

**Helen Crocker Russell Library of Horticulture**  
**Selections from the Children's Book Collection:**  
**Insects & Spiders**

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*Are You a Ladybug?* Allen, Judy. New York: Kingfisher, c2000.

Introduces the life cycle of a ladybug, showing how it changes from an egg to an adult ladybug. Early readers. j QL596.C65 AL53 2000

*Are you a Spider?* Allen, Judy. New York : Kingfisher, c2000.

Introduces the life cycle of a garden spider, describing how it hatches, develops, spins webs, and feeds. Early readers. QL451 .AL53 2000

*Bug Zoo.* Baker, Nick. New York: DK Pub., 2010.

Naturalist Nick Baker shows the reader how to make miniature habitats for insects, snails and worms, some interesting aspects of their lives and how to feed the contained creatures.

Advanced readers.

j QL463 .B175 2010

*Paleo Bugs: Survival of the Creepiest.* Bradley, Timothy J. San Francisco: Chronicle Books, c2008.

If you think today's insects are creepy, wait until you see what wriggled and slithered through the world hundreds of millions of years ago! Learn how insects survived events that completely wiped out other creatures and see which of their strange adaptations can still be found in insects today.

Advanced readers. j QL434 .B73 2008

*The Secret Lives of Backyard Bugs: Discover Amazing Butterflies, Moths, Spiders, Dragonflies, and Other Insects.* Burris, Judy. North Adams, MA: Storey Pub., c2011.

Explains the life stages, habits, and interesting facts for over forty species of insects and spiders.

Advanced readers. j QL468 .B88 2011

*The Very Hungry Caterpillar.* Carle, Eric. New York: Philomel Books, c1987.

Follows the progress of a hungry little caterpillar as he eats his way through a varied and very large quantity of food until, full at last, he forms a cocoon around himself and goes to sleep.

Pre-readers.

j QL541.C192 1987 (Also available in Spanish, Chinese, and Vietnamese)

***Evelyn the Adventurous Entomologist: The True Story of a World-traveling Bug Hunter.***

Evans, Christine. Seattle, WA : The Innovation Press, c2019.

Introduces readers to Evelyn Cheesman who forged her own path at a time when women rarely went to college, much less worked as veterinarians or entomologists.

Early readers. (J)QL31.C44 Ev15 2019

***Oddhopper Opera: A Bug's Garden of Verses.*** Cyrus, Kurt.

San Diego, Calif. : Harcourt, c2001.

A collection of poems about the activities of a variety of different bugs which flourish in a garden from early spring to late fall. Early readers. (J) QL467 .C97 2001

***Step Gently Out.*** Frost, Helen. Somerville, MA: Candlewick Press, c2012.

Close-up photos and lightly-rhymed declarative verse capture a bug's-eye view of nature and encourage children to experience the world outside their doors with care and openness. Early readers.

j QL467 .F929 2012

***The Beetle Book.*** Jenkins, Steve. Boston: Houghton Mifflin Books for Children, 2012.

An illustrated introduction to a variety of beetle species with information on unique traits and how these insects have adapted to survive. Advanced readers. j QL576 .J415 2012

***Butterflies in the Garden.*** Lerner, Carol. New York : HarperCollins, c2002.

A colorfully illustrated introduction to common garden butterflies and butterfly plants. Early readers.

j QL545 .L562 2002

***Ultimate Bug-opedia: The Most Complete Bug Reference Ever.***

Murawski, Darlyne. Washington, D.C. : National Geographic, c2013.

An introduction to the hidden worlds of popular insects profiles their habits, habitats, and diets while providing thematic spreads that share additional historical and geographical fun facts.

Advanced readers or adults. (J)QL463 .M87 2013

***Crickets and Grasshoppers.*** Pascoe, Elaine. Woodbridge, CT: Blackbirch Press, c1999.

Describes the physical characteristics, habitats, and life cycle of crickets and grasshoppers and includes related activities. Advanced readers. j QL506 .P263 1999

***Over in the Garden.*** Ward, Jennifer. Flagstaff, Ariz.: Rising Moon, c2002.

Over in the garden, mother insects and their children enjoy various activities from morning sun to evening moon. Early readers. j QL59 .W213 2002

Updated November 2023. Books are listed alphabetically by the author's last name. For more educational resources, please ask a librarian.