

Summer Reading Club 2007 Booklist - Bug Bugs

Picture books (for all ages)

Mary Bono

Ugh! A Bug

Rhyming text and illustrations present various reactions to encounters with such bugs as an ant, beetle, and ladybug.

Doreen Cronin

Diary of a Spider

A young spider discovers, day by day, that there is a lot to learn about being a spider, including how to spin webs and avoid vacuum cleaners.

Jennifer Ward

Over in the Garden

Over in the garden, mother insects and their children enjoy various activities from morning sun to evening moon.

Audrey Wood

The Napping House

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

Beginner Readers (easy reads for ages 5-8 or grades K - 2)

Tedd Arnold

Hi, Fly Guy

When Buzz captures a fly to enter in The Amazing Pet Show, his parents and the judges tell him that a fly cannot be a pet, but Fly Guy proves them wrong.

Ruth Horowitz

Big Surprise in the Bug Tank

Two brothers get two giant hissing cockroaches as pets and then must figure out a way to deal with the resulting population explosion.

Lucille Recht Penner

Monster Bugs [non-fiction]

Describes some of the world's largest insects and spiders, including the Goliath beetle, praying mantis, tarantula, and giant atlas moth.

Harriet Ziefert

Bugs, Beetles and Butterflies [non-fiction]

Simple, rhymed text and illustrations introduce many different kinds of bugs, beetles, and butterflies, including the earwig, zebra butterfly, and water strider.

Short Chapter Books (for ages 8 - 10 or grades 2 - 4)

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The End of the Beginning: Being the Adventures of a Small Snail (And an Even Smaller Ant)

Avon the snail and Edward, a take-charge ant, set off together on a journey to an undetermined destination in search of unspecified adventures.

Anne Capeci

Insect Invaders

When Wanda brings her pet ladybugs to school to find out how to take care of them, Ms. Frizzle takes the opportunity to show the kids the perils of insect life.

Roald Dahl

James and the Giant Peach

A young boy escapes from two wicked aunts and embarks on a series of adventures with six giant insects he meets inside a giant peach. A great classic!

Longer books and novels (for ages 11 -13 or grades 5 - 7)

Lynne Reid Banks

Harry the Poisonous Centipede

When their adventures lead them to explore the biggest and scariest villain of all, Harry and George realize that they are not brave, only reckless and foolish.

Cindy Blobaum

Insectigations : 40 Hands-On Activities to Explore the Insect World [non-fiction]

Be a bug scientist! Great information about observing and exploring the insect world. Simple experiments and activities include how to raise mealworms or test the colour vision of bees!

Suzanne Collins

Gregor the Overlander

When Gregor and his little sister are pulled into a strange underground world, they trigger an epic battle involving men, bats, rats, cockroaches, and spiders.

Dan Greenburg

The Onts

Ten-year-old orphan twins Wally and Cheyenne Shluffmuffin have had it bad at Cincinnati's Jolly Days Orphanage, but things get much worse when the Mandible sisters offer to share their home in the Dripping Fang Forest.

E.B. White

Charlotte's Web

Wilbur, the pig, is desolate when he discovers that he is destined to be the farmer's Christmas dinner until his spider friend, Charlotte, decides to help him.