

# Books

## Adult novels (Ages 15 and up)

Arment, C. (ed.) (2008). [\*Invertebrata Enigmatica: Giant Spiders, Dangerous Insects, and Other Strange Invertebrates in Classic Science Fiction and Fantasy\*](#). Landisville, PA: Coachwhip Publications.

**Synopsis:** A collection of science fiction/fantasy short stories about odd and unusual insects and their interaction with man.

Baum, S. (2009). [\*The Demon Queen and the Locksmith\*](#). North Charleston, SC: CreateSpace Independent Publishing Platform.

**Synopsis:** Kevin begins high school on a strange note; he gets superpowers and follows a butterfly into a strange world.

Bloom, B. (2007). [\*A Marriage of Insects: A Novel of World Tree\*](#). Farmingdale, NY: Padwolf Publishing Inc.

**Synopsis:** Rajel and her spouses experience insect marital trials and errors.

Carter, D.V. (2007). [\*The Hand of the Devil\*](#). New York, NY: Random House Children's Books.

**Synopsis:** A journalist travels to Aries Island after receiving a letter about a rare mosquito, the Ganges Red. What he finds is a nightmarish insect and the collector who is studying it.

Cordiner, R.G. (2010). [\*Bug Island\*](#). North Charleston, SC: CreateSpace Independent Publishing Platform.

**Synopsis:** Survivors from a shipwrecked South American cruise must learn to live on an island with giant insects.

Crichton, M. and Preston, R. (2011). [\*Micro: A Novel\*](#). New York, NY: Harpercollins Publishers.

**Synopsis:** A group of graduate science students, including an entomologist and arachnologist, are shrunk to a half inch in size and enter the unique and dangerous world of microorganisms and insects.

Cuce, T.A. & Brand-Stories, R. (2011). [\*PeeDee3, Intergalactic, Insectiod, Assassin in: Another Time Perhaps\*](#). Tricorner Publishing.

**Synopsis:** PeeDee3 the bug must capture a time jumper. The challenge---bringing back at least part of the body instead of just disintegrating it!

**Note:** Other titles in this series: [\*Gut Feeling\*](#), [\*Fafafalala and Dosido My Eggplant\*](#), [\*The Pachyderp in the Room\*](#), [\*In Sheep's Clothing\*](#), and [\*Chase Seen Seven\*](#).

Downs, T. (2003). [\*Shoofly Pie\*](#). Bug Man Series. New York, NY: Howard Books.

**Synopsis:** When forensic entomologist Nick Polchak helps an insect phobic client solve a case about her friend's death, he steps into a mystery about the death of his client's husband.

**Note:** Other books in this series: [Nick of Time](#), and [First the Dead](#)

Ellis, G.W. (2011). [Hatchings](#). Los Gatos, CA: Smashwords.

**Synopsis:** Jason Carter experiences tragedy when loved ones are killed by venomous centipedes and his town is destroyed by giant ants. Now he must fight against those who have created this ecological disaster.

Estrin, M. (2005). [Insect Dreams: The Half Life of Gregor Samsa](#). Lakewood, CO: Unbridled Books.

**Synopsis:** Inspired by Franz Kafka's early 20<sup>th</sup> century novella, *Metamorphosis*, *Insect Dreams* explores what happens when the Samsa family's chambermaid sells Gregor Samsa, a salesman who's been transformed into a cockroach, to a carnival.

Farley, R. (2008). [Thripz](#). North Charleston, SC: CreateSpace Independent Publishing Platform.

**Synopsis:** Reporter Nathan Brewster discovers an island where biogenetically altered thrips are resistant to pesticide and have increased reproductive capabilities. Together with others on the island, he must try to stop the thrips that are killing people and wreaking havoc in the community.

Fear, B. (2008). [A Macabre Myth of Moth-man](#). Bloomington, IN: Authorhouse.

**Synopsis:** Moth, a half-moth mutant, has been used as a science experiment, and now wants revenge. Nina, a barmaid pulled into helping out with a documentary about "Moth-man" soon learns that he's not just a myth.

Frontiera, D. K. (2000). [Chronicles of Henry Roach Dairier](#). Bloomington, IN: iUniverse, Inc.

**Synopsis:** Large ants and roaches have taken over the world and created complex civilizations. But like any species, they are dependent on certain resources, in this case, plastic left over from the ruins of the extinct Duo-Pods. Henry must help convince his fellow citizens that they must work and live together if they hope to avoid extinction like the Duo-Pods.

**Note:** This is a series. Other titles include: [To Build a Tunnel](#), [New South Dairy Colony 50](#), and [The Re-creation of Roacheria](#),

Girard, P.T. (2001). [The Seventh Sister](#). Five Star.

**Synopsis:** Lady Margaret's family wants to see her married, but she's more interested in insects than a husband.

Gould, J. (2011). [Flidderbugs](#). Los Gatos, CA: Smashwords.

**Synopsis:** Kriffle and Fargeeta live in the Krephiloff Tree. When they notice some funny business going on in the overgrown area of the tree, they set out to solve the problem before disaster strikes.

Hall, R. (2010). *Inside Jupiter*. Plano, TX: Rival Media Publishing.

**Synopsis:** When their ship crashes on Jupiter, siblings Walt and Mindy must battle sword fighting butterflies, giant grasshoppers, praying mantids, and other predators that want to eat them.

Heinlein, R. A. (1960). *Starship Troopers*. New York, NY: Penguin Group, Inc.

**Synopsis:** Juan Rico and other soldiers who have gone through a grueling boot camp must fight against a dangerous enemy in "The Bug War."

Herbert, F. (2007). *Hellstrom's Hive* (Reprint). New York, NY: Tor Books.

**Synopsis:** Agents from a futuristic Big Brother government investigate a secret laboratory run by Dr. Hellstrom, who has created a nightmarish project involving insects.

Herbert, F. (2002). *The Green Brain*. New York, NY: Tor Books.

**Synopsis:** The International Ecological Organization tries to eradicate dangerous insect life in the Earth's jungles to make them more habitable for humans. Unfortunately, Mother Nature retaliates with a vengeance in the form of large, mutated insect creatures.

Herzog, A. (2002). *The Swarm*. Bloomington, IN: iUniverse.

**Synopsis:** Murderous Brazilian bees begin to attack New York and soon reach across the U.S. Now scientists are working against the clock to stop the infestation.

Keene, B. (2006). *The Conqueror Worms*. New York, NY: Leisure Books.

**Synopsis:** It's started raining and hasn't stopped. The world is flooded and those who have survived have sought higher ground. Now the worms have come, and there's a new enemy to contend with.

Knighton, L. (2010). *Chutterbug*. Boise, AL: Laurence Knighton.

**Synopsis:** In the world of Mynoot, everyone loves sourgrass. But what will happen if the sourgrass runs out?

Knox, T. (2008). *Kockroach: A Novel*. New York, NY: Harper Perennial.

**Synopsis:** A cockroach in the 1950's awakens as a human. A take off of the classic early 20<sup>th</sup> century novella, *Metamorphosis*, by Franz Kafka.

Koff, D.R. (2012). *Threat*. The Barren Spheres Trilogy. David R. Koff.

**Synopsis:** Winkon's world is full of diminishing resources and war. Will anything be able to reduce the threat?

Kull, S. (2008). *Norahs: The Alien Caretakers*. SynergEbooks.

**Synopsis:** Alien insects planning to take over the world are hiding inside a woman's backyard weeds.

Laake, D. (2010). *Futura*. Absolute Xpress.

**Synopsis:** Humans and Insects have lived peaceably for years, but something has changed and now a universal war is starting. Gracie, a woman who can interpret Insect language, and a small team of soldiers, work to discover who is behind the war and stop them.

Leithauser, B. (2002). *Darlington's Fall*. New York, NY: Knopf Doubleday Publishing Group.

**Synopsis:** This novel follows Victorian naturalist Russell Darlington as he pursues a new butterfly species, goes to college, and experiences love, tragedy, and death.

Lombardo, D. (2007). *Vespa*. Active Bladder.

**Synopsis:** After several gruesome killings in a small town, Tom Goodman, an expert in biological control, must pursue the unusual creature that is causing them.

Malfi, R. (2012). *After the Fade*. Delirium Novella series. Delirium Books.

**Synopsis:** Customers are horrified when a girl enters an Annapolis bar and dies. Cause: a strange creature attached to her head. But this is only the beginning...more creatures wait outside for new hosts.

Malone, M. (2012). *Redemption Trail*. North Charleston, SC: CreateSpace Independent Publishing Platform.

**Synopsis:** One hundred years after World War V, Krey and Cassie are exiled from Earth for minor crimes. Traveling to outlying planets in a beat up spaceship, they must fight against robotic insects and aliens who have destroyed those planets and are now bent on invading Earth.

Mottershead, C. (2002). *Coppice (Bee Wars)*. Mystole Publications.

**Synopsis:** Three drone honeybees become engaged in a conflict with an invading species of colored bees.

Naiman, G. (2009). *The Response (the Kerry Chronicles)* Martinsville, IN: Fideli Publishing, Inc.

**Synopsis:** A NASA experiment gone wrong brings the wrath of ten thousand trillion angry ants against humanity.

Naiman, G. (2011). *From the Void (the Kerry Chronicles)*. Martinsville, IN: Fideli Publishing, Inc.

**Synopsis:** In this sequel to *The Response*, it is revealed that social insects such as ants, bees, and wasps were brought to Earth by an advanced civilization of large alien insects to rule

humanity. Now with their scheme threatened, the aliens are ready to come join the fight themselves.

Pelcher, A. (2010). [\*Vampires of Venus\*](#). Wilsonville, OR: eStar books.

**Synopsis:** An entomologist from Earth fights vampires on Venus.

Pinkerton, E. (2012). [\*Utopia, Oregon\*](#). North Charleston, SC: CreateSpace Independent Publishing Platform.

**Synopsis:** When Angeline and her entomologist husband attend the Annual Giant Insect Contest in Utopia, OR, Angeline begins to have nightmarish flashbacks about her past. Elsewhere, an escaped prisoner being pursued by a U.S. Marshall will go to any lengths to remain free.

Poetzel, J. (2012). [\*Honolulu Beetles\*](#). Think Tank 7.

**Synopsis:** Keiko turns insects into a work of art.

Saul, J. (1995). [\*The Homing\*](#). New York, NY: Fawcett.

**Synopsis:** Karen Spellman and her daughters move from the city to the country when Karen is going to remarry. One of the daughters, Julie, is attacked by a new, potent bee species created by a serial killer. Julie survives only to be infested by internal insect parasites that she then passes to other human hosts.

Schmidt, S. (2002). [\*Argonaut\*](#). New York, NY: Tor Books.

**Synopsis:** After being stung by a strange insect, two people experience strange neurological effects. They consult an entomologist and together discover a potential alien plot. Can they convince the government that the world is in danger?

Smith, C.W. (2010). [\*Bug Killer\*](#). Amazon Digital Services.

**Synopsis:** Greg needs some bug killer but doesn't want to spend the money for a 50 lb bag. That's when he spots a truck in a parking lot that may have just what he's looking for.

Spiewak, C. (2007). [\*Vinny, the Bug Man\*](#). Chicago, IL: Tony C. Caputo.

**Synopsis:** Vinny is a new pest management professional whose learning the business from his Uncle Guy. He ventures off on his first assignment and through strange events finds himself shrunk to the size of the insects he's trying to kill. Can he find his uncle and grow back to normal size?

Stoffolano Jr., J. G. (2011). [\*Tonino: The Adventures of the Boy/Cricket from Boston's North End\*](#). Bloomington, IN: iUniverse, Inc.

**Synopsis:** Tonino is a cricket boy who is interested in finding out more about his family roots. What he finds is the Blue Fairy, who tells him he has the responsibility of maintaining the conscience of whole world!

Strand, J. (2003). [\*Mandibles\*](#). Cincinnati, OH: Mundania Press LLC.

**Synopsis:** Giant fire ants are attacking and killing the populace. And the entomologist who can possibly save the situation is being held hostage by lunatics who are enjoying the chaos!

Swain, B. (2007). [\*World Hunger\*](#). Bloomington, IN: iUniverse, Inc.

**Synopsis:** Vanguard Corporation has created genetically altered seeds that could help the agricultural industry produce more and better crops. However, when reports begin coming in of strange insect behavior, it is discovered that the properties of the seeds have transferred to the insects, which are now resistant to pesticides, larger in size, and more aggressive. Can they be controlled?

Tarvin, B. (2012). [\*Legend of the Beemen\*](#). Musa Publishing

**Synopsis:** Balsa the yellowjacket must now stay with her cousin Juniper after the Beeman destroys her colony. Will Balsa be able to protect Juniper and her young from being destroyed, too?

Taylor, L. J. (2012). [\*The Termite Queen Volume 1: The Speaking of the Dead\*](#). North Charleston, SC: CreateSpace Independent Publishing Platform.

**Synopsis:** It is the 30<sup>th</sup> Century and scientists have discovered a planet with seemingly intelligent termites. After a collected termite dies on Earth, linguist Kaitrin and entomologist Griffen are sent on an expedition to the planet to learn more. Meanwhile, the termite civilization is experiencing problems of its own.

Taylor, L. J. (2012). [\*The Termite Queen Volume Two The Wound That Has No Healing\*](#). North Charleston, SC: CreateSpace Independent Publishing Platform.

**Synopsis:** Kaitrin and Griffen arrive on the termite planet, while the termites continue to face their own battles. Kaitrin learns the termite language and is able to communicate with the termite civilization. Griffen begins to exhibit troubling behavioral changes as the plot leads to an explosive end.

Tillock, A.J. (2012). [\*The Forbidden Bean\*](#). Naples, FL: Barbara Meyers LLC.

**Synopsis:** Tee Rutledge discovers magical coffee beans that temporarily transform her into various insects each time she eats one. Using her small size to do some snooping, she discovers information that allows her to become a “superhero” of sorts.

Werber, B. (1999). [\*Empire of the Ants\*](#). New York, NY: Bantam.

**Synopsis:** The Wells family inherits a family home in Paris and is told to never enter the cellar. Inevitably this warning goes unheeded and the Wells’ find a world inhabited by an intelligent ant civilization trying to survive any way they can.

Winters, B. H. (2011). [\*Bedbugs\*](#). Philadelphia, PA: Quirk Books.

**Synopsis:** Susan and Alex move into what they believe is their dream home...until Susan starts getting bitten by what she thinks is bedbugs. Is it only bedbugs or something worse?

Zdero, R. (2008). [\*Entopia: Revolution of the Ants\*](#). Waterford, VA: OakTara Publishing Group, LLC.

**Synopsis:** Gazer the worker ant lives in Entgora, a colony with strict rules. After observing a ritual she's not supposed to see, then having a revealing dream, Gazer is caught up in a mystery and adventure that will change her life and the lives of others forever.