

# Summer Reading 2008

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## In Our Backyard Garden

*A garden is more than just  
tomato plants and sunflowers....*



### ***A Bug Collection: Four Stories From the Garden***

**By Thomas Nelson**

Meet Hermie the Common Caterpillar, Flo the Lyin' Fly, Webster the Scaredy Spider, and Buzzy the Misbehaving Bee!

### ***Wiggle and Waggle***

**By Caroline Arnold**

Two worms who are best friends have fun together as they tunnel their way through a garden. Includes facts on how worms help plants grow.

### ***Up, Down, and Around***

**By Katherine Ayres**

A garden produces a variety of edible plants, such as corn that grows up, onions that grow down, and tomato vines that twine all around.

### ***Planting a Rainbow***

**By Lois Ehlert**

A mother and child plant a rainbow of flowers in the family garden.

### ***Paddington Bear in the garden***

**By Michael Bond**

Paddington sets to work in an attempt to create the most interesting garden he can.

### ***Festus and Mercury : Ruckus in the Garden***

**By Sven Nordqvist**

Festus and his cat Mercury come up with elaborate methods to protect their garden from chickens, pigs, and cows.

### ***Holly Bloom's Garden***

**By Sarah Ashman and Nancy Parent**

Holly Bloom longs to grow flowers. In a burst of inspiration, she creates a glorious garden out of tissue paper, crepe paper, and pipe cleaners that is "guaranteed to last forever."

### ***How Groundhog's Garden Grew***

**By Lynne Cherry**

Squirrel teaches Little Groundhog how to plant and tend a vegetable garden.

### ***I Heard It From Alice Zucchini :***

***Poems About the Garden***

**By Juanita Havill**

Twenty whimsical poems celebrate the joys of a garden from start to finish.

### ***Black Earth, Gold Sun***

**By Patricia Hubbell**

"The earth's like chocolate cake today--deep no-flour pure-fudge brownie cake." Rich with metaphors, the original poems in this picture-book collection celebrate the visceral, delicious



### ***Good Morning, Garden***

**By Barbara Benner**

Upon entering a garden one morning, a child greets the flowers, plants, insects, and animals there.

### ***What Lives in a Garden?***

**By John Woodward**

Some live behind bushes, or among flowers and grass, while others crawl beneath rocks, burrow underground, or swim in nearby ponds, but they all live in the garden.

### ***Look Closer: an introduction to bug-watching***

**By Gay W. Holland**

Describes a variety of insects and how they can be observed in a garden, in open fields, in the woods, in water, and elsewhere.

### ***My Father's Hands***

**By Joanne Ryder**

A child's father digs in the garden, finding and presenting for inspection such wonders as a round gold beetle and a leaf-green mantis.

### ***What I Like About Toads***

**By Judy Hawes**

A youngster tells why he likes toads, especially the one in his garden, and reminds us that a single toad can eat 10,000 insects and 2,000 cut-worms in a summer.

### ***Giant in the Garden***

**By Candice Ransom**

When Alex and his sisters look through a spy-glass, they suddenly find themselves in a strange, mixed-up fairy tale.

### ***A Poet's Bird Garden***

**By Laura Nyman Montenegro**

After Chirpie the bird escapes from her cage and flies into a tree, a group of poets decides that the best way to entice her down is to create a garden full of seeds, water, hiding places, and materials for building a nest.

### ***Mrs. Spitzer's Garden***

**By Edith Pattou**

With her sure, loving, gardener's touch, Mrs. Spitzer nurtures the students in her classroom each year.

### ***The Ecosystem of a Garden***

**By Elaine Pascoe**

This simple text explores how insects, birds, and other animals find food and make their homes in the plants of a garden.

### ***In the Garden***

**By J.C. Greenburg**

Andrew, his cousin Judy, and Thudd the robot, having been shrunk by a shrinking machine, encounter many terrifying creatures, including Mrs. Scuttle, as they try to reach the Atom Sucker before it explodes.

### ***Slugs, Bugs, and Salamanders: Discovering Animals in Your Garden***

**By Sally Kneidel**

Focuses on the insects, birds, amphibians, and other animal life found in gardens, including creatures both beneficial and damaging, and discusses the best ways to care for garden plants.

### ***The Leaf Men and the Brave Good Bugs***

**By William Joyce**

When an old woman gets sick and her garden begins to die, the doodle bugs call on the Leaf Men to make things right again.

