called away to war, Ma Jiang finds a unique way to trap the orange ants that her mother sells in order to make a living.

Que Es un Insecto?/What Is an Insect? by Lisa Trumbauer

Simple text and photos present common bugs in both English and Spanish.

