

PICTURE BOOKS AND FICTION FOR PRESCHOOL-GRADE 3
“Buggy About Books” Summer Reading Program 2004

BUGS IN GENERAL
(AND MISCELLANEOUS BUGS)

Ackamarackus: Julius Lester’s Sumptuously Silly Fantastically Funny

Fables by Julius Lester. Illustrated by Emilie Chollat. Scholastic, 2001.

0590489135. \$17.95.

Grades K-3 **BUGS**

This collection of six original fables features Bernard the bee, who learns to play the bongo after he loses his buzz; a school of flies, who learn to fly on airplanes; and Anna the angry ant, who bites off more than she can chew.

Alpha Bugs: A Pop-Up Alphabet by David A. Carter. Little Simon, 1994.

0671866311. \$11.87.

Toddler-Preschool **BUGS**

Familiar objects (umbrella doughnut, hammer, etc.) are transformed into insect-looking creatures that children discover when they lift flaps and pull tabs.

Bed Bugs: A Pop-up Bedtime Book by David A. Carter. Little Simon, 1998.

0689818637. \$10.47.

Toddler-Preschool. **BUGS**

Join the two lively jitterbugs in this delightful pop-up bedtime book that includes a mini-pop-up book and a glow-in-the-dark twinkle bug.

Bedbugs by Megan McDonald. Illustrated by Paul Brett Johnson. Scholastic, 1999. 0531331938. \$16.99.

Preschool-Grade K **BUGS**

As Susan takes her bath and then goes to bed, she is disturbed by a sequence of troublesome and scary creatures.

Because a Little Bug Went Ka-Choo! by Rosetta Stone. Illustrated by Michael K. Frith. Beginner Books, 1975. 0394831306. \$8.99.

Grade K-2 **BUGS**

With detailed, interesting illustrations, this chain-reaction tale shows how such a little event as a bug’s sneeze can cause the cataclysmic sinking of the huge ship Mary-Lou.

Beetle Boy by David Lawrence. Turtleback Books, 1999. 0606210555. \$13.14.

Grades K-3 **BEETLES**

In this tongue-in-cheek story inspired by Kafka’s “The Metamorphosis,” Gregory Sampson wakes up one morning and finds that he has become a giant beetle. Nobody notices the change except his best friend Michael. Children will relate to Gregory’s dilemma of not being noticed and will laugh at his antics when he tries to get the attention of his parents and teachers.

The Best Bug Parade by Stuart J. Murphy. Illustrated Holly Keller. Turtleback Books, 1996. 0606095977. \$11.10.

Preschool BUGS

A variety of different bugs compare their relative sizes while going on parade.

The Big Bug Ball by Dee Lillegard. Illustrated by Rex Barron. Penguin Group (USA), 1999. 0399231218. \$15.99.

Grades K-3 BUGS

In this rhyming tale about an insect celebration in a city park, Grasshopper is master of ceremonies, Cicada plays the drums, Centipede plays the piano, and Cricket plays the fiddle. But the Sow Bug despairs, because she thinks she cannot dance.

The Big Bug Dug (My First Hello! Reader) by Mary Serfozo. Illustrated by Jeffrey Scherer. Scholastic, 2002. 0613505921. \$11.55.

Preschool-Grade 1 BUGS

Looking for a quiet place to sleep, a big bug digs down past a snake, a slug, a worm, and down even more. The book includes punch-out game cards and skill-building activity pages.

The Boll Weevil Ball by Kelly Murphy. Henry Holt, 2002. 0805067124. \$15.95.

Grade K-2 BEETLES

When a tiny beetle decides to attend a ball, he won't let anything stop him—not even the danger of being squished on the dance floor.

Bug Dance by Stuart J. Murphy. Illustrated by Christopher Santoro. HarperCollins, 2002. 0060289112. \$15.89.

Preschool–Grade 2 BUGS

Directional concepts of left, right, forward, and backward are included in this story about Coach Caterpillar, who teaches the bugs how to dance. Humorous cartoons of the bugs are the highlight of this slight story. Related activities are appended.

Bug in a Rug by Jamie Gilson, Illustrated by Diane de Groat. Clarion Books, 1998. 0395866162. \$15.00

Grade 2-4 MEALWORMS

This early chapter book tells the story about second-grader Richard who has to cope with oversized purple pants while portioning out mealworms into petri dishes. Information about mealworms is skillfully woven into the text.

Bug Off!: A Swarm of Insect Words by Cathi Hepworth, Illustrated by Nancy Paulsen. Putnam Publishing Group, 1998. 0399226400. \$15.99.

Grades 2-4 BUGS

Wordplay fun with offbeat illustrations and zany definitions depict insect words inside other words, such as BEEfy, staGNATe, and TICKlish.

Bugs That Go Bump in the Night: A Spooky Pop-Up Book by David A. Carter. Little Simon, 1996. 0689801203. n.p.

Preschool-K BUGS

Brightly colored, three dimensional illustrations of frightening, nighttime creepy crawlies, such as Dracubug, the Frankenbug and the Haunted House bug pop up at the reader.

Buz by Richard Egielski. Turtleback Books, 1999. 0606158421. \$12.10.

Grades K-3 **BUGS**

When a little boy swallow a bug named Buz along with his cereal, he is given two pills to get rid of the bug. What follows is a hilarious Keystone cops chase through the boy's body.

Cucumber Soup by Vickie Leigh Krudwig. Translated by Antonio Madrigal.

Illustrated by Craig McFarland Brown. Fulcrum Publishing, 1998. 1555913806.

\$16.95.

Grades K-3 **BUGS**

All the insects in the garden, including ten little black ants, nine noisy mosquitoes and two praying mantises get involved in moving a fallen cucumber. It's the one flea that provides the last big of strength needed to move the cucumber. They all celebrate with cucumber soup (recipe included). Full-color illustrations and facts about each insect are included.

Feely Bugs: To Touch and Feel by David A. Carter. Little Simon, 1995.

068980119X. \$11.16.

Toddler-Preschool **BUGS**

A collection of 12 textured insects includes a glittery bug, a wrinkly bug, etc.

Giggle Bugs: A Lift-and-Laugh Book by David Carter. Little Simon, 1999.

0689818599. \$12.95.

Toddler-Preschool **BUGS**

Fifty-eight lift-the-flap riddles about bugs are included in this funny book that includes a giggling sound clip.

I Like Bugs by Margaret Wise Brown. Illustrated by G Brian Karas. Random House Children's Books, 1999. 0307461070. \$10.99.

Preschool **BUGS**

In brief rhyming text, all types of insects that the narrator likes are listed.

I Like Bugs: The Sound of B by Alice K. Flanagan. Child's World, Inc., 1999.

1567666884. \$14.95.

Preschool **BUGS**

Simple text and repetition of the letter "b" help readers learn how to use this sound.

Insects Are My Life by Megan McDonald. Illustrated by Paul Brett Johnson.

Scholastic, 1995. 0531087247. \$16.99.

Grades K-3 **BUGS**

Amanda loves bugs: she collects them, protects them and imitates their behaviors. Nobody understands her until she meets a classmate who loves reptiles. Excellent, accurate illustrations of insects are included.

The Leaf Men: And the Brave Good Bugs by Williams Joyce. Econo-Clad Books, 2001. 0613359690. \$14.95.

Grades K-3 **BUGS**

A troop of tiny doodle bugs fight the evil Spider Queen and are saved by the Leaf Man in this unique, magical story.

The Little Squeegy Bug by Bill Martin Jr. Winslow Press, 2001. 1890817902. \$16.95.

Preschool-K **BUGS**

This story about a wingless little bug searching for his identity was first published in 1945. It has been shortened and given stylized digital illustrations that will fascinate today's young readers.

The Magic School Bus Explores the World of Bugs by Nancy White.

Scholastic, 2002. 0439225175. \$5.99.

Grades K-3 **BUGS**

Ms. Frizzle and her students get on the Magic School Bus and learn about the world of insects.

My Day in the Garden by Miela Ford. Illustrated by Anita Lobel. Greenwillow Books, 1999. 0688155413. \$16.00.

Preschool-Grade K **BUGS**

A young girl and her friends spend a rainy day dressing up and acting like the flowers, insects and other animals that live in the garden.

Over in the Garden by Jennifer Ward. Illustrated by Kenneth J. Spengler.

Northland Publishing, 2002. 0873587936. \$15.95.

Preschool-Grade 2 **BUGS**

Over in the garden, mother insects and their children enjoy various activities from morning sun to evening moon. Brilliant close-up paintings of the insects fill each page.

Quick as a Cricket by Audrey Wood. Turtleback Books, 1982. 0859533069.

\$13.14. (Board Book is entitled **I'm Quick as a Cricket.**)

Toddler-Preschool **BUGS, CRICKETS**

The sing-song phrases and the large, endearing illustrations of a boy mimicking animals (cricket, snail, ant, whale) is a favorite with young children.

A Remainder of One by Elinor J. Pinczes. Illustrated by Bonnie MacKain.

Houghton Mifflin, 1995. 0395694558. \$16.00.

Grades K-2 **BUGS**

This rhyming story about a parade of 25 beetles who march before the queen provides an entertaining math lesson.

Roberto: The Insect Architect by Nina Laden. Chronicle Books LLC,

2000.0811824659. \$15.95.

Grades K-3 **TERMITES**

Roberto goes off to the big bug city to become an architect like Hank Floyd Mite. Quirky collage illustrations and witty text tell his success story as he builds a community for all his friends.

Snug Bug by Mark and Cathy E. Dubowski. Paperback. Penguin Putnam, 1995.

044840849X. \$3.99.

Toddler-Preschool **BUGS**

Snug Bug uses numerous delaying tactics during his bedtime ritual.

The Very Clumsy Click Beetle by Eric Carle. Illustrated by Eric Carle. Penguin Putnam, 1999. 039923201X. \$21.99.

Preschool-Grade 2 **BEETLES**

A clumsy young click beetle learns to land on its feet with encouragement from various animals and a wise old beetle. An electronic chip with a built-in battery creates clicking sounds to accompany the story.

POETRY ABOUT BUGS

Bugs! by David T. Greenberg. Illustrated by Lynn Munsinger. Little, Brown, 1997. 0316325740. \$15.95. Paperback. Little, Brown, 2002. 0316355763. \$5.95.

Grades K-4. **POETRY**

Repulsive things to do with bugs are celebrated in this rhyming text. The disgusting activities will make young readers shutter with delight. Munsinger's clever illustrations capture the gross humor.

Bugs for Lunch by Margery Facklam. Illustrated by Sylvia Long. Charlesbridge Publishing. 0881062723. \$15.95.

Preschool-Grade 3 **POETRY**

Rhyming text introduces bug-eating animals such as geckos, trout, or even people.

Insect Soup: Bug Poems by Barry L. Pollsar. Illustrated by David Clark, 1999. Rainbow Morning Music Alternatives, 1999. 0938663224. \$14.95.

Grades 1-4 **POETRY**

A collection of 15 poems (some gross, some funny) about insects with bizarre personalities.

Insectlopedia by Douglas Florian. Harcourt, 1998. 0152013067. \$16.00.

Grades K-5 **POETRY**

Florian blends whimsy and science in this exquisite volume of 21 insect and spider poems.

Joyful Noise: Poems for Two Voices by Paul Fleischman. Illustrated by Eric Beddows. HarperCollins, 1988. 0060218525. \$15.99.

Grades 1-5 **POETRY**

Written to be read aloud by two voices—sometimes alternating, sometimes simultaneously—this collection of poems celebrate the insect world.

Locust Pocus: A Book to Bug You by Douglas Kaine McKelvey. Illustrated by Richard Egielski. Penguin Putnam, 2001. 0399234527. \$15.99.

Grades K-3 **BUGS, POETRY**

Short, delightful rhymes describe an assortment of insects in this wonderfully creep-crawly collection of poetry about insects, including termites, gnats, beetles, grasshoppers, lice, and flies.

Oddhopper Opera: A Bug's Garden of Verses by Kurt Cyrus. Harcourt, 2001. 0152022058. \$16.00.

Grades K-4 **POETRY**

A collection of witty poems about the activities of a variety of different bug that flourish in a garden from early spring to late fall

What to Do When a Bug Climbs in Your Mouth: And Other Poems to Drive You Buggy by Rick Walton. Illustrated by Nancy Carlson. HarperCollins, 1995. 0688136583. \$16.00.

Grades K-3 **POETRY**

A collection of silly poems about bugs illustrated with cartoons.

ANTS

The 512 Ants on Sullivan Street (Hello Reader! Series) by Carol A. Losi, Illustrated by Patrick Merrell. Turtleback Books, 1997. 0590308769. \$10.14.

Grades 2-3. **ANTS**

In this rhyming, cumulative beginning reader, the number of ants doubles each time they take a new treat from a picnic lunch.

The Ants Go Marching by Sandra Dantonio. Picture Window Books, 2003. 1404801480. \$15.95.

Preschool-Grade K **ANTS**

This illustrated version of the traditional song includes a discussion of its folk origins, music and the words to ten verses.

The Ant and the Elephant by Bill Peet. Houghton Mifflin, 1972. 0395169631. \$16.00.

The elephant is the kindest animal in the jungle, rescuing the giraffe, lion, and rhino, but who will return the favor when the elephant needs help?

The Ant and the Grasshopper by Aesop. Retold and illustrated by Amy Lowry Poole. Holiday House, 2000. 0823414779. \$16.95.

Grades K-3. **ANTS, GRASSHOPPERS**

This version of Aesop's fable about the industrious ants and the lazy grasshopper, who does not prepare for winter, is set in China.

The Ant Bully by John Nickle. Scholastic, 1999. 0590395912. \$14.95.

Grades K-3 **ANTS**

When Lucas tortures the ants, an ant wizard shrinks him to their size and forces him into hard labor with the worker ants. Illustrations are outstanding.

ANTics: An Alphabetical Anthology by Catherine Hepworth. Penguin Group, 0399218629. \$16.99.

Grades 2-5 **ANTS**

This inventive picture book for older children features the names of people and concepts that contain the word "ant."

Ants in my Pants by Wendy Mould. Houghton Mifflin, 2001. 061809640X. \$15.00.

Toddler-Preschool. **ANTS**

This humorous, rhyming story describes Jacob's difficulty getting dressed, because there are ants in his pants, geese in his fleece, and kittens in his mittens.

The Ant's Journey by Janie S. Gill. A.R.O. Publishing, 2001. 0898685311. \$11.95.

Preschool-Grade 1 **ANTS**

This story is one of the Predictable Readers series by Louisiana author Janie Gill.

Berenstain Bears and the Great Ant Attack (Berenstain Bears Big Chapter Books) by Stan and Jan Berenstain. Turtleback Books, 2000. 0606184872. \$10.40.

Grades 2-4 **ANTS**

In this chapter book Bear Country is overrun with "super-ants" when a science experiment goes awry.

The Berenstains' A Book by Stan and Jan Berenstain. Random House, 1997. 0679987053. \$11.99.

An army of angry ants march across and around all sorts of items that begin with the letter "a."

Crickwing by Janell Cannon. Harcourt, 2000. 0152017909. \$12.80.

Grades K-4 **ANTS, COCKROACHES**

In this epic adventure beneath the foliage, Crickwing the cockroach and the leafcutter ants go head-on with a swarm of ferocious army ants. This lovely, thoughtful book about acceptance is beautifully illustrated.

Effie by Beverly Allison. Scholastic, 1999. 0590729896. \$19.95.

Preschool-Grade K **ANTS**

Effie the ant has a voice like thunder, which saves the day when an elephant is just about to crush the tiny ants.

Hey, Little Ant by Phillip M. and Hannah Hoose. Illustrated by Debbie Tilley. Ten Speed Press, 1998. 1883672546. \$14.95.

Preschool-K **ANTS**

This story/song is presented as a dialogue between an ant and a boy who is about to squish it. Music is provided, so kids can sing and play the roles.

Horrible Harry and the Ant Invasion (Horrible Harry Series) by Suzy Kline. Illustrated by Frank Remkiewicz. Penguin Putnam, 1989. 0670824690. \$14.99. Turtleback Books, 1991. 0606005064. \$10.14.

Grades 2-5 **ANTS**

The title is one of the four stories in this book about second-grader Horrible Harry. This series is excellent for readers just graduating from easy readers. In "Ant Invasion" Harry is put in charge of the ant farm, but loses his position of ant monitor when he is bitten.

How Many Ants? by Larry Dane Brimner. Illustrated by Joan Cottle. Scholastic, 1997. 0516203983. \$14.95.

Grades K-2 **ANTS**

Ants increase by multiples of ten as they march up the hill toward a tall cake.

If I Were an Ant (Rookie Reader Level C) by Amy Moses. Illustrated by Tom Dunnington. Children's Press, 1992. 0516020110. \$14.25.

Grades 1-3 **ANTS** No summary.

The Little Red Ant and the Great Big Crumb by Shirley Climo. Illustrated by Francisco X. Mora. Houghton Mifflin, 1995. 0395707323. \$16.00.

Grades K-3 **ANTS**

In this Mexican tale, sprinkled with Spanish phrases, a tiny ant seeks help from other animals, but they all have excuses. Eventually the little red ant realizes that she can carry the crumb herself.

Ma Jiang and the Orange Ants by Barbara Ann Porte. Illustrated by Annie Cannon. Orchard Books, 2000. 0531302415. \$16.95.

Grades 1-4 **ANTS**

This story set in long-ago China is about a family that earns their living by selling orange ants to farmers who use them to protect their orchards from other destructive insects. When war is declared Ma Jiang, the quick-witted heroine, her mother and baby brother are left to fend for themselves.

The Man Who Lived in a Hat by Janice Levy. Illustrated by Dave Brown. Hampton Roads Publishing, 2001. 1571742115. \$16.95.

Preschool-Grade K **ANTS**

A man is granted wishes by a magical ant named Sadie and is undone by his own greed.

McDuff Saves the Day by Rosemary Wells. Illustrated by Susan Jeffers. Hyperion, 2002. 0786823119. \$15.49.

Preschool-Grade K **ANTS**

McDuff the dog and his family go to the lake for a picnic, but when ants consume all of their food, it's up to McDuff to find something for them to eat.

One Hundred Hungry Ants by Elinor J Pinczes. Illustrated by Bonnie MacKain. Paperback. Houghton Mifflin, 1999. 0395971233. \$5.95

Preschool-Grade 1 **ANTS**

Rhymed verse and sophisticated art combine to provide a math lesson.

Sarah's Story by Bill Harley. Illustrated by Eve Aldridge. Tricycle Press, 1996. 1883672201. \$15.95.

Grades K-3 **ANTS, BEES**

Sarah has quite a story to tell in school when she goes down an anthole and must find something for the queen ant to eat. A bee helps by providing honey for Sarah's peanut butter sandwich.

A Sip of Aesop by Jane Yolen. Illustrated by Karen Barbour. Scholastic, 1995. 059478958. \$14.95.

Grades K-3. **ANTS, GRASSHOPPERS**

Thirteen Aesop's Fables are cleverly retold in verse. "The Ant and the Grasshopper" is included.

The Spider and the Fly by Mary Botham Howitt. Illustrated by Tony Diterlizzi. Simon and Schuster, 2002. 0689852894. \$16.95.

Grades K-3 **FLIES, SPIDERS**

Howitt's 1829 poem is stunningly illustrated in the style of a black and white movie, giving it a deliciously spooky quality.

Step by Step by Diane Wolkstein. Illustrated by Joseph A Smith. Morrow, 1994. 0688103154. \$15.00.

Preschool-K **ANTS, GRASSHOPPERS**

In this simple story an ant travels over stones, across a leaf and under branches until she meets her grasshopper friend. The two play and dance together, then the ant returns home.

There's an Ant in Anthony by Bernard Most. Turtleback Books, 0606013245. \$11.10.

Grades 2-5 **ANTS**

Youngsters are invited to search for words within words.

Two Bad Ants by Chris Van Allsburg. Illustrated by Chris Van Allsburg. Houghton Mifflin, 1988. 0395486688. \$17.95.

Preschool-Grade 3 **ANTS**

Two ants who decide to stay behind in the sugar bowl after a crystal-gathering expedition are nearly drowned in a cup of coffee, roasted in a toaster, and blown apart in a garbage disposal before they find their way home again.

You Can't Catch Me! by Joanne F. Oppenheim. Illustrated by Andrew Shachat. Houghton Mifflin, 1986. 0395414520. o.p.

Preschool-Grade K **ANTS**

A pesky black fly buzzes around a farmyard bothering the animals in this lively story.

BEES and WASPS

Barnyard Song by Rhonda Gowler Greene. Illustrated by Robert Bender. Econo-Clad Books, 2001. 0613345983. \$13.85.

Preschool. **BEES**

Silly looking farm animals all catch the flu from a bee, so their usual noises change to sniffles and snorts. This humorous book will be a storytime winner.

Bea's Own Good by Linda Talley. Illustrated by Andra Chase. MarshMedia, 1997. 1559420928. \$16.95.

Grades K-4 **BEES**

A young French honeybee learns the rules to keep the honeycomb strong, to make the best honey, and to keep the bees safe. End pages feature factual information about bees and France.

Bee Attitude Books by Charles Reasoner. **Bee Happy** 0843102284. **Bee Kind** 0843102292. **Bee Safe** 0843102306. **Bee Smart** 0843102314.. Board Books. Price Stern Sloan, 2003. Each \$3.99.

Toddler-Preschool **BEES**

Using visual puns, this new series of stories in rhyme introduces the Bee Attitudes, wise little critters who each present an important lesson.

Bee Gets a Sweater by Keith Faulkner. Illustrated by Jonathan Lambert. Silver Dolphin, 2003. 1571459650. \$8.95.

Toddler-K BEES

This story begins a long time ago, when all bees were just plain black. Spider has a brilliant idea. She sets to work knitting different sweaters until the bright yellow and black ones fit and the bees are never the same again.

Beekeepers by Linda Oatman High. Illustrated by Doug Chayka. Boyds Mills Press, 1998. 156397486X. \$14.95.

Grades K-3 BEES

This beautifully descriptive story about a girl and her grandfather tending the bees is illustrated with soft oil paintings.

The Beeman by Laurie Krebs. Illustrated by Melissa Iwai. National Geographic Society, 2002. 0792272242. \$16.95.

Preschool-Grade 3 BEES

With rhyming text and warm, expressive paintings, this lovely picture book takes the reader through a year of beekeeping from the point of view of a little girl helping her beloved grandpa, who's known in town as the Beeman.

The Bee-Man of Orn by Frank R. Stockton. Illustrated by Maurice Sendak. Michael Di Capua Books, Oct. 2003. 0060297298. \$15.95.

Preschool-Grade 3. BEES

The Bee-Man and his bees live well together until the Junior Sorcerer tells him that he has been transformed. The Bee-Man is now determined to find out what he was before.

The Bee-Man of Orn by Frank R. Stockton. Illustrated by P. J. Lynch. Candlewick Press, Feb. 2004. 0763622397. \$17.99.

Grades 1-4. BEES

This comic American folk tale about a poor old Bee-man who must leave his beloved hives to search for his true identity is brought to new life with enchanting illustrations by award-winning artist P.J. Lynch, and concludes with a final, satisfying twist that says much about fate and the captivating power of bees.

The Bee Tree by Patricia Polacco. Philomel Books, 1993. 039921965X. \$17.00.

Grades K-3 BEES

Polacco has created a rollicking adventure to illustrate the virtues of reading and of enjoying a break. Young Mary Ellen wants to be outdoors running and playing, so her grandfather takes her out to chase a bee to its far-off hive.

Bees and Butterflies (Bright & Colorful Sparkle Books) by Gina Phillips and Stuart Martin. Board Book. Book Company, Dec. 2003. 174047239X. \$14.95.

Toddler-K BEES, BUTTERFLIES

Beatrice Bee and Bella Butterfly land on the same flower and they don't want to share. This giant board book has spectacular illustrations and sparkle areas on every page.

Bumble Bee by Margaret Wise Brown. Illustrated by Victoria Raymond. Board Book. HarperCollins, 1999. 0694017493. \$5.95.

Preschool-Grade 1 **BEES**

This 1959 poem about an active bumblebee is now in a board book format with bright sculptured illustrations.

Bumblebee, Bumblebee, Do You Know Me? by Anne F Rockwell.

HarperCollins, 1999. 0060282126. \$15.89.

Preschool-K **BEES**

A series of riddles gives the descriptions of various flowers, then reveals their names.

Busy Bee (Funny Faces Series) by Janet Allison Brown. Illustrated by Paula Knight. Board Book. Tiger Tales. Sept. 2003. 1589257154. \$3.95.

Toddler-Preschool **BEES**

Buzz along with Busy Bee as he shades the ants with his wings and baby-sits the smaller bees. This wonderful, simple story of friendship is enhanced with a felt-trimmed cover accenting bee's wings.

Busy Buzzy Bee by Elizabeth Lawrence. Illustrated by Katy Rhodes. Board Book. Barron's Educational Series. 2002. 0764154826. \$3.95.

Toddler-Preschool **BEES**

Buzzy bee is busy. He visits every flower. Working hard from dawn to dusk, no matter what the hour. The cover and pages of this board book are shaped like a bee.

Buzz by Janet Wong. Illustrated by Margaret Chodos-Irvine. Harcourt, 2000. 0152019235. \$15.00.

Preschool-Grade 1 **BEES**

This concept book explores the sounds of a child's daily life with the recurring "buzz" of the bee.

Buzz, Buzz, Buzz by Byron Barton. Turtleback Books, 1995. 068971873. \$12.14

Preschool-K **BEES**

A chain reaction set off by a bee leads to many humorous situations.

"Buzz," Said the Bee by Wendy Cheyette Lewison. Illustrated by Hans Wilhelm. Econo-Clad Books, 1999. 083358720X. \$11.55.

Preschool **BEES**

As one animal sits on another in an accumulating progression, the reader learns the sounds each animal makes.

Buzzy the Bumblebee by Denise Brennan-Nelson. Illustrated by Michael Glenn Monroe. Sleeping Bear Press, 1999. 1886947821. \$15.00.

Preschool-Grade 2 **BEES**

When he reads that bumblebees cannot fly, Buzzy suddenly doubts himself and forgets how.

Cathy Caterpillar and Betty Bee by Sally Rippon. Rourke, 1982. 0865927901. \$6.50.

Preschool-Grade K **BEES, CATERPILLARS**

Often impatient with her friend's slowness, Betty Bee is amazed and delighted when Cathy Caterpillar turns into a butterfly.

Fire Race: A Karuk Coyote Tale of How Fire Come to the People by Jonathan London. Illustrated by Sylvia Long. Chronicle Books, 1997. Paperback.

0811814882. \$6.95.

Grades K-2 **WASPS**

In this compelling Native American folktale, Wise Old Coyote steals fire from the greedy Yellow Jacket Sisters while Eagle, Cougar, Fox, Bear, Measuring Worm, Turtle and Frog work together to help.

The Giant Jam Sandwich by John Vernon Lord. Houghton Mifflin, 1975.

0395160332. \$17.00.

Grades K-3 **WASPS**

When four million wasps fly into their village, the citizens of Itching Down make a giant jam sandwich to trap them.

Honeybee and the Robber by Eric Carle. Penguin Putnam, 2001. 0399237313. \$16.99.

Preschool-Grade K **BEES**

After gathering nectar and making its way safely home, a lone honeybee saves the day when a bear attacks the hive. Originally published in 1981, the book is now revised to be smaller and include pull-outs and pop-ups.

Honeybee's Busy Day by Richard Fowler. Harcourt, 1994. 0152000550. \$14.00.

Preschool-Grade 1 **BEES**

Honeybee does not let anything distract her as she gathers nectar from the summer flowers to make into honey. The book features a separate honeybee that weaves its way through die-cut pages.

How Butterbees Came to Bee! By Lana Grimm and Tania Bloch. Illustrated by David Michener. Bee Unlimited, Inc., 2001. 0966204832. \$16.95.

Preschool-Grade 3 **BEES**

The "Amazing Butterbees" inherit the gifts of both bees and butterflies. They "float like butterflies and buzz like bees!" Children are presented with a wealth of positive values that enhance self-esteem and increase social awareness.

In Enzo's Splendid Gardens by Patricia Polacco. Philomel Books, 1997.

0399231072. \$16.99.

Preschool-Grade 3 **BEES**

Written in verse, this cause-and-effect tale relates the chaotic events that occur after a bee lands in a tree in the garden of an Italian restaurant.

Magic School Bus Inside a Beehive by Joanna Cole. Scholastic, 1996.
0590446843 \$14.00.

Grades K-4 **BEES**

Ms. Frizzle takes her class on a field trip to a beehive in her magic school bus.

The Mole Sisters and the Busy Bees by Roslyn Schwartz. Annick Press, 2000.
1550376632. \$12.95.

Toddler-Preschool **BEES**

The Mole Sisters set out to do nothing at all. But when a busy bee buzzes by, they follow him and end up in a lovely meadow of flowers. The Mole Sisters begin smelling and their noses become covered in pollen. With a couple of big sneezes, they unwittingly help the busy bees with their work.

Mr. Bumble by Kim Kennedy. Illustrated by Doug Kennedy. Paperback.
Hyperion, 1999. 0786813539. \$5.99.

In this enchanting story, by a Louisiana author/illustrator team, Mr. Bumble, the clumsiest bee in his hive, learns how to gather pollen gracefully.

The Rose in My Garden by Arnold Lobel. Illustrated by Anita Lobel.
Greenwillow Books, 1984. 0688122655. \$14.75.

Preschool-Grade 3 **BEES**

In this cumulative story many different flowers grow near the hollyhocks that shade the bee that sleeps on the only rose in the garden.

Rosie's Walk by Pat Hutchins. Turtleback Books, 1986. 0606033114. \$12.14.
Toddler-Preschool **BEES**

Rosie the hen takes a leisurely stroll around the farmyard, oblivious to the fox who is chasing her. Luckily, the fox encounters many obstacles, including a swarm of angry bees.

Sarah's Story by Bill Harley. Illustrated by Eve Aldridge. Tricycle Press, 1996.
1883672201. \$15.95.

Grades K-3 **ANTS, BEES**

Sarah has quite a story to tell in school when she goes down an anthole and must find something for the queen ant to eat. A bee helps by providing honey for Sarah's peanut butter sandwich.

See Pip Point (Ready-to-Read) by David Milgrim. Atheneum, 2003.
0689851162. \$15.00.

Grades K-2 **BEES**

When Pip the Mouse floats off with Otto the Robot's balloon, Otto and Zee the Bee go to the rescue.

A Taste of Honey by Nancy Elizabeth Wallace. Winslow Press, 2001.
1890817511. \$15.95.

Preschool-Grade 1 **BEES**

A little bear and her father trace the origins of honey from the jar all the way back to the bees who produced it.

Very Like a Star by Dawn L. Watkins. Illustrated by Anne Smith. Bob Jones University Press, 1990. 0890845336. \$5.49.

Preschool-Grade 3 **BEES**

This story relates what happens to a hard-working, dependable bee named Rigel and the lazy bees that tease her.

Winnie-The-Pooh and Some Bees by A.A. Milne. Adapted by Stephen Krensky, Illustrated by Ernest H. Shepard. Penguin Putnam, 2001. 0525467815. \$13.99.

Preschool-Grade 3 **BEES**

Easy-reader author Krensky has adapted this Milne classic into a new format without compromising any of the charm, gentle humor, and distinctive touch of the original.

BUTTERFLIES, MOTHS AND CATERPILLARS

The Beautiful Butterfly: A Folktale from Spain by Judy Sierra. Illustrated by Victoria Chess. Houghton Mifflin, 2000. 0395900158. \$15.00.

Grades K-3 **BUTTERFLIES**

After choosing a husband for his sweet singing voice, a beautiful butterfly mourns the fact that he is swallowed by a fish, until a king in his underwear reunites the two. Sierra has blended two Spanish folktales to create an intriguing story with a satisfyingly happy ending.

Bees and Butterflies (Bright & Colorful Sparkle Books) by Gina Phillips and Stuart Martin. Board Book. Book Company, Dec. 2003. 174047239X. \$14.95.

Toddler-K **BEES, BUTTERFLIES**

Beatrice Bee and Bella Butterfly land on the same flower and they don't want to share. This giant board book has spectacular illustrations and sparkle areas on every page.

Butterfly House by Eve Bunting. Illustrated by Greg Shed. Scholastic, 1999. Board Book. 0590848844. \$15.95.

Grades K-3 **BUTTERFLIES**

With the help of her grandfather, a little girl makes a house for a larva and watches it grow.

The Butterfly Kiss by Marcial Boo. Illustrated by Tim Vyrer. Harcourt, 1995. 0152008411. \$8.40.

Preschool-K **BUTTERFLIES**

In this animal tale a butterfly tries to find a home where its kiss will be accepted. The tiger, elephant, crocodile, stork, rabbit, bat and cow refuse the kiss, but the child accepts it.

The Caterpillar and the Polliwog by Jack Kent. Turtleback Books, 1982. 0606041834. \$12.10.

Grades K-3 **CATERPILLARS**

Impressed by the proud caterpillar's boast that she will turn into a butterfly when she grows up, a polliwog determines to watch the caterpillar very carefully and turn into a butterfly too.

Cathy Caterpillar and Betty Bee by Sally Rippon. Rourke, 1982. 0865927901. \$6.50.

Preschool-Grade K **BEES, CATERPILLARS**

Often impatient with her friend's slowness, Betty Bee is amazed and delighted when Cathy Caterpillar turns into a butterfly.

Charlie the Caterpillar by Dom Deluise. Illustrated by Christopher Santoro. Aladdin Library, 1993. Paperback. 0671796070. \$5.95.

Preschool-Grade 2 **CATERPILLARS**

In this heart-warming story about the meaning of true friendship, Charlie the Caterpillar meets one group of animals after another playing together, but they won't let him join in, because he is ugly. When Charlie later emerges as a beautiful butterfly, they all want to be his friend, but he puts them in their place.

Clara Caterpillar by Pamela Duncan Edwards. HarperCollins, 2001. 060289953. \$15.95.

Preschool-Grade K **CATERPILLARS**

Clara Caterpillar, who becomes a cream-colored butterfly, courageously saves Catisha the "catty" crimson-colored butterfly from a hungry crow.

Clovis Crawfish and Petit Papillon by Mary Alice Fontenot. Illustrated by Keith Graves. Pelican, 1985. Pelican, 088289448X. \$14.95.

Preschool-Grade 2 **BUTTERFLIES** No summary.

In the Tall, Tall Grass by Denise Fleming. Illustrated by Denise Fleming. Henry Holt, 1991. 080501635X. \$16.95.

Preschool-Grade K **CATERPILLARS**

A small boy watches a caterpillar munch through the tall, tall grass, meeting many creatures along the way.

Lamb and the Butterfly by Arnold Sundgaard. Illustrated by Eric Carle. Orchard Books, 1991. 0531057798. \$16.95.

Preschool **BUTTERFLIES**

A protected lamb and an independent butterfly discuss their different ways of living.

The Very Hungry Caterpillar by Eric Carle. Penguin Putnam, 1981. 0399208534. \$19.99.

Preschool-Grade K **CATERPILLARS**

A caterpillar eats a great deal and then spins its cocoon. Counting, days of the week, and a science lesson are all incorporated into this book that has become a storytime favorite.

Where Does the Butterfly Go When It Rains? by May Garelick. Illustrated by Nicholas Wilton. Mondo Publishing, 1997. 1572551658. \$15.95.

Preschool **BUTTERFLIES, NATURE**

In this classic nature story, the author's rhythmic text explores what happens to various animals when it rains.

Who's in Rabbit's House? by Verna Aardema. Turtleback Books, 1977. 0606023097. \$13.14.

Grades K-3 **CATERPILLARS**

This Masai tale is presented in the form of a play, in which the frog gets the job of getting a monster out of the rabbit's house after the leopard, elephant, and rhino bungle the job. The "monster" turns out to be a little caterpillar. This make a fun skit.

Why Butterflies Go by on Silent Wings by Marquerite W. Davol. Illustrated by Robert Roth. Scholastic, 2001. 0531303225. \$16.95.

This original tale is about when the world was young and butterflies were chatty, noisy creatures dressed in dull colors. After a thunderstorm they became silent and colorful.

COCKROACHES

Breakout at the Bug Lab by Ruth Horowitz. Illustrated by Joan Holub. Penguin Putnam, 2001. 0803725108. \$13.99.

Grade K-3 **COCKROACHES**

When a giant cockroach named Max escapes from their mother's bug laboratory, Leo and his brother receive help from a mysterious stranger who advised them to think like a bug in order to recapture the runaway roach.

Crickwing by Janell Cannon. Harcourt, 2000. 0152017909. \$12.80.

Grades K-4 **ANTS, COCKROACHES**

In this epic adventure beneath the foliage, Crickwing the cockroach and the leafcutter ants go head-on with a swarm of ferocious army ants. This lovely, thoughtful book about acceptance is beautifully illustrated.

Leo Cockroach...Toy Tester by Kevin O'Malley. Walker and Company, 1999. 0802786898. \$16.85

Grades 1-3 **COCKROACHES**

Leo Cockroach, who secretly tests toys for the bug-hating president of a toy company, seeks a job with the competitor across the street and finds himself worse off than before.

CRICKETS AND GRASSHOPPERS

The Ant and the Grasshopper by Aesop. Retold and illustrated by Amy Lowry Poole. Holiday House, 2000. 0823414779. \$16.95.

Grades K-3. **ANTS, GRASSHOPPERS**

This version of Aesop's fable about the industrious ants and the lazy grasshopper, who does not prepare for winter, is set in China.

Christmas Cricket by Eve Bunting. Illustrated by Timothy Bush. Houghton Mifflin, 2002. 0618065547. \$12.00.

Grades K-2 **CRICKETS**

On Christmas Eve, a little cricket finds its way into a house where its singing is thought to be of an angel.

I Wish I Were a Butterfly by James Howe. Illustrated Ed Young. Harcourt, 1987. 015200470X. \$17.00.

Preschool-Grade 2 **CRICKETS**

Cricket loses his zest for living after a frog tells him that he is ugly. The other insects try to persuade him that he is fine just the way he is and finally the wise old spider convinces the cricket to sing again.

Inspector Hopper (I Can Read Series) by Doug Cushman. HarperCollins, 2003. 0060089628. \$12.79.

Grades 1-2 **GRASSHOPPERS**

Inspector Hopper is a grasshopper with a feel—and feelers—for mysteries. He and his partner McBugg, the bug-sized super sleuth solve the mystery of missing Mrs. Ladybug and the disappearing boat.

Old Cricket by Lisa Wheeler. Illustrated by Ponder Goembel. Atheneum, 2003. 0689845103. \$16.95.

Preschool-Grade 1 **CRICKETS**

Old Cricket doesn't feel like helping his wife and neighbors to prepare for winter, so he pretends to be sick. Snappy dialogue accented with the phrase, "You don't get to be an old cricket by being a dumb bug," adds character to this humorous trickster tale.

Quick as a Cricket by Audrey Wood. Turtleback Books, 1982. 0859533069. \$13.14. (Board Book is entitled **I'm Quick as a Cricket.**)

Toddler-Preschool **BUGS, CRICKETS**

The sing-song phrases and the large, endearing illustrations of a boy mimicking animals (cricket, snail, ant, whale) is a favorite with young children.

A Sip of Aesop by Jane Yolen. Illustrated by Karen Barbour. Scholastic, 1995. 059478958. \$14.95.

Grades K-3 **ANTS, GRASSHOPPERS**

Thirteen Aesop's Fables are cleverly retold in verse. "The Ant and the Grasshopper" is included.

Step by Step by Diane Wolkstein. Illustrated by Joseph A Smith. Morrow, 1994. 0688103154. \$15.00.

Preschool-K **ANTS, GRASSHOPPERS**

In this simple story an ant travels over stones, across a leaf and under branches until she meets her friend a grasshopper. The two play and dance together, then the ant returns home.

The Very Quiet Cricket: A Multi-Sensory Book by Eric Carle. Penguin Putnam, 1990. 0399218858. \$21.99.

Preschool-Grade 1 **CRICKETS**

A newly hatched cricket has a problem getting his wings to chirp until he meet a very quiet girl cricket. A chip is included in the book that makes a very accurate cricket sound.

FIREFLIES

Counting Our Way to Maine by Maggie Smith. Scholastic, 1995. 0531087344. \$16.99.

Preschool-Grade 2 **FIREFLIES**

In this counting book, numbers from 1 to 20 are introduced during a family's summer trip to Maine. The book contains lots of details about the activities (including counting fireflies) of this high-spirited, warm-hearted family.

Fireflies!: Story and Pictures by Julie Brinckloe. Econo-Clad Books, 1986. 0808567241. \$13.85.

Preschool-K **FIREFLIES**

A young boy is proud of having caught a jar full of fireflies, but as the light begins to dim he realizes he must set them free or they will die.

Fireflies, Fireflies, Light My Way by Jonathan London. Illustrated by Linda Messier. Viking, 1996. 0670854425. o.p.

Grades K-3 **FIREFLIES**

A refrain from a Native American lullaby inspires this nocturnal visit to a swamp where turtles play, bullfrogs leap and other animals swim.

Fireflies for Nathan by Shulamith Levey Oppenheim. Illustrated by John Ward. Morrow/Avon, 1994. 0688121470. \$16.00.

Preschool-Grade K **FIREFLIES**

Full-color paintings illustrate this cozy story about an African-American boy and his grandfather catching fireflies at their rural home.

Fireflies in the Night by Judy Hawes. Illustrated by Ellen Alexander. Econo-Clad Books, 1991. 0613135237. \$12.65.

Preschool-Grade 2 **FIREFLIES**

In this revision of a 1963 title a young girl learns interesting facts about fireflies from her grandfather.

A Firefly Named Torchy by Bernard Waber. Houghton Mifflin, 1999. 039590496X. \$15.00.

Preschool-Grade 2 **FIREFLIES**

This reissue of the 1970 classic is about a young firefly who irritates all the forest creatures with his incredibly bright light.

Firefly Night by Carole Gerber. Illustrated by Marty Husted. Turtleback Books, 2000. 0606196870. \$13.10.

Preschool-Grade 1 **FIREFLIES**

This poem inspired by Longfellow's "The Song of Hiawatha" tells of a young Chippewa girl who follows fireflies through the night as they illuminate various animals.

Leo the Lightning Bug by Eric Drachman. Illustrated by Jame Muscarello. Kidwick Books, 2002. 0970380909. \$18.95.

Preschool-Grade 2 **FIREFLIES**

Leo goes off by himself when he cannot glow like he wants, but eventually he learns to glow and to laugh.

Sam and the Firefly by P.D. Eastman. Beginner Books, 1972. 0394800060. \$8.99.

Grades K-2 **FIREFLIES**

Sam the owl teaches Gus the firefly to write words in the sky. Suddenly cars crash, movies are free, and hot dogs are cold.

Ten Flashing Fireflies by Philemon Sturges. Illustrated by Anna Vojtech, 1995. North-South Books. 155858420X. \$15.95.

Preschool-Grade 1 **FIREFLIES**

The rhymed text and luminous, atmospheric illustrations capture the excitement of a brother and sister playing outdoors on a summer night.

The Very Lonely Firefly by Eric Carle. Penguin Putnam, 1995. 0399227741. \$22.99.

Preschool-Grade 2 **FIREFLIES**

One night a very lonely firefly goes off in search of friends. He sees a lantern, an owl's eyes, headlights, candles and fireworks, but none of them are fireflies. Finally everything quiets down and other fireflies flash their lights and the little firefly isn't lonely anymore. The fireflies actually illuminate at the end of the book.

When Lightning Comes in a Jar: Come to a Family Reunion by Patricia Polacco. Penguin Putnam, 2002. 0399231641. \$16.99.

Grades K-3 **FIREFLIES**

A young girl describes the family reunion at her grandmother's house, from the food and baseball and photos to the flickering fireflies on the lawn.

When the Fireflies Come by Jonathan London. Illustrated by Terry Widener. Penguin Putnam, 2003. 0525454047. \$15.99.

Grades K-2 **FIREFLIES**

This magical summer evening of children catching fireflies is captured in rhythmic language and beautiful full-color illustrations that darken until only the fireflies and the moon glow.

FLEAS

Ed and Fred Flea by Pamela Duncan Edwards. Illustrated by Henry Cole. Hyperion, 1999. 0786824107. \$15.49.

Grades K-3 **FLEAS**

Two flea brothers live on a huge dog, but bad Fred wants the dog all to himself, so he fakes illness to stay when the dog starts scratching. Gleeful caricatures of the fleas illustrate the rhymed text.

A Flea In The Ear by Stephen Wyllie, Illustrated by Ken Brown. Penguin Putnam, 1999. Paperback. 0140561897. \$5.99.

Grades K-3 **FLEAS**

In this humorously illustrated fable a fox tells a dog to go down to the pond to get rid of his fleas. The fox then steals off with the chickens that the dog was guarding. In a satisfying turn-about, the dog ultimately outwits the fox, who ends up with the fleas.

A Flea Story by Leo Lionni. Alfred A. Knopf, 1977. 0394834984. \$15.00. o.p.

Grade K-2 **FLEAS**

Two fleas, one who loves to travel and one who prefers to stay home, decide to go their separate ways.

The Flea's Sneeze by Lynn Downey. Illustrated by Karla Firehammer. Henry Holt, 2000. 0805061037. \$17.00.

Preschool-Grade 1 **FLEAS**

Rollicking rhythms, rhymes and repetitions tell the story of the flea whose sneeze startles all the animals in the barn.

The Napping House by Audrey Wood. Illustrated by Don Wood. Harcourt Brace, 1984. 0152567089. \$16.00.

Preschool-Grade 1 **FLEAS**

In this cumulative tale, a wakeful flea atop a number of sleeping creatures causes a commotion, with just one bite.

The Old Man and the Flea by Mary Elizabeth Hanson. Illustrated by David Webber Merrell. Northland, 2001. 0873587766. \$15.95.

Grades K-3 **FLEAS**

An elderly man purchases a 'pedigreed flea' to keep as a pet. When the old man begins talking to his new pet, the neighbors, who are unable to see the flea, think he is crazy and call the police.

The Silly Story of a Flea and His Dog (Hello Reader! Series) by Faith McNulty. Illustrated by Mavis Smith. Cartwheel Books, 1999. 0590228609. \$3.50.

Grade K-2 **FLEAS**

Herman the flea describes the perils that he and his many brothers and sisters face after making their home in the fur of Goldie, a family pet.

The Three Little Puppies and the Big Bad Flea by Ted Lish. Illustrated by Charles Jordan. Munchweiler Press, 2001. 0794000002. \$15.95.

Grades K-3 **FLEAS**

A twist on the Three Little Pigs in which puppies are warned by their mother to watch out for the big, bad flea.

FLIES and DRAGONFLIES

The Blue Green Housefly by Janie S. Gill. A.R.O. Publishing, 2001. 0898685370. \$11.95.

Preschool-Grade 1 **FLIES**

This book is in the Predictable Readers series by Louisiana author Janie Gill.

A Fly Went By by Mike McClintock, Marshall McClintock. Random House, 1976. 0394800036. \$8.99.

Preschool-Grade 2 **FLIES**

In this classic reader a fly goes by, followed by a frog, who's chased by a cat, who's chased by a dog in a humorous cumulative tale.

Gotcha by Gail Jorgensen. Illustrated by Kerry Argent. Paperback. Scholastic, 2001. 0439365406. \$5.99.

Preschool-K FLIES

When Bertha Bear's birthday party is interrupted by a pesky fly, she races off in pursuit of it and disturbs a number of animals along the way.

I Know an Old Lady Who Swallowed a Fly: A Traditional Folk Song by Stephen Gulbis. Scholastic, 2001. 0439243289. \$14.95.

Preschool-Grade 1 FLIES

In this classic cumulative tale, the old lady swallows a fly and doesn't stop there. A die-cut expanding wheel rests on top of the old lady's stomach, inviting children to give it a whirl.

The Jazz Fly by Matthew Gollub. Illustrated by Karen Hanke. Book and CD. Tortuga Press, 2000. 1889910171. \$17.95.

Grades K-3 FLIES

This cleverly designed book includes a CD with Gollub's narration and danceable music. The story is about a drummer fly who needs to come up with a fresh sound to please the Queen Bee.

Old Black Fly by Jim Aylesworth. Illustrated by Stephen Gammell. Henry Holt, 1992. 0805014012. \$16.95.

Preschool-Grade 1 FLIES

This fun, rhythmic, rhyming alphabet book describes the 26 awful things Old Black Fly did one day. This memorable chant ends with a satisfying "Swat!" on the last page.

One, Two, Three, Jump by Penelope Lively. Illustrated by Jan Ormerod. Simon and Schuster, 1999. 0689822014. o.p.

Preschool-Grade K DRAGONFLIES

A young frog in search of adventure meets up with a dragonfly, who, luckily, is always on the lookout for trouble.

There Was an Old Lady Who Swallowed a Fly by Simms Taback. Penguin Putnam, 1997. 0670869392. \$15.99.

Preschool-Grade 3 FLIES

Taback's ingenious illustrations of this familiar song include a hole where the old lady's stomach should be, so the readers can see where all the animals end up. Clever details and humorous asides take this song to new heights.

Shoo Fly by Iza Trapani. Board Book. Charlesbridge Publishing, 2002. 1580890806. \$6.60.

Toddler-Preschool FLIES

In this brightly illustrated version of the familiar song, a little mouse tries all kinds of antics to stop a pesky fly from bothering him.

Waiter, There's a Fly in My Soup by Charles Keller. Paperback. Simon and Schuster, 1991. 97806671739829. \$2.95.

Grades 1-5 FLIES

This is a whole collection of fly jokes.

When the Fly Flew In... by Lisa Westberg Peters. Illustrated by Brad Sneed. Putnam Penguin, 1994. 0803714319. \$15.99.

Grades K-2 **FLIES**

A young child puts off cleaning the bedroom, but the sudden arrival of a zooming fly mysteriously gets the job done.

LADYBUGS

Fly Away Ladybug: Baby Soft Book by Suzy McPartland. Illustrated by Emily Bolam. Friedman/Fairfax Publishing, 2002. 1586637274. \$9.99.

Toddler-Preschool **LADYBUGS** No summary.

The Grouchy Ladybug by Eric Carle. HarperCollins, 1996. 0060270888. \$16.89. Preschool-Grade 2 **LADYBUGS**

This new, larger format edition with brighter, more colorful pages was issued for the 20th anniversary of the title. A grouchy ladybug, looking for a fight, challenges everyone she meets, regardless of their size or strength.

Ladybug at Orchard Avenue by Kathleen Weidner Zoehfeld. Illustrated by Thomas Buchs. Soundprints, 1996. 1568992572. \$15.95.

Preschool-Grade 2 **LADYBUGS**

Ladybug rambles through the garden, up and down rose stems in search of her favorite food, aphids, instinctively using her natural defenses to escape from threats.

Ladybug, Ladybug by Ruth Brown. Turtleback Books, 1992. 0606017127. \$12.14.

Preschool-Grade 1 **LADYBUGS**

In this adaptation of the familiar nursery rhyme, Ladybug encounters a variety of animals while rushing home to her children.

Ladybug on the Move by Richard Fowler. Harcourt, 1993. 0152004750. \$14.00.

Toddler-Preschool **LADYBUGS**

In this interactive picture book, children move a vinyl ladybug down a delightful garden path.

Ladybug's Birthday by Steve Metzger. Illustrated by James Williamson. Scholastic, 1997. 0-590109685.

Preschool-Grade 2 **LADYBUGS**

Ladybug plans a party with only two friends in her small house, but as more and more insects show up, she is sure her birthday is ruined.

Little Buggy by Kevin O'Malley. Gulliver Books, 2002. 0152163395. \$16.00 Preschool-Grade 2 **LADYBUGS**

A young male ladybug is determined to learn how to fly and, with the help of his father, he succeeds. This warm and hilarious father-son story is told in dialogue balloons and illustrated with friendly and inviting cartoons set against a lush background.

Little Buggy Disappears by Kevin O'Malley. Harcourt, September 2003.

0152165509. \$16.00.

Preschool-Grade 2 **LADYBUGS**

Little Buggy has a fight with Big Buggy and runs away, with help for some ant friends.

Look Out Ladybug by David Crossley. Board Book. Barron's, 2001.

0764153889. \$5.95.

Toddler-Preschool **LADYBUGS** No summary.

Persephone, the Ladybug by J. Moria Stephens. Little, Brown, 2003.

0316815446. \$16.95.

Preschool-Grade K **LADYBUGS**

Persephone the Ladybug finds herself taken to the city, where she discovers a new life among friends in a teashop. How Persephone escapes the rats and returns to her mother forms the climax of this enchanting story.

Ten Little Ladybugs by Melanie Gerth. Illustrated by Laura Huliska-Beith. Board Books. Intervisual Books, 2000. 1581170912.

Toddler-Preschool **LADYBUGS**

One by one, ten tactile ladybugs disappear. Young ones will love to feel their way through the sturdy, colorful pages of this innovative book.

The Very Lazy Ladybug (A Pop-Up Story) by Isobel Finn. Illustrated by Jack Tickle. M E Media LLC (Tiger Tales), 2001. 1589250079. \$14.95.

Preschool-Grade 1 **LADYBUGS**

A lazy ladybug who never learned how to fly decides she wants to go somewhere, so she tries hitching onto different animals. Finally, when she meets an elephant, she is forced to learn to fly on her own.

MOSQUITOES

The Thing That Bothered Farmer Brown by Teri Sloat. Illustrated by Nadine Bernard Westcott. Econo-Clad, 2001. 0613360184. \$13.80.

Preschool-Grade K **MOSQUITOES**

Farmer Brown desperately swats at an unseen mosquito whose tiny, whiny humming is keeping him awake, demolishing his bedroom in the process.

Why Mosquitoes Buzz in People's Ears: A West African Tale by Verna Aardema. Illustrated by Leo and Diane Dillon. Book Wholesalers, 2002.

9780758700810. \$14.04.

Grades K-3 **MOSQUITOES**

Mosquitoes silly lie to an iguana sets in motion a cumulative series of events. This story is fun to act out with masks.

Zzzng! Zzzng! Zzzng!: A Yoruba Tale by Phillis Gershator. Illustrated by Greg Henry. Scholastic, 1997. 0531095231. \$15.95

Grades K-2 **MOSQUITOES**

When Ear, Leg and Arm refuse to marry Mosquito, she shows them that she is not to be ignored.

NATURE

Box Turtle at Long Pond by William T. George. Illustrated by Lindsay Barrett George. HarperCollins, 1991. 0688081843. \$15.95.

Preschool-Grade 2 **NATURE**

A box turtle hunts worms, tries to catch grasshoppers and survives the day in this beautifully designed nature study.

I Wonder by Tana Hoban. Harcourt, 1999. 0152023550. \$10.95.

Preschool **NATURE**

While walking through the park, a child sees a wondrous variety of animals.

If... by Sarah Perry. Getty Publications, 1995. 0892363216.

Preschool. **NATURE**

Full-page mixed-media color paintings illustrate such imaginative possibilities as worms with wheels, butterflies in clothes, and whales in outer space.

Rabbits and Raindrops by Jim Arnosky. Paperback. Penguin Putnam, 2001. 0698118154. \$5.99.

Preschool-Grade K **NATURE**

Little bunnies crouch beneath a hedge where they watch the rain and share their shelter with other wild creatures as they watch honeybees fly between the raindrops.

Where Does the Butterfly Go When It Rains? by May Garelick. Illustrated by Nicholas Wilton. Mondo Publishing, 1997. 1572551658. \$15.95.

Preschool **BUTTERFLIES, NATURE**

In this classic nature story, the author's rhythmic text explores what happens to various animals when it rains.

SNAILS, SLUGS AND WORMS

The Adventures of Snail at School by John Stadler. HarperCollins, 1995. 0064442020. \$3.95.

Grades K-3 **SNAILS**

When young Snail tries to be the teacher's helper, a water fountain overflows into a whirlpool, the fire extinguisher blasts off into outer space and musical instruments walk themselves to class.

The Biggest House in the World by Leo Lionni. Paperback. Random House, 1973. 0394827406. \$5.99.

Preschool-Grade 2 **SNAILS**

A young snail, desiring a larger shell, receives fatherly advice and decides that small accommodations are an asset in regaining his mobility.

A Bird and His Worm by James Kaczman. Houghton Mifflin, 2002.

0618094601. \$15.00.

Grades K-2 **WORMS**

A bird (who eats seeds and berries) and a worm walk south for the winter together and meet up with a fox who offers them a ride.

Clovis Crawfish and Etienne Escargot by Mary Alice Fontenot. Illustrated by Scott R Blazek. Pelican, 1992. 0882898264. \$14.95.

Grades K-2 **SNAILS**

The snail's friends help when his eggs are threatened by heavy rain.

Diary of a Worm by Doreen Cronin. Illustrated by Harry Bliss. Joanna Cotler, 2003. 006000150X. \$15.99.

Grade K-3 **WORMS**

Cronin (author of *Click, Clack, Moo*) has written an hysterical journal about the daily life of a worm, who is not unlike a human, except he eats his homework and his head looks like his rear end.

Gluey: A Snail Tale by Vivian Walsh. Illustrated by J Otto Seibold. Harcourt, 2002. 0152166203. \$15.00.

Preschool-K **SNAILS**

When Celerina the bunny moves into a new house, she doesn't realize that there was already a snail living there—a snail that can magically repair anything.

Hi Harry! The Moving Story of How One Slow Tortoise Slowly Made a Friend by Martin Waddell. Candlewick Press, 2003. 0763618020.

Preschool-K **SNAILS**

Harry the turtle wants a friend, but Buster Bunny, Stan Badger and Sarah Mouse are all in such a hurry. Then Harry meets Sam Snail and they become fast (or, rather "slow") friends.

How Many Snails?: A Counting Book by Paul Giganti Jr. Illustrated by Donald Crews. HarperCollins, 1988. 0688063691. \$15.95.

Preschool-Grade 2 **SNAILS**

A young child take walks to different places and wonders about the amount and variety of things seen on the way.

Inch by Inch by Leo Lionni. Astor-Honor, 1962. 0839230109. \$15.95.

Preschool-K **WORMS**

When the birds demand that he measure them, he finally escapes when they tell him to measure length of a nightingale's song.

Mr. Carey's Garden by Jane Cutler. Illustrated by G. Brian Karas. Houghton Mifflin, 1996. 039568191X.

Grades K-3 **SNAILS**

Everyone offers free advice on how Mr. Carey can rid his garden of snails, but he keeps saying, "I see it in a different light."

Sluggy Slugs (Thingy Things) by Christopher Raschka. Hyperion Press, 2000. 0786805846. \$3.99

Preschool-Grade 1 **SLUGS**

The Thingy Things series by Raschka appears to be simple, but the abstract illusions may confuse young readers. Sluggy Slug won't budge, not even when lured with a pink lollipop.

Slugs by David T. Greenberg. Illustrated by Victoria Chase. Little, Brown, 1983. 0316326585. \$13.95.

Grades K-5 **SLUGS**

These gruesome poems about slugs will delight most children and disgust most adults.

Snail (Portable Pets Series) by the Harry N. Abrams staff. Board Book. Harry N. Abrams, 2001. 0810956721. \$6.95.

Toddler-Preschool **SNAILS**

The Portable Pets series are board books shaped like the animal they depict.

The Snail House by Allan Ahlberg. Illustrated by Gillian Tyler. Candlewick Press, 2001. 0763607118.

Preschool-Grade K **SNAILS**

Grandma tells the story about the day the children shrank down to a tiny size and went to live in a snail house. Details of the miniature world will fascinate young readers.

Snail Trail by Ruth Brown. Random House, 2000. 0375806962. \$9.95.

Preschool-Grade 1 **SNAILS**

This early reader is a realistic snail's eye-view of the garden. Slimy Snail sets out on a trail, which turns out to be an obstacle course.

The Snail's Spell by Joanne Ryder. Illustrated by Lynne Cherry. Paperback. Scott Foresman, 1988. 0140508910. \$5.99.

Preschool-Grade 1 **SNAILS**

This beautiful picture book is a captivating story about a boy who shrinks to the size of a snail and experiences the world from that perspective.

Snaily Snail (Thingy Things) by Christopher Raschka. Hyperion Press, 2000. 0786806397. \$3.99

Preschool-Grade 1 **SNAILS**

The Thingy Things series by Raschka appears to be simple, but the abstract illusions may confuse young readers. Snaily Snail shows the nature of unconditional love.

Some Smug Slug by Pamela Duncan Edwards. Illustrated by Henry Cole. Econo-Clad, 1998. 0613087828. \$13.80.

Grades K-2 **SLUGS**

An appealing, self-assured slug slithers up a slope against the advice of the other creatures. The alliterative text and realistic, detailed illustrations are sensuous and precise. Children will enjoy the surprise ending.

When the Pigs Took Over by Arthur Dorros. Illustrated by Diane Greenesid. Penguin Putnam, 2002. 0525420304. \$15.99.

Grades K-3 **SNAILS**

Don Carlos likes to do everything in a big way, but his idea to serve lots of snails in his restaurant nearly destroys the whole village.

Wormy Worm (Thingy Things) by Christopher Raschka. Hyperion Press, 2000. 078680582X. \$3.99.

Preschool-Grade 1 **WORMS**

The Thingy Things series by Raschka appears to be simple, but the abstract illusions may confuse young readers. Wormy Worm “wiggles and woggles” to such a degree that it’s difficult to see “which end is front” and “which end is back.”

SPIDERS

Anansi and the Magic Stick by Eric A Kimmel. Illustrated by Janet Stevens. Holiday House, 2001. 0823414434. \$16.95.

Grades K-4 **SPIDERS**

In this retelling of a Liberian folktale, “The Magic Hoe,” Anansi the Spider steals Hyena’s magic stick so he won’t have to do the chores, but when the stick’s magic won’t stop, he gets more than he bargained for. Children will enjoy the chaotic slapstick and can join in the rhythmic chant, “Hocus pocus, Magic Stick...”

Anansi and the Moss-Covered Rock by Eric A Kimmel. Illustrated by Janet Stevens. Holiday House, 1988. 082340689X. \$16.95.

Grades K-4 **SPIDERS**

Anansi the trickster discovers a magic rock that makes animals pass out, and then he steals their food. Clever little bush deer turns the tables on the greedy spider.

Anansi and the Talking Melon by Eric A. Kimmel. Illustrated by Janet Stevens. Holiday House, 1994. 0823411044. \$16.95.

Grades K-4 **SPIDERS**

In this adaptation of an African folktale, Anansi the Spider, who is stuck inside a melon, tricks all the animals into believing that the melon can speak. Kimmel has written another surefire hit with perfect pacing, repetition and surprising reversals. Stevens’ comic illustrations capture the furious animals in all their ridiculous contortions.

Anansi Goes Fishing by Eric A. Kimmel. Illustrated by Janet Stevens. Holiday House, 1992. 082340918X. \$16.95.

Grades K-4 **SPIDERS**

In this variation of a West African tale Turtle turns the tables on the trickster spider by getting him to do all the work of fishing. This makes a great skit.

Anansi the Spider: A Tale from the Ashanti by Gerald McDermott. Henry Holt, 1972. 080500310X. \$16.95.

Grades K-2. **SPIDERS**

This African folktale, illustrated with bold folk-style images, explains that the moon stays in the sky because Anansi and his sons quarreled.

Clovis Crawfish and the Spinning Spiders: Folk Tales by Mary Alice Fontenot. Illustrated by Christine Kidder. Pelican, 1987. 088289644X. \$14.95.

Grades K-3 **SPIDERS**

Clovis Crawfish must protect his bayou friends when the evil Simone Spider spins her web in their midst and begins looking for someone to snare with it.

The Eensy-Weensy Spider by Mary Ann Hoberman. Illustrated Nadine Bernard Westcott. Little, Brown, 2000. 0316363308. \$14.95.

Preschool SPIDERS

The traditional song is expanded to include many delightful adventures for the spider beyond the drainpipe.

Itsy Bitsy Spider by Iza Trapani. Charlesbridge Publishing, Inc., 1992. 1879085771. \$15.95.

Preschool-K SPIDERS

The itsy-bitsy spider encounters a fan, a mouse, a cat and a rocking chair as she marches up to the top of a tree to spin her web in this extended rhyme based on the familiar song.

The Lady and the Spider by Faith McNulty. Harper & Row, 1986. 0060241918. \$15.00.

Grades K-3 SPIDERS

A spider who lives in a head of lettuce is saved when the lady who finds her puts her back in the garden. The descriptions of the spider's life are fascinating and the message that all life has value is powerful.

Little Miss Spider by David Kirk. Scholastic, 1999. 0439083893. \$12.95. Board. Scholastic, 2003. 0439543150. \$5.99.

Preschool-Grade 1 SPIDERS

On her very first day of life, Little Miss Spider searches for her mother with the help of Betty Beetle.

Little Miss Spider at Sunnypatch School by David Kirk. Scholastic, 2000. 0439087279. \$12.95.

Preschool-Grade 1 SPIDERS

Miss Spider starts school and soon finds she is failing leaf chewing, flying, and stinging. However, she does well in climbing and spinning.

Miss Spider's New Car by David Kirk. Scholastic, 1997. 0590307134. \$16.95. Preschool-Grade 2 **SPIDERS**

Miss Spider and her husband go shopping for a car.

Miss Spider's Wedding by David Kirk. Scholastic, 1995. 0590568663. Preschool-Grade 2 **SPIDERS**

Miss Spider likes Holley, but her friend sets her up with the cad Spiderus Reeves, who tries to do away with Holley. But love triumphs. The long rhyming text is a bit ponderous, but the illustrations are intense and captivating.

Miss Spider's Tea Party by David Kirk. Scholastic, 1994. 0590477242. \$15.95. Preschool-Grade 2 **SPIDERS**

No one wants to accept Miss Spider's invitation to tea for fear of being eaten.

Silly Spider by Richard Fowler. Illustrated by David Wood. Harcourt, 1998.
0152018425. \$14.00.

Toddler-Preschool **SPIDERS**

A spider pops up all around the bathroom: in the sink, under the soap, behind a towel. The book features a separate spider that slips through holes and pop up behind flaps.

The Spider and the Fly by Mary Botham Howitt. Illustrated by Tony Diterlizzi.
Simon and Schuster, 2002. 0689852894. \$16.95.

Grades K-3 **FLIES, SPIDERS**

Howitt's 1829 poem is stunningly illustrated in the style of a black and white movie, giving it a deliciously spooky quality.

Spider on the Floor (Raffi Songs to Read Series) by Bill Russell. Illustrated by True Kelly. Paperback. Crown, 1996.

Preschool-Grade 2 **SPIDERS**

This is an illustrated version of Raffi's song about a mischievous spider.

Spider Weaver: A Legend of Kente by Margaret Musgrove. Illustrated by Julia Cairns. Scholastic, 2000. 0590987879. \$16.95.

Grades K-3 **SPIDERS**

In this retelling of a tale from Ghana, a wondrous spider shows two Ashanti weavers how to make intricate, colorful patterns in the cloth that they weave.

Three Brave Women by C.L.G. Martin. Illustrated by Peter Elwell. Atheneum, 1991. 0027624455. \$17.00.

Grades K-2 **SPIDERS**

To overcome their fear of spiders Caitlin and her mother and grandmother capture the biggest, blackest spider in the whole world.

The Very Busy Spider by Eric Carle. Penguin Putnam, 1985. 0399211667.
\$19.99.

Preschool-Grade 1 **SPIDERS**

A spider spins its web in this striking picture book, which includes an embossed web that brings a tactile dimension to the artwork.