

Children's Fictional Books

Adams, M. & Gonzalez, J. (2004). [*Slinkie the Courageous Snail*](#). Bloomington, IN: Authorhouse.

Ages: 9-12

Synopsis: A young snail gets lost in the woods after entering a race to be the fastest snail.

Agra Deedy, C. (2008). [*Martina the Beautiful Cockroach*](#). Austin, M. (Illus.). Atlanta, GA: Peachtree Publishers

Ages 4-8; Entertaining

Synopsis: Martina the cockroach learns about love, marriage, and...coffee.

Alemagna, B. (2009). [*Bugs in a Blanket*](#). New York, NY: Phaidon Press.

Ages: 1-9

Synopsis: Little fat bug has never met the other bugs who share her blanket. They all live in separate holes, but little fat bug decides to invite them all to her birthday party. Here the insects discover that no one looks the same, and are shocked and offended by it. Eventually they learn about tolerance and acceptance of those who are different, and gain an appreciation for diversity.

Alice, K. (2010). [*Hanging with Timmy and Spinner*](#). Mustang, OK: Tate Publishing & Enterprises, Inc.

Synopsis: Spinner the spider teaches Timmy yo-yo tricks, increasing his confidence.

Amarel, C. (2010). [*Gary Grasshopper Hops Again!*](#) Debnath, S. (Illus.). Milwaukee, WI: Mirror Publishing.

Ages: 3-8

Synopsis: Gary hops a lot because he's happy, but when his best friend moves away, can he get his legs moving again?

Applefield, A. (2002). [*The Beetle and the Berry*](#). Sausalito, CA: E & E Publishing.

Ages: 4-8; Entertaining

Synopsis: A little beetle ponders how to get a berry back home.

Arena, F. (2008). [*Sally and Dave. A Slug Story*](#). La Jolla, CA: Kane/Miller Book Pub.

Ages: 4-8; Entertaining

Synopsis: Sally is a slim slug and her neighbor Dave is fat. She likes to remind him of how common he is, until Sally's life is in danger and Dave is the one to save her.

Arkhurst, J.C. & Pinkney, J. (1992). [*The Adventures of Spider*](#). New York, NY: Little, Brown Books for Young Readers.

Ages: 8 and up; Entertaining

Synopsis: How did spider get a thin waist or bald head? This story will tell you!

Arnold, C. (2007). [*Wiggle and Waggle*](#). Peterson, M. (Illus.). Watertown, MA: Charlesbridge Publishing.

Ages: 5-8; Entertaining

Synopsis: Wiggle and Waggle are two worms who enjoy having fun!

Asch, F. (1995). [*Insects from Outer Space*](#). Vagin, F. (Illus.). New York, NY: Scholastic, Inc.

Ages: 4-8; Entertaining

Synopsis: Earth bugs are surprised when alien insects land during the Bug Ball. Will they welcome the new visitors?

Ashley, P. & Wood, J. (ill). (2010). [*Have you Ever Been Hugged by a Spider?*](#) Wood, J. (Illus.). North Charleston, SC: CreateSpace Independent Publishing Platform.

Synopsis: Let the spider and her friends show you some of their secrets!

Atamer, B. (2011). [*Jeremy Finds the Rainbow*](#). Debroeck, S. (Illus.). Frederick, MD: PublishAmerica, Inc.

Synopsis: Jeremy the ant discovers the story of Noah's Ark.

Babic, J. (2011). [*Eddie's Travels*](#). Schillgalies, A. (Illus.). Frederick, MD: PublishAmerica, Inc.

Synopsis: Eddie, a compost worm, gets lost. As he slowly finds his way back home again, he meets new friends and learns more about composting.

Baca Haque, M. & du Houx, E. (2003). [*Madalynn the Monarch Butterfly and her Quest to Micoacan*](#). Lancaster-Jones, F. (Illus.). Solon, ME: Polar Bear & Company.

Ages: 6 and up; Entertaining

Synopsis: Madalynn meets friendly birds on her migration to Mexico.

Bach-Davis, S. (2011). [*The Story of Ms. Polka Dots*](#). Parker, CO: Brave Art Press.

Synopsis: Ms. Polka Dots, a ladybug, finds herself in a lot of trouble, and she'll need friends to help her get out of it.

Berger, H. W. (2004). [*Freddie the Fly*](#). Bloomington, IN: Authorhouse.

Ages: 9-12

Synopsis: Little Freddie the fly has a bad habit. He's been told to stop, but doesn't listen, and now he'll have to learn his lesson before he gets into too much trouble!

Blackwell, N. (2011). [*Andy the Ant in Precious Cargo*](#). Ettinger, C. (Illus.). North Fort Myers, FL: Faithful Life Publishers.

Synopsis: Andy the Ant finds some eggs and chooses to protect them until they hatch.

Blankenship, P. (2009). [*We Both Read Lulu's Wild Party*](#). Reinhart, L. (Illus.). Novato, CA: Treasure Bay, Inc.

Ages: 3-7; Entertaining

Synopsis: Ladybug Lulu and her mother throw Lulu a birthday party and her insect friends find all sorts of ways to have fun!

Bonotaux, G. (2007). [*Dirty Rotten Bugs: Arthropods Unite to Tell Their Side of the Story*](#). Cooper Square Publishing, LLC.

Ages 4-8

Synopsis: A look at bugs from their perspective...how they are important and not as gross as some people think!

Bonwill, A. (2011). [*Bug and Bear*](#). Marlow, L. (Illus.). Amazon Children's Publishing.

Ages 4-8

Synopsis: Bear is sleepy but Bug wants to play. Bear is mean and tells Bug to go away, then feels bad for hurting her friend and apologizes.

Brennen-Nelson, D. (2011). [*Buzzy the Bumblebee*](#). Monroe, M.G. (Illus.). Farmington Hills, MI: Sleeping Bear Press.

Ages 4-8

Synopsis: Buzzy doubts himself when he reads a book that says bumblebees weren't meant to fly. He must gather his courage and try for himself, finding that there is a lot to explore he never thought possible.

Bronson, T. C. (2002). [*Tiny Snail*](#). Fayetteville, AR: Bookaroos Pub. Inc.

Ages 3 and up; Entertaining

Synopsis: Tiny Snail has to face wind, rain, and other dangers as she makes the long journey to live under the Maple Tree.

Brown, E.M. (2007). [*Aristotle: The Firefly's Message*](#). Schuna, R.L. (Illus.). Parker, CO: Outskirts Press.

Ages 6-8; Entertaining

Synopsis: A young boy in Ancient Greece finds a firefly with a broken wing. After it heals, the firefly asks to be let go and sets off some very unusual events.

Bubula, J.R. (2006). [*Ahboo and the Spiders*](#). Faust, L.A. (Illus.). Bloomington, IN: Trafford Publishing.

Synopsis: Mr. Ahboo the isopod has found a new place to live. Unfortunately, some spiders are also interested in it. Can these arthropods all get along?

Bunting, E. (2002). [*Christmas Cricket*](#). Bush, T. (Illus.). Boston, MA: Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Publishing Company.

Ages 4-8

Synopsis: Cricket finds himself one evening near a warm, special place full of light from a large indoor tree. He begins singing, but then hears other voices and is surprised by what he sees.

Cain, S. (2007). [*The Crunching Munching Caterpillar*](#). Tickle, J. (Illus.). Tiger Tales.

Ages: 3-6

Synopsis: A hungry caterpillar wants to fly. His friend Butterfly recommends he go to sleep, and when caterpillar wakes up he discovers he CAN fly!

Cannon, J. (2000). [*Crickwing*](#). Boston, MA: Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Publishing Company.

Ages 6-9

Synopsis: Crickwing is an artistic cockroach. He minds his own business until he starts getting picked on, so he turns to bullying some leaf-cutter ants in response.

Cantu Giricz, I. (2010).[*Goody Goody Gumdrops*](#). Mustang, OK: Tate Publishing & Enterprises, Inc.

Ages: 4-8; Entertaining

Synopsis: Insect athletes are about to start a race for a prize, but something stops them and no one runs. However, they are all awarded with gumdrops anyway.

Carle, E. (1990). [*Very Quiet Cricket*](#). New York, NY: Putnam Juvenile.

Ages: 2-6; Entertaining

Synopsis: When a cricket is born, he tries to sing to his fellow insects, but nothing happens. Then that evening when he sees another cricket, he finds he is able to greet her easily with song!

Cecil, R. (2012). [*Horsefly and Honeybee*](#). New York, NY: Henry Holt and Co. (BYR)

Ages: 4-8; Entertaining

Synopsis: Horsefly and Honeybee don't want to share the same flower, but when they are both caught by a frog, they must work together to escape.

Centers, S. (2006). [*Flutter by Butterfly*](#). Bloomington, IN: Authorhouse.

Synopsis: Sam the butterfly learns from Belle the frog about some of life's mysteries.

Clancy, S. (2010).[*Violet, the Fuzzy Honeybee*](#). Mustang, OK: Tate Publishing & Enterprises, Inc.

Ages: 4-8; Entertaining

Synopsis: Violet the honeybee has a fun day in store...she'll work in the garden and spend time with her fellow bees.

Climo, S. (1982).[*The Cobweb Christmas*](#). Manning, J. (Illus.). New York, NY: HarperCollins Publishers.

Ages: 4-8; Entertaining

Synopsis: Everyone likes to visit Tante for Christmas, and she welcomes them all, human or animal. But the spiders are left out until they spin beautiful cobwebs to decorate her tree.

Cloutier, T. (2011). [*Firefly Freddie*](#). Mustang, OK: Tate Publishing & Enterprises, Inc.
Ages: 4-8

Synopsis: A story about being who you are!

Colborn, M. P. (2008). [*Rainy Day Slug*](#). Grover, L.A. (Illus.). Seattle, WA: Sasquatch Books.

Ages: 3-6; Entertaining

Synopsis: Slimy the banana slug decides he wants to do something other than eat all day, so he sets out on an adventure and surprises a little boy when he finds himself inside a house.

Coleman, C. (2006). [*Zubie the Lightning Bug*](#). Nielson, G. (Illus.). Moorpark, CA: The Parent Brigade Company.

Ages 5 and up

Synopsis: Zubie the lightning bug has great conversations with his mother, developing the maternal-child bond.

Cosgrove, S. (2001). [*Flutterby Fly*](#). New York, NY: Price Stern Sloan.

Ages 5-9

Synopsis: Moral story about being who you are and not spreading gossip.

Cox, S. (2004). [*Baxter the Butterfly*](#). Bloomington, IN: Authorhouse.

Ages 9-12

Synopsis: Baxter is impatient to become a butterfly, and asks all his friends for suggestions.

Cox, T. and Ruble, E. (2011) [*Liddil Gets Her Light*](#). St. Louis, MO: Guardian Angel Publishing, Inc.

Synopsis: Liddil the lightning bug must take baby steps to learn how to use her light.

Cozza, L. (2009). [*A Bug in the Tub*](#). Bloomington, IN: Xlibris Corporation.

Entertaining

[Synopsis: A little bug in a tub has many adventures!](#)

Crawford, S. (2009) [*The Pink Spider*](#). Baltimore, MD: Sensitive Sounds.

Ages: 2-13; Entertaining

Synopsis: Only is a spider that enjoys exploring the farm and house where he lives.

Crayne, C. (2012). [*Please Don't Step On Us*](#). North Charleston, NC: CreateSpace Independent Publishing Platform.

Synopsis: A spiders and his friends try to be convincing about why people shouldn't squish them.

Cress Eller, C. (2008) [*Carnella Caterpillar: Jeepers Creepers*](#). Schandy, R. & Wooten, N. (Illus.). Milwaukee, WI: Mirror Publishing..

Ages: Up to 10

Synopsis: Carnella is a special needs caterpillar. Her friends help get her around in innovative ways.

Cress Eller, C. (2010) [*Madelyn Butterfly and Emma Cricket Wing It*](#). Colla, J. C. (Illus.). Milwaukee, WI: Mirror Publishing. .

[Ages: 3-9](#)

Synopsis: Madalyn and Emma are good friends who help each other discover what's really important.

Cronin, D. (2003). [*Diary of a Worm*](#). Bliss, H. (Illus.). New York, NY: Harpercollins Publishers. Ages: 4-8; Entertaining

Synopsis: The story of a normal worm living a normal life with his friends and family.

Cronin, D. (2008). [*Diary of a Fly*](#). Bliss, H. (Illus.). New York, NY: Harpercollins Publishers. Ages 4-8; Entertaining

Synopsis: The story of a fly who is bothered *by* siblings and likes *to* bother humans.

Cronin, D. (2008). [*Diary of a Spider*](#). Bliss, H. (Illus.). New York, NY: Harpercollins Publishers. Ages 4-8; Entertaining

Synopsis: The story of a spider who is more scared of you than you are of him!

Cross, J. (2009). [*Sadie the Ladybug*](#). Bohart, L. (Illus.). Sarasota, FL: The Peppertree Press. Entertaining

Synopsis: Sadie discovers her true purpose while on an adventure.

Cude, J. (2008). [*The Getcha Bug*](#). Mustang, OK: Tate Publishing & Enterprises, Inc. & Enterprises. Entertaining

Synopsis: This bug tickles wherever he goes!

Cullagh, Y. (2006). [*Sebastian the Dragonfly*](#). BookSurge Publishing

Synopsis: Sebastian the Dragonfly only wants to make a friend.

Culver, J. (2006). [*How Anansi Learned Self-Esteem*](#). Bloomington, IN: Trafford Publishing. Ages 9-12

Synopsis: Anansi learns about self-respect and confidence in this series of 10 stories.

Cyrus, K. (2001). [*Oddhopper Opera*](#). Boston, MA: Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Publishing Company.

Ages 5-10; Entertaining

Synopsis: The garden is alive with all the adventures of the insects that live there!

Cyrus, K. (2010). [*Big Rig Bugs*](#). New York, NY: Walker & Company.

Ages: 4-8

Synopsis: Insects are like miniature machines...cleaning up food and debris and soil like a truck cleans up at a construction site.

David, L. (1999). [*Beetle Boy*](#). New York, NY: Doubleday Books for Young Readers.

Ages: 6-9; Entertaining

Synopsis: Gregory Sampson wakes up as a giant beetle, but no one but his best friend Michael seems to notice.

Davie, B. N. (2011) [*My Bumblebee Friend*](#). Mustang, OK: Tate Publishing & Enterprises, Inc.

Synopsis: Miss Eddy and a bumblebee must learn to share Miss Eddy's garden.

Davis, S. L. A. (2010). [*Lee the Bee*](#). Davis, J. (Illus.). Milton, IN: Kids at Heart Publishing and Books.

Ages: Up to 10; Entertaining

Synopsis: Bees go in search of a special flower for their princess.

Day, V. (2007). [*Slinky the Slug*](#). Bloomington, IN: Authorhouse.

Ages: Entertaining

Synopsis: Slinky the Slug lives in a garden and has many adventures there.

Degen, B. (2000). [*Daddy is a Doodlebug*](#). New York, NY: Harpercollins Publishers.

Ages: 3-6; Entertaining

Synopsis: A doodlebug and his daddy go on a variety of everyday adventures together such as flying kites, visiting the zoo, and riding a train.

Delessert, E. (2010). [*Spartacus the Spider*](#). Mankato, MN: Creative Editions.

Ages: 1 and up; Entertaining

Synopsis: Spartacus the spider needs to devise a way to better weave a web.

Depner, J. (2009). [*Aunt Francy the Ant*](#). Chicago, IL: Independent Publisher.

Ages 6-8; Entertaining

Synopsis: Ant Francy and her nephew Freddy spend the day playing, eating, and enjoying everyday activities.

DeVorkin, M. (2011). [*Beau the Bee*](#). Milwaukee, WI: Mirror Publishing. .

Ages: 3-9

Synopsis: Beau is a bee who is content with himself even though he is different than other bees. Share in his adventures!

Diaz, J. M. & Mannino, S. (2009). [*The True Story of the Fly in the Pie*](#). Pesce, F. (Illus).
Bloomington, IN: Xlibris Corporation.

Entertaining

Synopsis: A group of flies are tired of eating trash, so decide to seek out some fresh food. But at what cost?

Dodson, E. (2010). [*Speckle the Spider*](#). Somerville, MA: Candlewick Press.

Ages: 3-6

Synopsis: Speckle the spider is tired of the common life and seeks out fame and fortune. But can too much celebrity be a bad thing?

Dolese, O (2010). [*Mazy Lazy*](#). Debnath, S. (Illus.). Milwaukee, WI: Mirror Publishing.

Ages: 3-8

Synopsis: Mazy is so lazy she can't even fly to her friend's birthday party!

Down, R. (2010). [*The Cricket and the Shepherd Boy*](#). North Charleston, SC: CreateSpace Independent Publishing Platform

Ages 6-8

Synopsis: A cricket tells a shepherd about the upcoming winter. Together, they travel to find a baby born in a manger.

Downing, J. (2010). [*There Was an Old Lady Who Swallowed Some Bugs*](#). Gretna, LA: Pelican Publishing Company, Inc.

Ages: 5-8; Entertaining

Synopsis: An old lady swallows a myriad of different insects!

Duckett, A.G. (2009). [*One Step at a Time: Or 3 Creepy Crawly Things*](#). Lee, A.B. (Illus.). North Charleston, SC: CreateSpace Independent Publishing Platform.

Ages 9-12

Synopsis: Three centipedes discover that having 100 legs is cool!

[Duncan Edwards, P. \(1996\) *Some Smug Slug*. Cole, H. \(Illus.\). New York, NY: Harpercollins Publishers.](#)

[Ages: 4-8](#)

[Synopsis: A slug ignores warnings that he shouldn't climb what he thinks is just a slope. Instead, it's a toad that wants to have him for dinner!](#)

Durango, J. (2007). [*Pest Fest*](#). Cyrus, K. (Illus.). New York, NY: Simon & Schuster Books For Young Readers

Ages: 3-7; Entertaining

Synopsis: Fly would like to win the honor of best pest...but does he have too much competition?

Eastman, P.D. (1958). [*Sam and the Firefly*](#). New York, NY: Random House Books for Young Readers.

Ages: 5-8; Entertaining

Synopsis: Sam is an owl who becomes friends with a firefly.

Eddy, O. (2008). [*The Hatchling*](#). Houston, TX: Strategic Book Publishing and Rights Agency. Ages 9-12; Entertaining

Synopsis: The Websters and Silksmiths are two families of spiders living in the same house with the human Anderson family. Follow the adventures of the three families as they cross paths.

Edwards, P.D. (1999). [*Ed & Fred Flea*](#). Cole, H. (Illus.). New York, NY: Hyperion Books for Children.

Ages: All ages; Entertaining

Synopsis: Two brother fleas have been living on a dog, and now Ed is getting ready to leave. Fred feigns sickness so he can stay, but is he only asking for trouble?

Egielsk,R. (1998). [*Jazper*](#). New York, NY: Harpercollins Publishers.

Ages 3-7; Entertaining

Synopsis: Jazper housesits for some moths and learns their magic transformation spells. Now he is amazing all the other insects with his morphing tricks, while the moths are preparing to rid themselves of the competition.

Egielski, R. (1995). [*Buz*](#). New York, NY: HarperCollins Publishers.

Ages: 3-7; Entertaining

Synopsis: Buz is an insect that is accidentally swallowed by a boy. The boy takes medication to rid himself of Buz, who now desperately needs to make his escape!

Fairchild, S. (2005). [*The Plight of Queen Bee*](#). Key, P. (Illus.). A Better Be Write Publisher.

Ages: Entertaining

Synopsis: Detective Brown from Scotland Yard must find the culprit in the theft of the Queen Bee's nectar.

Faulkner, K. (2003). [*Bee Gets a Sweater*](#). Lambert, J. (Illus.). San Diego, CA: Silver Dolphin Books.

Ages: 3-5; Entertaining

Synopsis: Bee decides that being plain black is boring, and goes about designing different sweaters until she discovers that the black and yellow one fits just right!

Faulkner, K. (2003). [*Caterpillar's Dream*](#). Lambert, J. (Illus.). San Diego, CA: Silver Dolphin Books.

Ages: 3-5

Synopsis: Caterpillar would like to fly, but her friends are discouraging until they all find a strange creature emerging from a chrysalis.

Faulkner, K. (2003). [*Follow the Silver Trail*](#). Lambert, J. (Illus.). San Diego, CA: Silver Dolphin Books.

Ages: 3-5; Entertaining

Synopsis: When insects find their food is disappearing, they see a strange silver trail that may just lead to the culprit!

Fea-Clark, K. (2010). [*Naomi the Queen Bee*](#). Peruzzo, N. (Illus.). Milwaukee, WI: Mirror Publishing.

Ages: 3-9

Synopsis: Naomi, being the Queen bee, has a big responsibility!

Feldman, K. (2011). [*Glorious Wings*](#). Frederick, MD: PublishAmerica, Inc.

Synopsis: Friends Butterfly and Bee discover that although each can fly, they can't fly the same height. But these differences don't matter!

Fetters, G. E., & Cole, M. (2010). [*Horace the Hopper*](#). North Charleston, SC: CreateSpace Independent Publishing Platform.

Ages 9-12; Entertaining

Synopsis: Horace wants adventure and sets out to get it, asking his friends' advice and experiencing trials and tribulations along the way.

Fine, E. & Pels, W. (2005). [*Cricket at the Manger*](#). Honesdale, PA: Boyds Mills Press.

Ages 5-7

Synopsis: Cricket tells about his experience at the manger.

Fisher, L. (1981). [*Butterfly and the Stone*](#). Jardine, T. (Illus.). Gilsum, NH: Stemmer House Publishing.

Ages: 4-8

Synopsis: What Butterfly thinks is a stone is actually a turtle!

Flores, T. (2004). [*The Spider Who Never Gave Up*](#). Bloomington, IN: Authorhouse.

Ages: 4-8

Synopsis: Sparky is a spider that can't spin a web, but through help and encouragement from others, finally does. This story was written by a young boy with Cystic Fibrosis who wrote it as a parallel to his own struggles.

Flynn, D.K. (2007). [*Freddie the Firefly*](#). Frederick, MD: PublishAmerica, Inc.

Entertaining

Synopsis: Freddie wants to win a flying contest, so trains as much as he can. But his parents don't want him to compete, and falling in love also complicates matters.

Freeman, D. (2004). [*Manuelo, the Playing Mantis*](#). McCue, L. (Illus.). New York, NY: Viking Juvenile.

Ages: 3-8; Entertaining

Synopsis: Manuelo wants to play music just as crickets and katydids do. He learns how to fashion a cello out of common materials and fulfills his dream.

Fricke, P. (2009). [*Night of the Bedbugs*](#). Berkeley, CA: Image Comics.

Ages 9-12; Entertaining

Synopsis: Bedbugs friendly? In this story they are, when they calm a little girl and sing her a lullaby.

Fronzaglio, R. (2011). [*Mommy and Me Let Insects Free*](#). Deliorman, S. (Illus.). Milwaukee, WI: Mirror Publishing.

Ages: 3-9

Synopsis: This book includes ten different stories about an insect, a little boy, and his mother.

Glade, D. (2008). [*The Travel Adventures of Lilly P. Badilly*](#). Hollywood, FL: Smart Poodle Publishing

Ages: 6-9

Synopsis: Millipede Lilly and her grandparents travel to Costa Rica, where she learns about a culture that is much different than her home at the Miami International Airport.

Gollub, M.W. & Hanke, K. (2000) [*The Jazz Fly*](#). Santa Rosa, CA: Tortuga Press

Ages: 4-7; Entertaining

Synopsis: A jazz loving fly listens to the sounds of various animals and incorporates it into his musical performance.

Goodman, E. (2005). [*Anton & Camilla. Bloomington, IN: Trafford.*](#)

Ages: 4-12

Synopsis: Anton and Camilla are of different species, but can still be friends!

Goppel, C. (2005). [*Anna Aphid*](#). New York, NY: North-South Books, Inc.

Ages: 4-8; Entertaining

Synopsis: Anna the aphid wants adventure, and to her, a lightbulb, a bedroom, and a human head are all vast universes to explore!

Gran, J. (2007). [*Big Bug Surprise*](#). New York, NY: Scholastic Press.

Ages: 4-8; Entertaining

Synopsis: Prunella, budding child entomologist, helps save the day when her class is invaded by a swarm of bees.

Grealish, M. M. (1997). [*Just Plain Worm*](#). Albany, NY: Ballenwyck Pub Corporation
Ages: 5-7

Synopsis: A lonely worm's life changes once he discovers friendship.

Greban, Q. (2007). [*Mommy, I Love you*](#). Milk & Cookies Press
Ages: 4-8; Entertaining

Synopsis: Suzette the ladybug meets a variety of characters in her quest to find her lost mother.

Greenburg, D.T. (1995). [*Slugs*](#). Chess, V. (Illus.). Chicago, IL: Little Brown Yamanja Sings.
Ages 6-8; Entertaining

Synopsis: Slugs can be served up for lunch or taken out on a leash...until things go the other way...

Greenburg, D. T. (1997). [*Bugs!*](#) Munsinger, L.M. (Illus.). Little, Brown Young Readers.
Ages:

Synopsis: Bugs are creepy, or are they?

Gryffon, J. (2008). [*Clarence: How a Cricket Found His Way*](#). Windstorm Creative.

Synopsis: Clarence the cricket has malformed wings...it bothers him but his family loves him all the same. But when a storm hits one day, it's his uniqueness that helps him survive.

Gurule, T. (2009). [*Izzy the Dizzy Dragonfly*](#). Mustang, OK: Tate Publishing & Enterprises, Inc.
Ages: 4-8

Synopsis: Izzy is a strange dragonfly...she flies around until she's dizzy! Her friends don't like it, but it's what makes her unique.

**Halmann, J. (2009). [*Little Black Ant on Park Street*](#). Rietz, K. (Illus.). Norwalk, CT:
Soundprints.**

Ages: 4-7

Synopsis: Little black ant spends her time searching for food on Park Street for herself and her colony.

Harley, B. (2004). [*Sarah's Story*](#). Aldridge, E. (Illus.). Berkeley, CA: Ten Speed Press.
Ages 5-8; Entertaining

Synopsis: Sarah meets a talking ant and is asked to do a special mission by the ant queen herself!

Hatch, J. (1996). [*The Dragonfy of Lookout Mountain*](#). Mount Shasta, CA: Earth Heart.
Ages: 8-12; Entertaining

Synopsis: A dragonfly emerges from a pond, and after he flies away, meets a girl who is a fire lookout on a nearby mountain.

Hazen, L.E. (2009). [*The Amazing Trail of Seymour Snail*](#). Cushman, D. (Illus.). New York, NY: Henry Holt and Co.

Ages: 6-9; Entertaining

Synopsis: Seymour is an artist. When he gets hired by Speedy Arts Gallery, he's excited until he discovers he has to do grunt work. But maybe his big break will be soon!

Hector, J. (2010). [*The Gentleman Bug*](#). New York, NY: Atheneum Books for Young Readers

Ages: 2-5; Entertaining

Synopsis: The Gentleman Bug is a sophisticated school teacher living in a garden. He is perfectly happy, but then Librarian Ladybug enters his life, and it's a whirlwind romance!

Helmetag, P. & Murdock, K. H. [*Cecily Cicada*](#). Annapolis, MD: Possum Products Co

Ages 2-8

Synopsis: A look at the life of a seventeen-year cycle cicada named Cecily.

Heo, Y. (1999). [*The Not-So Itsy Bitsy Spider*](#). Franklin, TN: Intervisual/Piggy Toes Press.

Ages: 3 and Up; Entertaining

Synopsis: Insects don't want spider to know that they are planning a party!

Heos, B. (2011). [*What to Expect When You're Expecting Larvae*](#). Jorisch, S. (Illus.).

Minneapolis, MN: Learner Publishing Group.

Ages 7-10; Entertaining

Synopsis: Insect parents to be can learn all about where to lay their eggs, what their larvae will eat, and how to protect their offspring.

Herman, G. (1998). [*Lowly Worm Joins the Circus*](#). New York, NY: Simon Spotlight.

Ages 6-8; Entertaining

Synopsis: Lowly the worm does some high flying acts in the circus.

Hickman, K. (2010). [*I Will Eat Anything*](#). Barr, S. (Illus.). Albuquerque, NM: Quillrunner Publishing LLC

Ages:

Synopsis: A praying mantis and hungry spider lead kids on a journey into what role insects play in nature.

Hood, S. (1999). [*Jumping Jack the Grasshopper*](#). Pleasantville, NY: Reader's Digest Children's Books.

Ages 3-6

Synopsis: Jack the grasshopper is lonely until he meets some friends.

Hoose, P.M. & Hoose, H. (2004). [*Hey, Little Ant*](#). Tilly, D. (Illus.). Berkeley, CA: Tricycle Press.

Ages: 3-7; Entertaining

Synopsis: What would happen if you were about to squish a bug and it started talking to you?

Hosler, J. (2000). [*Clan Apis*](#). (2nd ed.) Columbus, OH: Active Synapse.

Ages 3 and up

Synopsis: Biography of Nyuki the honeybee.

Jackson, C. & Cowan, C. (1997). [*Katie's Plight*](#). Maciel, J. (Illus.). Northridge, CT: Beajo Publisher.

Ages: 4-12

Synopsis: This story entails the friendship of Spider Spike and Caterpillar Katie, who will soon turn into a butterfly.

Jenkins, S. (2007). [*The Spider House: Battle for the Wall*](#). Bloomington, IN: iUniverse, Inc.

Ages: Entertaining

Synopsis: Bateman kills the general of the Spider's Army and is thrust out of the safety of his spider community. Now he must face a house, an evil little girl, and the garden all alone in order to get back to his family. And the revenge of the Spider's Army is right at his heels.

Johnson, K.P. (2004). [*The Adventures of the Itty Bitty Spider and Itty Bitty Mouse*](#). Smith, L.

(Illus.). Raleigh, NC: Pentland Press.

Ages 5-7

Synopsis: Friends spider and mouse go to the store where they catch a chipmunk stealing and teach him the right from wrong.

Jones, P. (1983). [*The Brown Bottle*](#). Center City, MN: Hazelden Publishing and Educational Services.

Ages: 9 and up

Synopsis: The mystery of what's inside a brown bottle causes a caterpillar to push away all his friends and focus only on the bottle, with disastrous results.

Joyce, W. (1996). [*The Leaf Men and the Brave Good Bugs*](#). New York, NY: Harpercollins Publishers.

Ages 4-8; Entertaining

Synopsis: The insects must save their garden from the Spider Queen. Will they need to call in the Leaf Men to the rescue?

Kain, K.E. (1999). [*Broken Bones: The Science Spiders Investigate Forces*](#). Columbia, SC: Ranch Works.

Ages 5-8

Synopsis: Namila, Fets and Pro learn about bones and how they can break.

Kauffman-Gracia, K. (2004). [*Little Bug & Friends: It's Good to be Small*](#). Bloomington, IN: Authorhouse.

Synopsis: Little bug is smaller than all his friends, which makes him feel out of place. But sometimes being small can have advantages.

Kewiki. (2011). [*Wilber the Ant*](#). North Charleston, SC: CreateSpace Independent Publishing Platform.

Ages 6-8

Synopsis: Can a city ant enjoy the country life?

Kidd, J. A. (2009). [*Zachary Zoom*](#). Houston, TX: Eloquent Books.

Synopsis: Zachary Zoom is a tiny boy living inside the insect kingdom, The Realm of the Back Yard, who runs the local train, the Insect Express. But when some evil Scorpions try to take it down, it's up to Zachary and his insect friends to save the train!

Knudsen, M. (2008). [*Bugged!*](#) New York, NY: Kane Press.

Ages: Entertaining

Synopsis: Mosquitoes are chasing Riley. Is there anything he can do to keep them away once and for all?

Kingsbury, K. (2012). [*Far Flutterby*](#). Bell, J.A. (Illus.). Grand Rapids, MI: Zonderkidz.

Ages: 4 and up.

Synopsis: Cody the Caterpillar wonders if there is more to life than just the trees and the ground where he lives. He has heard there is a place called Far Flutterby where he will go someday.

Kroll, V. (2011) [*Mosquito*](#). Leplatt, B. (Illus.). Gretna, LA: Pelican Publishing.

Ages: 5-8

Synopsis: Mosquito is a pest to everyone, animals and humans alike. He finally pays the price when he bothers one too many...

Kychtwald, K., Dychtwald, M., & Zabolski, G. (2008). [*Gideon's Dream: A Tale of New Beginnings*](#). Zabolski, D. (Illus.). New York, NY: Harpercollins Publishers.

Ages: 4-8; Entertaining

Synopsis: Gideon works in the treetops, and is horrified one day when a tree leaf breaks off with him still on it. It carries him through the air and as he sees many wondrous things, he finds he enjoys flying!

Laden, N. (2000). [*Roberto, the Insect Architect*](#). San Francisco, CA: Chronicle Books.

Ages: Up to 12; Entertaining

Synopsis: Roberto the termite moves to the big city to pursue his dream of being an architect.

Lally, S. (2001). [*A Hive for the Honeybee*](#). New York, NY: Scholastic Paperbacks.

Ages 10-14

Synopsis: Worker bees Belle and Thora learn from a pair of drones that there might be more to life than what they realized.

Langham, T. (2004). [*Creepy Crawly Calypso*](#). Harter, D. (Illus.). Cambridge, MA: Barefoot Books.

Ages: Up to 7; Entertaining

Synopsis: Insects play in an instrumental band.

Lane, B. & Lane, A. (1999). [*Abigail the Friendly Cricket: Flowers & Friends*](#). Mustang, OK: Tate Publishing & Enterprises, Inc.

Ages 6-8

Synopsis: Abigail is a friendly cricket, willing to be kind to everyone!

Larson, G. (1998). [*There's a Hair in my Dirt*](#). New York, NY: Harpercollins Publishers

Ages: All ages; Entertaining

Synopsis: A children's tale about a worm from Gary Larson's interesting perspective.

Lehman-Wilzig, T. (2009). [*Zvuv's Israel*](#). Topaz, K. (Illus.). Minneapolis, MN: Kar-ben Publishing.

Ages 3-8; Entertaining

Synopsis: Zvuv the fly is traveling around Israel and will take you with him as you search for him in different locations.

Lee, L. K. (2012). [*Bonnie the Honeybee and the Case of the Butterfly Blues*](#). Cumming, GA: Boutique of Quality Books.

Synopsis: Bonnie would rather be a butterfly than a bee, but her mother teaches her that we all have something special to offer.

Lerner, H. (2007). [*Walter's Treasure*](#). Bloomington, IN: Authorhouse.

Ages 9-12

Synopsis: Walter demonstrates friendship, courage, and cooperation when he finds a buried treasure.

Lionni, L. (1977). [*Flea Story: I Want to Stay Here! I Want to Go There!*](#) New York, NY: Knopf Books for Young Readers.

Ages 4-8

Synopsis: Two fleas hop from one host to another, arguing all the way until they finally realize that everyone has a right to his own opinion.

Lionni, L. (1962). [*Inch by Inch*](#). New York, NY: Astor-Honor, Inc.

Ages: 5-6

Synopsis: An inchworm takes pride in the fact he can measure anything. When someone challenges him to measure a song, he must come up with a creative solution.

Lobel, A. (1978). [*Grasshopper on the Road*](#). New York, NY: HarperCollins Publishers
Ages 6-8; Entertaining

Synopsis: A grasshopper meets all sorts of interesting characters as he travels a road to adventure.

Lombardi, K. (2006). [*Little Spider's First Web*](#). Williamson, J. (Illus.). Pleasantville, NY: [Reader's Digest](#) Association, Inc.

Synopsis: Little spider loves his mother's handiwork with a web, and through perseverance is able to spin his own.

Lord, J. V. and Burroway, J. (1975) [*The Giant Jam Sandwich*](#). Boston, MA: Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Publishing Company.

Ages: 5-8; Entertaining

Synopsis: Will making a giant jam sandwich stop a hoard of invading wasps?

Luders, M. (2008). [*The Ants Go Marching*](#). Hayes, G. (Illus.). New York, NY: HarperFestival.
Ages: 3-7

Synopsis: Watch where the ants go when they march.

Lumpkin, L. (1998). [*Lilly's Pond: The Adventure of Silly Willy Caterpillie*](#). Lewisville, NC: Micronova Systems, Incorporated.

Ages: 4-11

Synopsis: A story about how change is a part of life.

Matheson, D., Huffman, C. (ed.) (2004). [*Ruby Lee the Bumble Bee: A Bee's Bit of Wisdom*](#). Barcita, P. (Illus.). Chesapeake, VA: Bumble Bee Publishing.

Ages: 4-12

Synopsis: Ruby Lee helps Ashley face challenges.

McCarthy, T. (2006). [*Webster*](#). Bloomington, IN: Trafford Publishing.

Ages 9-12; Entertaining

Synopsis: Garden spiders Norbert and Webster decide to live in a house. But when the house falls down, Norbert disappears, and it's up to Webster to search for his brother.

McCord, K. G. [*The Ants Go Marching One by One*](#). Doral, FL: Santillana USA Publishing Company, Incorporated

Ages: 5-8; Entertaining

Synopsis: Based on the folk song.

McDermott, G. (1972). [*Anansi the Spider: A Tale from the Ashanti*](#). New York, NY: Henry Holt and Company Books for Young Readers.

Ages 6-8; Entertaining

Synopsis: Ashanti the spider is threatened by predators and saved by his sons. Which should he reward in this retelling of a West African folk tale?

McDonald, M. (2005). [*Ant and Honeybee: What a Pair!*](#) Karas, G. B. (Illus.) **Somerville, MA:** Candlewick Press.

Ages: Entertaining

Synopsis: Ant and Honeybee attend Cricket's costume party.

McDonald, M. (2001). [*Insects Are My Life*](#). New York, NY: Scholastic, Inc.

Ages: 4-8; Entertaining

Synopsis: Amanda loves insects, which drives everyone crazy except a friend who is equally interested in reptiles.

McElligott, M. (2007). [*Bean Thirteen*](#). New York, NY: Putnam Juvenile.

Ages: 5 and Up

Synopsis: Ralph and Flora have thirteen beans...how can they eat them evenly and not be left with one unlucky bean?

McFadden, P. (2008). [*Oh No, Woolly Bear!*](#) Coxon, M. (Illus.). Long Island City, NY: Starbright Books.

Ages: 4-8

Synopsis: Woolly Bear Caterpillar needs someplace warm to nestle for the winter. He looks everywhere until he finds a good spot with a good friend.

McGrew, T. (2005). [*Sparky the Firefly*](#). Carlsbad, CA: Penton Overseas Inc.

Entertaining

Synopsis: Sparky the firefly is ready for a party!

McGuinness, E.J. (2008). [*Bee and Me*](#). Brown, H. (Illus.). Denver, CO: Accord Publishing.

Ages: 4-8

Synopsis: A little boy is terrified when a bee enters his room. But the bee assures him of all the good that bees do, such as making honey.

McKelvey, D. K. & R. Egielski, R. (2001). [*Locust Pocus!: A Book to Bug You*](#). New York, NY: Philomel.

Ages: 3-7; Entertaining

Synopsis: Poetry about silly insects for a budding entomologist!

Meister, C. & Jones, C.C. (eds.) (2008). [*Bug Race!*](#) Senturk, B. (Illus.). North Mankato, MN: Picture Window Books.

Ages 4-9; Entertaining

Synopsis: Bugs compete in a footrace.

Meschke, N.S. (2011). [*Meeting Aldo Ant: Learning to Appreciate Mexican Culture*](#). Mustang, OK: Tate Publishing & Enterprises, Inc.

Ages 6-8

Synopsis: Baxter meets Aldo, who is from Mexico and learns all about the culture.

Metzger, S. (1997). [*Ladybug's Birthday*](#). Williamson, J. (Illus.). New York, NY: Scholastic, Inc.

Ages: Entertaining

Synopsis: Ladybug has a small house and only invites a couple of friends to her birthday party, but the party goers keep coming...

Moscatello, R., Moscatello, L. & Cox, L. (2010). [*Aerola's Big Trip*](#). Mustang, OK: Tate Publishing & Enterprises, Inc.

Synopsis: Aerola visits all sorts of places and learns about state flowers.

Moss, O. (2008). [*Skipper to the Rescue*](#). New York: NY: Scholastic Paperbacks.

Ages 4-8; Entertaining

Synopsis: Skipper and Dazzle are enjoying time in the meadow until a storm hits. Now they have to escape the rain and help a newly emerged butterfly get to safety.

Mrs. A. (2006). [*A Friend with No Name*](#). Parker, CO: Outskirts Press.

Synopsis: A little worm seeks out a friend.

Murphy, K. (2002). [*The Boll Weevil Ball*](#). New York, NY: Henry Holt & Company Books for Young Readers.

Ages: 4-7

Synopsis: Redd the beetle is very small, so small he can't fly or reach places other beetles can. But his uniqueness is what makes him special, and he knows he can do whatever he puts his mind to!

Murphy, S.J. (2001). [*Bug Dance*](#). Santoro, C. (Illus.). New York, NY: Harpercollins Publishers.

Ages: 3 and Up; Entertaining

Synopsis: Centipede is having trouble learning the new dance in gym class.

Murray, S. (2006). [*Linda the Ladybug Goes to Heaven. Bloomington, IN: Authorhouse.*](#)

Synopsis: Linda the Ladybug experiences Heaven.

Nargi, L. (2011). [*The Honeybee Man*](#). Brooker, K. (Illus.). New York, NY: Schwartz & Wade Books.

Ages: 4-8

Synopsis: Fred is a beekeeper who tends his friends very well so they will produce honey for him.

Nestor, L. & Monroe, M. G. (2001). [*Foursome the Spider*](#). Farmington Hills, MI: Sleeping Bear Press.

Ages: 4-8; Entertaining

Synopsis: Foursome the Spider plays golf and makes friends.

Newton Chocolate, D. M. & Albers, D. (1997). [*Spider and the Sky God: An Akan Legend \(Legends of the World\)*](#). Mahwah, NJ: Troll Communications

Ages: 7 and up; Entertaining

Synopsis: Spider must convince Sky God that not only can he spin webs well, but that he can also tell good stories.

Noble, T. H. (2011). [*A Christmas Spider's Miracle*](#). Costanza, S. (Illus.). Farmington Hills, MI: Sleeping Bear Press.

Ages 6-8; Entertaining

Synopsis: Two poor mothers, a spider and a peasant, work hard to provide for their families. One Christmas the peasant brings home the tree where the spider mother lives. Mother spider then decorates the tree with her silk, making it a special Christmas for all.

Ocker, R. (2000). [*Last Name Ant*](#). Boyle, T. (Illus.). Street Saint Pubns.

Ages 9-12; Entertaining

Synopsis: A colony of very unusual ants lives in the Clancys' home. Read all about their adventures!

Olson, K.N. (2007). [*Entopia*](#). Challeen, J. (Illus.). Cornerstone Book Publishers.

Ages 9-12; Entertaining

Synopsis: William the bee is sucked up into a store-owner's vacuum and discovers a whole menagerie of different insects living together in a newly established community.

O'Callahan, J. (2003). [*Herman and Marguerite*](#). O'Callahan, L. (Illus.). Atlanta, GA: Peachtree Pub Ltd.

Ages 4-8

Synopsis: An earthworm and a caterpillar become friends despite their differences.

O'Malley, K. (1999). [*Leo Cockroach: Toy Tester*](#). New York, NY: Walker & Company.

Ages 5-8; Entertaining

Synopsis: Leo the cockroach enjoys his toy testing job, but not his boss...an insect hating man. When Leo tries for a job across the street, he finds it may be worse than what he had.

O'Malley, K. (2002). [*Little Buggy*](#). Boston, MA: Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Publishing Company

Ages: 3-7

Synopsis: With a little help from his dad, Little Buggy overcomes obstacles and learns how to fly.

O'Neal, K. (2006). [*I Wish I Could Fly/I Can Fly*](#). Centennial, CO: Lifevest Publishing, Inc.

Synopsis: Two books about a butterfly's life...one about the caterpillar who wants to fly, and the butterfly that already can.

Oppenheim, J. (1991). [*Eency Weency Spider*](#). Schindler, S.D. (Illus.). New York, NY: Bantam Books for Young Readers.

Ages: 4-8; Entertaining

Synopsis: In this take off of the famous rhyme, the little spider meets all sorts of fairy tale characters during his adventures.

Paolo, R. (2011). [*The Wasp That Thought She Was a Bee*](#). Frederick, MD: PublishAmerica, Inc.

Synopsis: Chris is a wasp that thinks she is a bee due to her black and yellow coloration. But she soon finds out she's something else entirely!

Parker, A. (1999). [*It's An Ants Life: My Story of Life in a Nest*](#). Hayward, T. & Stower, A. (Illus.). Pleasantville, NY: Reader's Digest Young Families.

Ages 6-8

Synopsis: Journal entries "written" by ants and other creatures about their everyday lives.

Parker Donaldson, M. (2011). [*Andy the Soldier Ant*](#). Lemos, C. (Illus.). Milwaukee, WI: Mirror Publishing.

Ages: 3-9; Entertaining

Synopsis: Andy's ant kingdom lives near the White House in Washington D.C. It's Andy's job to protect his colony, but can Andy save it from a threat that may destroy it?

Parker Donaldson, M. (2011). [*Timothy Firefly and the Fourth of July*](#). Lemos, C. (Illus.). Milwaukee, WI: Mirror Publishing.

Ages: 3-9; Entertaining

Synopsis: Timothy the firefly experiences the 4th of July.

Pedano, L. (2009). [*The Procrastinating Caterpillar*](#). Colla, J.C. (Illus.). Milwaukee, WI: Mirror Publishing.

Ages: Up to 7

Synopsis: A caterpillar is hesitant about building a cocoon because he fears change.

Penny, G. (2008). [*No More Stink Bugs*](#). Florence, SC: James A. Rock & Company Publishers. Entertaining

Synopsis: Stinky Foot is a smelly spider who must find a way to overcome his problem.

Perkins, J. (2007). [*Ladybug Baby Bug*](#). Perkins, M. (Illus.). Bloomington, IN: Authorhouse.
Ages 6-8

Synopsis: Explore with a baby ladybug as she learns about new sights and sounds, her new family and the other adventures of someone just entering the world.

Pfeffer, W. (2011). [*Firefly at Stonybrook Farm*](#). Mikec, L. (Illus.). Norwalk, CT: Soundprints.
Ages 7 and up

Synopsis: A firefly emerges, seeks out a mate, and tries to avoid capture as he goes through his life.

Pichon, L. (2005). [*The Very Ugly Bug*](#). Tiger Tales.
Ages: 4-8

Synopsis: An ugly bug wishes she was pretty like her friends. But when she dons a disguise to make herself more beautiful, she finds that she is more desirable to predators! She takes off her disguise and the predators are scared away, showing that she looks the way she does for a good reason.

Pietraggalo, L. (2009). [*Scudder Bug's Amazing Adventure*](#). Van Jura, J. (Illus.). Great Books 4 Kids.

Ages: Entertaining

Synopsis: Scudder Bug can't fly, but he still manages to explore outer space!

Pinczes, E.J. (1993) [*One Hundred Hungry Ants*](#). Mackain, B. (Illus.). Boston, MA: Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Publishing Company.

Ages: 4-8

Synopsis: A group of 100 ants discover they can get to the food better divided up rather than single file.

Pinczes, E.J. (1995). [*A Remainder of One*](#). MacKain, B. (Illus.). Boston, MA: Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Publishing Company.

Ages: 4-8

Synopsis: A Private ant manages to divide up the line of marching ants he is in so that he is not left out.

Plomer, W. (2009). [*The Butterfly Ball and the Grasshopper's Feast*](#). Aldridge, A. (Illus.). Somerville, MA: Candlewick Press.

Ages: 5 and up; Entertaining

Synopsis: Come see what the Butterfly Ball is all about!

Poliser, B.L. (1999). [*Insect Soup*](#). Clark, D. (Illus.). Silver Spring, MD: Rainbow Morning Music Alternatives.

Ages 5-7; Entertaining

Synopsis: Insects can be fun and unusual, as this book about entomology poetry attests.

Raye, D. (2007). [*Edison the Firefly: & His Buddy Bell*](#). Mustang, OK: Tate Publishing & Enterprises, Inc.

Synopsis: Edison the Firefly is an inventor and learns a lot about science during his adventures.

Redbank, T. (2000). [*Rug Bug*](#). DiFiori, L. (Illus.). Golden Books.

Ages: Entertaining

Synopsis: A bug gets caught in a rug and a cub helps her escape.

Reid, N. W. (2011). [*The Adventure of Avery the Ant: Experience the Next Children's Classic*](#).

Parker, CO: Outskirts Press.

Ages: 4-18

Synopsis: Avery ant is now an adult and Commander Antselma and her soldiers want Avery to do her duty. Avery doesn't want to work, but to explore, until she talks to a wise old ant who explains the importance of being a grown up.

Risita, S. (2010). [*The Lightning Bugs Strike Back*](#). Mustang, OK: Tate Publishing & Enterprises, Inc.

Ages 9-12; Entertaining

Synopsis: The Lightning Bug soccer team is formed when mud beetle Fabio watches a human version of the game. Now the beetles learn about teamwork as they learn and play the game!

Rosen, M. (2010). [*Tiny Little Fly*](#). Waldron, K. (Illus.). Somerville, MA: Candlewick Press.

Ages 6-10

Synopsis: A small fly bothers some big beasts!

Rosma, S. (1992). [*Deena the Damselfly*](#). Carmi, G. (Illus.). New York, NY: Urj Press.

Ages 5-8

Synopsis: Deena is a damselfly nymph and her friends are disappearing, never to return. Soon she discovers the reason...adulthood.

Russ, T. & Rosskilly, J.(2008). [*Bugsters*](#). Morris, M. & Jennings, R. (Illus.). Woods N Water; Har/Com edition

Ages: 4 and up

Synopsis: A group of interesting insect characters inhabit this book full of life lessons. An audio CD with songs is included to add to the fun.

Sarnat, M. (2000). [*Bug Family Sticker Paper Dolls*](#). Mineola, NY: Dover Publications, Inc.

Ages: Entertaining

Synopsis: Dress up a family of bugs in outfits for all sorts of everyday activities, including going to the beach, gardening, and bedtime.

Sarver, L. (2010). [*The Grateful Spider*](#). Milwaukee, WI: Mirror Publishing. .

Ages 3-8

Synopsis: Spider is unhappy because things aren't going the way he wants them. He meets up with other insects that have had bad luck, but they are still grateful. He learns that appreciation for what you have is important even when bad times strike.

Schaschwary, M. (2009). [*Miss Ronda*](#). Milwaukee, WI: Mirror Publishing.

[Ages: 2-7](#)

Synopsis: Avrie's favorite blanket has a hole, and Miss Ronda, a spider, offers to fix it up. Avrie isn't sure whether to trust a spider, so must decide whether to take a chance.

Scherek, B.A. (2002). [*Anthill*](#). Star Arts.

Ages 6-8

Synopsis: Ants industriously rebuild their nest each time it's ruined by something or someone!

Seelenbinder, K. (2008). [*The Wall They Could Not See*](#). Mustang, OK: Tate Publishing & Enterprises, Inc. & Enterprises.

Ages 9-12; Entertaining

Synopsis: A fly, butterfly and wasp are in a panic when they can't get through the wall they can't see. And footsteps with bug spray and a fly swatter are fast approaching...

Severo, J.S. (2010). [*The Little Firefly*](#). Hellen, C. (Illus.). Castroville, TX: Black Rose Writing.

Ages 6-8

Synopsis: Pokey the snail and Star the firefly become friends and must face challenges when they become separated from each other.

Shallan, K. (2004). [*The Caterpillar Tree*](#). Franco, D. & Franco, M. (Illus.). Bloomington, IN: Trafford.

Synopsis: All about a quest of discovery!

Shannon-Martin, L. (2004). [*Roach Rally Run!*](#) Lefler, H. (Illus.). Bloomington, IN: Trafford.

Ages 9-12; Entertaining

Synopsis: Share in a hilarious cockroach race!

ShelFish. (2010). [*Bob the Big Bully Bug Discovers Friendship is the Key*](#). Frederick, MD: PublishAmerica, Inc.

Synopsis: Bob is a bully, and he never gets invited to any birthday parties. When another insect challenges him, he discovers that friendship is better than being mean.

Shepard, D. J. (2010). [*Bradybug*](#). Grady, K. (Illus.). St. Louis, MO: Guardian Angel Publishing, Inc.

Synopsis: A ladybug learns about the different names for male and female animals.

Shields, C. D. (2005). [*The Bugliest Bug*](#). Nash, S. (Illus.). Somerville, MA: Candlewick Press.

Ages: 4-8; Entertaining

Synopsis: There's a big contest afoot, and Damsel Dilly wonders who will win it.

Shreeve, E. (2004). [*Hector Afloat*](#). Levy, P.R. (Illus.). Aladdin

Ages: 6 and up; Entertaining

Synopsis: When it begins raining, Hector isn't too concerned. But when his bug hole fills with water and washes him away, it's time to find a new home.

Slade, J.D. and Hovel, B.M. (2010). [*Beckett the Bee's Extraordinary Journey Through Blackberry Land*](#). North Charleston, SC: CreateSpace Independent Publishing Platform

Ages 6-8

Synopsis: Beckett and his bee friends go searching for a place to start a new hive.

Sneed, B. (2005). [*Deputy Harvey and the Ant Cow Caper*](#). New York, NY: Dial.

Ages: 4 and up; Entertaining

Synopsis: Deputy Harvey must solve the mystery of the missing cows in Ant Hill.

Snyder, S. & Johanson, A. (2005). [*The Very Stubborn Centipede*](#). Delray Beach, FL: Kotzig Publishing, Inc.

Ages 7-9; Entertaining

Synopsis: A centipede stubbornly hangs onto a woman's toe!

Soundprints (2012). [*Spider Moves In: Rumbles Cave*](#). Danson, L. (Illus.). Soundprints.

Ages 9-12; Entertaining

Synopsis: Rumbles the Dragon wants to turn his cave into a nice, clean hotel without dirt or cobwebs. Can he convince Spider to leave?

Spinelli, E. (2001). [*Sophie's Masterpiece: A Spider's Tale*](#). Dyer, J. (Illus.) New York, NY: Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers

Ages: 4 and up; Entertaining

Synopsis: Sophie is an artistic spider, but most people don't appreciate her skills. But one day, she finds a reason to create her best masterpiece yet.

Stadler, J. (1984). [*Hooray for Snail*](#). New York, NY: HarperCollins Publishers.

Ages: 4-8; Entertaining

Synopsis: When a snail hits a baseball all the way to the moon, will he have time to make a home run?

Stamps, P. (2010). [*Learning Makes Friends Fun*](#). Frederick, MD: PublishAmerica, Inc.

Synopsis: Hermie the grasshopper loves books more than friends, but can he find a balance with them both?

Stattel, L. (2004). [*The Great Picnic Disaster*](#). Bloomington, IN: Trafford Publishing.

Ages: 4-12; Entertaining

Synopsis: Charlie the ant is in for a disaster at a picnic.

Stoll, S.(2011). [*Ruby the Red Worm's Dirty Job*](#). Waukesha STEM Academy (Illus.). The Argonauts.

Ages 6-8

Synopsis: Ruby the worm takes care of composting. Learn more about this topic from a little red worm who knows about it firsthand.

Stone, R. (1975). [*Because a Little Bug Went Ka-choo*](#). Frith, M. (Illus.). New York, NY: Random House Books for Young Readers

Ages 5-8; Entertaining

Synopsis: A little insect sneezes and it sets off a chain of events.

Stump Clark, J. (2011). [*Miss Golden-Silk Unties a Tangle*](#). Mustang, OK: Tate Publishing & Enterprises, Inc.

Ages: Entertaining

Synopsis: A tangled web is blocking Miss Golden-Silk's door, so she can't see friends and they can't come visit her. So she sets out to solve the problem.

Sushiela. (1990).[*The Ant and the Grasshopper: A Love story*](#). Hollywood, CA: Running Water Press.

Ages 10 and up; Entertaining

Synopsis: Ant and Grasshopper fall in love and get married. They find that they complement each other in this extended version of the old Aesop fable.

Swope, S. (2000). [*Gotta Go! Gotta Go!*](#) Riddle, S. (Illus.). New York, NY: Farrar, Straus & Giroux (BYR)

Ages: 3-6; Entertaining

Synopsis: A bug is compelled to go to Mexico. She doesn't realize she's migrating, she just knows she must get there!

Tadych-Grabinski, J. (2011). [*Jeremiah the Curious Cricket*](#). Frederick, MD: PublishAmerica, Inc.

Ages: Entertaining

Synopsis: Kentucky cricket Jeremiah meets a New York cricket and is interested to hear about life in the Big Apple. He decides to set out in pursuit of the city to see it for himself.

Talley, L. (1996). [*Bea's Own Good*](#). Chase, A. (Illus.). Shawnee Mission, KS: Witcher Productions.

Ages 5-9

Synopsis: Beatrice the bee does very well in her hive, as long as she follows the rules. But when she doesn't, it can be disastrous!

Taylor, H. P. (1995). [*Coyote and the Laughing Butterflies*](#). New York, NY: Simon and Schuster Children's Publishing.

Ages: 3-7; Entertaining

Synopsis: Coyote thinks he is so smart, until he is outwitted by some butterflies.

Tobul, G. (2005). [*The Misadventures of Frida*](#). Morell, D. (Illus.). Bloomington, IN: Trafford Publishing.

Synopsis: Frida the spider experiences the everyday trials of rebuilding her web, catching food, and avoiding predators.

Trimble, P. & Moran, A.(2000). [*Lost!*](#) **Moreton, D. (Illus.). Boston, MA:** Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Publishing Company.

Ages: 5-7; Entertaining

Synopsis: Gil is lost, but can he find his way home with a little sleuthing?

Troehler, D. (2008). [*Chipo's Gift*](#). North Charleston, SC: CreateSpace Independent Publishing Platform.

Ages 6-8; Entertaining

Synopsis: A South African worm follows her dreams and goes on adventures.

Turnbull, K. (2009). [*Because Everyone Needs a Friend*](#). Houston, TX: Eloquent Books.

Synopsis: Henry the butterfly desperately wants friends, but nothing is working. Then he meets Hannah, and he discovers a kindred spirit.

Tyson, L.A. (2003). [*An Interview with Harry the Tarantula*](#). Drescher, H. (Illus.) Independence, KY: CENGAGE Learning.

Ages: 4-8; Entertaining

Synopsis: Reporter Katy Did interviews Harry the Tarantula to learn all about spiders.

Uncle Fez (2002). [*Ants in the Drain*](#). Quast, C. (Illus.). Bloomington, IN: Trafford Publishing. Ages 9-12

Synopsis: Nick and Sparky go on a quest for food for their hungry colony in the underworld of New York City.

Usatshchow, A. (2009). [*Little Ant, Big Thinker or Where Does the Ocean End?*](#) Junge, A. (Illus.). NorthSouth

Synopsis: A little ant wonders how large the ocean is and where it ends.

Valder, M. (2010). [*Henry the Honeybee*](#). Valder, J. (Illus.). Eloquent Books.

Synopsis: Henry the honeybee helps his hive thrive, but when he decides one day to quit work, what will be the consequences to him and his hive?

Valenzuda, D. (2012). [*The Little Ladybug*](#). North Charleston, SC: CreateSpace Independent Publishing Platform.

Ages 6-8

Synopsis: A ladybug born without spots does everything to fit in, even making some spots herself. But in the end, she realizes that there is nothing wrong with being unique.

Valentine, D. O. (2010). [*Olivia, the Adventures of a Firefly*](#). Frederick, MD: PublishAmerica, Inc.

Synopsis: Olivia the firefly is friends with a little boy named Owen, and enjoys spending time with him and other children. But one day she curiously flies into a jar of honey and only friendship can save the day.

Van Allsburg, C. (1998). [*Two Bad Ants*](#). Boston, MA: Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Publishing Company

Ages: 4-8

Synopsis: Two ants decide to explore a kitchen without the safety of others.

van Kampen, V. (2005). [*Marigold's Wings*](#). New York, NY: Gareth Stevens Learning Library.

Ages 5-8

Synopsis: Marigold is a Monarch caterpillar who dreams of one day joining her fellow Monarchs on their flight to Mexico.

van Kampen, V. & Campbell, J.M. (1997). [*Beetle Bedlam*](#). Watertown, MA: Charlesbridge Publishing.

Ages: 4-8; Entertaining

Synopsis: A bark beetle is put on trial for killing trees. But will the witnesses be reliable, and what will be the bark beetle's fate?

Villa, O. (2009). [*Wormy, the Hairy Caterpillar, and the Rainbow*](#). Aguirre, P. (Illus.). Dade City, FL: Soto Publishing Company

Ages: 3-9

Synopsis: Wormy's friends have all become butterflies. When will it be his turn?

Waber, B. (1970). [*A Firefly Named Torchy*](#). Boston, MA: Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Publishing Company.

Ages 5-8

Synopsis: Torchy the firefly's light is so bright that it angers or scares away the other animals. But are there advantages to being different?

Wadsworth, G. (2009). [*Up, Up and Away!*](#) Wynne, P.J. (Illus.). Watertown, MA: Charlesbridge Publishing.

Ages 4-7

Synopsis: This story chronicles a spider's everyday life: from avoiding predation, eating, spinning silk, and finding a new home of her own.

Ward, N. (2004). [*Squash the Spider*](#). New York, NY: David Fickling Books.

Ages: 5-8; Entertaining

Synopsis: Squash likes to make people jump; who will he scare next?

Weidner Zoehfeld, K. (1996). [*Ladybug at Orchard Avenue*](#). Buchs, T. (Illus.). Norwalk, CT: Soundprints.

Ages: 4-7

Synopsis: Experience a ladybug's life...what she eats and how she avoids predators.

Wenzel, K.M. (1999). [*The Fan Tom Spider*](#). Ruskin, FL: WNZ Publications.

Ages: 5-9; Entertaining

Synopsis: Mr. W doesn't like spider webs and he does everything he can to get rid of him. The spider is tolerant, and eventually convinces Mr. W to accept him and be more tolerant too.

Wert, D. L. (1998). [*Caterfly: Mac's Back Struggling to Stay Drug-Free*](#). Shepherdstown, WV: Rocky River Publishers, LLC.

Ages: 7-12

Synopsis: Monarch caterpillar Mac is addicted to drugs. Now he faces a long road to recovery.

Wert, D. L., Wheeler, P. (ed.), Wilson, C. W. (ed.), & Wilson, M. (ed.). (1998). [*Eglin Long-Horn of Nightshade County*](#). Shepherdstown, WV: Rocky River Publishers, LLC.

Ages: 7-12

Synopsis: When Eglin visits a tobacco field, he hears from his ladybug friend about the problems associated with using tobacco.

Wheeler, K. & Sharp, D. (2000). [*Tunnel 2000: A Tale in Which Edgar Finds Joy in Living*](#). Grand Rapids, MI: Instructional Fair.

Ages 6-8

Synopsis: Edgar the earthworm hates digging in the dirt. But his friend Esther shows him the importance of hard work.

Willard, G. (2009). [*Amy Firefly*](#). Houston, TX: Eloquent Books.

Ages: Educational

Synopsis: Amy Firefly likes to play with her friends, but one day she is approached by a toad, who wants help finding his pet. Amy is not quite sure what to do, but is warned that it's not wise to talk to strangers.

Williams, G. (2011). *Crazy Cleo the Caterpillar*. Bloomington, IN: Authorhouse.

Synopsis: Is Cleo crazy for wanting to fly?

Williams, S. (2002). *Imani's Music*. Daly, J. (Illus.). New York, NY: Atheneum.

Ages 6-9; Entertaining

Synopsis: Imani is a special grasshopper who can produce beautiful music when the rest of the world cannot. Asking the ancestors to give the world music, they respond, only for Imani to be swept away from his home with only music to help him.

Wilson, A. (2008). *The Circus Act*. Mustang, OK: Tate Publishing & Enterprises, Inc.

Ages: Entertaining

Synopsis: Lilly the ladybug and her friends must compete against Swebster the spider in a circus act.

Worthfields, M. (2004). *Willy the Blue-Speckled Worm*. Frederick, MD: PublishAmerica, Inc.

Ages 9-12

Synopsis: A noble worm family gives birth to Willy, a blue-speckled worm, and gives him up for adoption to more "common" worms. He has many adventures and discovers that being different isn't a bad thing.

Would, N (2006). *Scarab's secret*. Balit, C. (Illus.). New York, NY: Walker & Company.

Ages 4-8; Entertaining

Synopsis: Khepri the scarab beetle becomes friends with the Pharaoh of Egypt. When Khepri discovers a plot against the Pharaoh, he must find a way to warn his friend.

Yeager, J. (2008). *Tula in a Tangle*. North Charleston, SC: CreateSpace Independent Publishing Platform.

Ages 6-8; Entertaining

Synopsis: Tula the spider goes on a quest to find her family and along the way meets many different characters, including a little girl.

Yorkinks, A (2005). *Happy Bees*. Armstrong-Ellis, C. (Illus.). New York, NY: Abrams.

Ages: Up to 6; Entertaining

Synopsis: A bear tries to get the honey from bees while they happily invade picnics and other events in the neighborhood.

Ziefert, H. (2010). *Butterfly Birthday*. Jones, M. (Illus.). Maplewood, NJ: Blue Apple Books.

Ages: 3-7; Entertaining

Synopsis: Insects greet each other and have a party to celebrate the coming of spring.