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Insects in the World of Fiction

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Since early childhood, I have had a passion for two things: books and insects. While working on master's degrees in library science and entomology, I've had the unique opportunity to combine these fields. My library background led to an interest in bibliographical information, and thus, as part of my master's program in entomology at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, I chose to research and compile a list of fictional works (published/produced in the United States, 1950–2012) about or including insects, spiders, related arthropods, and/or entomologists as main characters.

Although there are numerous small bibliographies about insects, a full list seems to be missing from the literature. Therefore, this "Insectography" may be of interest and benefit to entomologists, librarians, teachers, and the general public (including parents) looking for a variety of resources in popular culture about entomology.

Although this publication will focus on bibliographical works, the complete Insectography, which also includes a filmography of television shows/episodes, cartoons, and video games that incorporate entomology as a theme, can be viewed at <http://unlcms.unl.edu/entomology/bugbuddies/insectography>.

The Bibliography

Books in this bibliography include works of fiction that are subdivided into children's books, novels (adult and

young adult), and children's/young adult series. Novels listed may feature insects or entomologists (professionals or amateurs) as a main part of the story. A plot synopsis is included for each work. In addition, the book's primary insect order is included; if there are three or more insect orders, this is noted as "Multiple Orders," and if the type of insect is not apparent (such as a mutant, alien, or general "bug"), then the order is listed as "Non-specified."

The Insectography includes books published in the United States (traditional or self-published) from 1950–2012. Where possible, publication city is included in the citation, but in some cases, this isn't available for self-published books or "e-books" (books published only in electronic format). Many of the print works can be obtained from brick-and-mortar booksellers; hardcover, paperback, and electronic copies are often available from Barnes and Noble, Amazon, or other online retailers.

Children's Books

The children's books included here are generally written for school-aged children, aged 5 and up. In some cases, age ranges may also include younger children, but as long as the older age group is included, the book is on the list (i.e., a book for ages 4–8 would be included, but one for ages 1–4 would not). Recommended age ranges are listed in the citation when this information is available.

Children's fiction books often have an educational intent,

as well as being entertaining. Because of the extensive number of children's books about insects, the bibliography is primarily limited to works that involve an insect as a main character, learning or teaching about a life process (metamorphosis) or a life lesson (e.g., friendship or self-esteem). It does not include fictionalized accounts of real-world skills, such as using insects to learn how to count or alphabetize, or showing how a child character learns about the life cycle of insects. Therefore, within the context of this bibliography, "Educational" is defined as a book where an insect character learns a life lesson. In my research, I found that almost all of these books fit within this definition. However, there are also a few that involve a character's adventure or fun experience (e.g., solving a mystery, saving the day, going on vacation). In cases where the book has this latter element instead of or in addition to a moral lesson, I have marked it as being "Entertaining."

Children's fictionalized works aren't always scientifically accurate, but focus more on the lesson or adventure of the character. For example, there are many books in which worker bees or biting mosquito characters are male, when

realistically they would be female. Likewise, an immature holometabolous character (such as a young fly), may be represented as a smaller version of its adult insect parents rather than as a larva. There are also many stories that involve insect families living and spending time together. Because the object of these books is to teach about life and morals, not about species of insects, these inaccuracies really aren't relevant in these works. However, in some cases, a life process, such as metamorphosis, is experienced by the character and is represented more believably.

Novels

Novels listed may feature insects, related arthropods, or entomologists as a main part of the plot. This may include science fiction or fantasy depictions that have an insect basis, such as alien insects, hybrids, or mutant monster bugs. For purposes of this bibliography, novels must be approximately 100 pages or more in length, accommodating both adult novels (which tend to be longer) and young adult novels. Individual short stories and novellas are not included, but a few anthologies may be. Adult novels that may be in a series are also included where applicable.

Series

For young adult or children's series, one title within the series is listed bibliographically and other titles within that series are noted at the end of the citation. In some cases, only one book in a series has an entomological focus, while others represent many adventures of the same insect character or characters.

It is my hope that this Insectography offers readers the references they need to quickly access books about entomology. My goal is to increase awareness about and publicize many fictionalized works that may be obscure or less well known and present them for the enjoyment of scientists and the general public. By having the bibliography in one place, complete with synopses, users can easily find the works that interest them.

One of the biggest surprises I had during the course of this project was finding how often insects are featured in children's literature. For parents or teachers, this list provides a good starting point for resources that introduce morals in a fun way. Insect characters make great protagonists for teaching life lessons!

For more information about the Insectography, please contact the author, Erin Bauer, at ebauer2@unl.edu.

Adult novels (Ages 15 and up)

Author/Date/Title/Publisher	Order Featured	Synopsis
Arment, C. (ed.) (2008). <i>Invertebrata Enigmatica: Giant Spiders, Dangerous Insects, and Other Strange Invertebrates in Classic Science Fiction and Fantasy</i> . Landisville, PA: Coachwhip Publications.	Multiple Orders	A collection of science fiction/fantasy short stories about odd and unusual insects and their interaction with humans.
Baum, S. (2009). <i>The Demon Queen and the Locksmith</i> . North Charleston, SC: CreateSpace Independent Publishing Platform.	Lepidoptera	Kevin begins high school on a strange note; he gets superpowers and follows a butterfly into a strange world.
Bloom, B. (2007). <i>A Marriage of Insects: A Novel of World Tree</i> . Farmingdale, NY: Padwolf Publishing, Inc.	Non-specified	Rajel and her spouses experience insect marital trials and errors.
Carter, D.V. (2007). <i>The Hand of the Devil</i> . New York, NY: Random House Children's Books.	Diptera	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). <i>Bug Island</i> . North Charleston, SC: CreateSpace Independent Publishing Platform.	Multiple Orders	Survivors from a shipwrecked South American cruise must learn to live on an island with giant insects.
Crichton, M. and Preston, R. (2011). <i>Micro: A Novel</i> . New York, NY: HarperCollins Publishers.	Multiple Orders	A group of graduate science students, including an entomologist and arachnologist, are shrunk to half an inch in size and enter the unique and dangerous world of microorganisms and insects.
Cuce, T.A. & Brand-Stories, R. (2011). <i>PeeDee3, Intergalactic Insectiod Assassin, in: Another Time Perhaps</i> . Tricorner Publishing.	Non-specified	PeeDee3 the bug must capture a time jumper. The challenge: bringing back at least part of the body instead of just disintegrating it! Other titles in this series: <i>Gut Feeling</i> , <i>Fafafalala</i> and <i>Dosido My Eggplant</i> , <i>The Pachyderp in the Room</i> , <i>In Sheep's Clothing</i> , and <i>Chase Seen Seven</i> .
Downs, T. (2003). <i>Shoofty Pie</i> . Bug Man Series. New York, NY: Howard Books.	Non-specified	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. Other books in this series: <i>Nick of Time</i> , and <i>First the Dead</i>
Ellis, G.W. (2011). <i>Hatchings</i> . Los Gatos, CA: Smashwords.	Class Chilopoda	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). <i>Insect Dreams: The Half Life of Gregor Samsa</i> . Lakewood, CO: Unbridled Books.	Blattaria	Inspired by Franz Kafka's early 20th century novella, <i>Metamorphosis</i> , <i>Insect Dreams</i> 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). <i>Thripz</i> . North Charleston, SC: CreateSpace Independent Publishing Platform.	Thysanoptera	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.

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Fear, B. (2008). <i>A Macabre Myth of Moth-Man</i> . Bloomington, IN: Authorhouse.	Lepidoptera	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). <i>Chronicles of Henry Roach Dairier</i> . Bloomington, IN: iUniverse, Inc.	Blattaria	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 becoming extinct like the Duo-Pods. This is a series. Other titles include: <i>To Build a Tunnel</i> , <i>New South Dairy Colony 50</i> , and <i>The Re-creation of Roacheria</i> .
Girard, P.T. (2001). <i>The Seventh Sister</i> . Five Star.	Non-specified	Lady Margaret's family wants to see her married, but she's more interested in insects than a husband.
Gould, J. (2011). <i>Flidderbugs</i> . Los Gatos, CA: Smashwords.	Non-specified	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). <i>Inside Jupiter</i> . Plano, TX: Rival Media Publishing.	Multiple Orders	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). <i>Starship Troopers</i> . New York, NY: Penguin Group, Inc.	Non-specified	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). <i>Hellstrom's Hive</i> (Reprint). New York, NY: Tor Books.	Non-specified	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). <i>The Green Brain</i> . New York, NY: Tor Books.	Non-specified	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). <i>The Swarm</i> . Bloomington, IN: iUniverse.	Hymenoptera	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.
Knighton, L. (2010). <i>Chutterbug</i> . Boise, AL: Laurence Knighton.	Non-specified	In the world of Mynoot, everyone loves sourgrass. But what will happen if the sourgrass runs out?
Knox, T. (2008). <i>Kockroach: A Novel</i> . New York, NY: Harper Perennial.	Blattaria	A cockroach in the 1950's awakens as a human. A new take on the classic early 20th century novella <i>Metamorphosis</i> by Franz Kafka.
Koff, D.R. (2012). <i>Threat</i> . The Barren Spheres Trilogy. David R. Koff.	Non-specified	Winkon's world is full of diminishing resources and war. Will anything be able to reduce the threat?
Kull, S. (2008). <i>Norahs: The Alien Caretakers</i> . SynergEbooks.	Non-specified	Alien insects planning to take over the world are hiding inside a woman's backyard weeds.
Laake, D. (2010). <i>Futura</i> . Absolute Xpress.	Non-specified	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). <i>Darlington's Fall</i> . New York, NY: Knopf Doubleday Publishing Group.	Lepidoptera	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). <i>Vespa</i> . Active Bladder.	Non-specified	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). <i>After the Fade</i> . Delirium Novella series. Delirium Books.	Non-specified	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). <i>Redemption Trail</i> . North Charleston, SC: CreateSpace Independent Publishing Platform.	Non-specified	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). <i>Coppice (Bee Wars)</i> . Mystole Publications.	Hymenoptera	Three drone honeybees become engaged in a conflict with an invading species of colored bees.
Naiman, G. (2009). <i>The Response (the Kerry Chronicles)</i> . Martinsville, IN: Fideli Publishing, Inc.	Hymenoptera	A NASA experiment gone wrong brings the wrath of ten thousand trillion angry ants against humanity.
Naiman, G. (2011). <i>From the Void (the Kerry Chronicles)</i> . Martinsville, IN: Fideli Publishing, Inc.	Hymenoptera	In this sequel to <i>The Response</i> , 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). <i>Vampires of Venus</i> . Wilsonville, OR: eStar books.	Non-specified	An entomologist from Earth fights vampires on Venus.
Pinkerton, E. (2012). <i>Utopia, Oregon</i> . North Charleston, SC: CreateSpace Independent Publishing Platform.	Non-specified	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. Marshal will go to any lengths to remain free.
Poetzel, J. (2012). <i>Honolulu Beetles</i> . Think Tank 7.	Coleoptera	Keiko turns insects into a work of art.
Saul, J. (1995). <i>The Homing</i> . New York, NY: Fawcett.	Hymenoptera	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). <i>Argonaut</i> . New York, NY: Tor Books.	Non-specified	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). <i>Bug Killer</i> . Amazon Digital Services.	Non-specified	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.

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Spiewak, C. (2007). <i>Vinny, the Bug Man</i> . Chicago, IL: Tony C. Caputo.	Non-specified	Vinny is a new pest management professional who's 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). <i>Tonino: The Adventures of the Boy/Cricket from Boston's North End</i> . Bloomington, IN: iUniverse, Inc.	Orthoptera	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). <i>Mandibles</i> . Cincinnati, OH: Mundania Press LLC.	Hymenoptera	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). <i>World Hunger</i> . Bloomington, IN: iUniverse, Inc.	Non-specified	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). <i>Legend of the Beemen</i> . Musa Publishing.	Hymenoptera	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). <i>The Termite Queen Volume 1: The Speaking of the Dead</i> . North Charleston, SC: CreateSpace Independent Publishing Platform.	Isoptera	It is the 30th 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). <i>The Termite Queen Volume Two: The Wound That Has No Healing</i> . North Charleston, SC: CreateSpace Independent Publishing Platform.	Isoptera	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). <i>The Forbidden Bean</i> . Naples, FL: Barbara Meyers LLC.	Multiple Orders	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). <i>Empire of the Ants</i> . New York, NY: Bantam.	Hymenoptera	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). <i>Bedbugs</i> . Philadelphia, PA: Quirk Books.	Hemiptera	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). <i>Entopia: Revolution of the Ants</i> . Waterford, VA: OakTara Publishing Group, LLC.	Hymenoptera	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.

Young Adult Novels

Age ranges for young adult novels range from about 7–18. If a novel gave a particular age range, it is included here. Books in this category are much longer and have more text than children's books, which are often visually oriented with less text.

Author/Date/Title/Publisher	Order Featured	Ages	Synopsis
Broach, E. & Murphy, K. (ill.) (2008). <i>Masterpiece</i> . New York, NY: Henry Holt and Co.	Coleoptera	9-12	Marvin the beetle and James the boy live in the same apartment in New York. When James gets a pen set for his birthday and Marvin uses it to draw an artistic masterpiece, boy and beetle become friends and end up on a mysterious adventure at the Metropolitan Museum of Art.
Copeland, M. (2006). <i>The Bundle at Blackthorpe Heath</i> . Boston, MA: Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Publishing Company.	Coleoptera	10-14	Art receives a new spyglass from his grandfather, the ringleader for an insect circus. He's told not to use the spyglass for spying, but inevitably he, his friend Daisy, and their pet ladybug uncover a conspiracy that could shake up the circus!
Dahl, R. (2007). <i>James and the Giant Peach</i> (Reprint) Black, Q. (Illus). New York, NY: Puffin.	Multiple Orders	9-12	James Trotter and his insect friends have a fun adventure inside a large, magical peach.
Donovan, G. (2011). <i>What's Bugging Bailey Blecker</i> . New York, NY: Dutton Juvenile.	Phthiraptera	8-11	Bailey likes her long hair, but she doesn't like the head lice that are infesting it.
Hawdon, R. (1989). <i>A Rustle in Grass</i> . New York, NY: Tor Books.	Hymenoptera	12-17	When a colony of ants awake after a long winter, they discover from a neighboring scout that enemy Red Ants are on the way to destroy them. Can they find out more about their foe and save their colony before it's too late?
Holman, F. (2006). <i>The Cricket Winter</i> . Thomas, R. (Illus.) .Grand Rapids, MI: Eerdmans Books for Young Readers.	Orthoptera	8-12	Simms becomes friends with a cricket beneath the floorboards in his room. Learning to communicate through Morse code, the two friends update each other on all the triumphs and troubles of their human and insect lives.
James, M. (1992). <i>Shoebag</i> . New York, NY: Scholastic Paperbacks.	Blattaria	8-12	A cockroach is transformed into a boy and adopted by a human family.
Keneally, T. and Ryan, S. (ill.) (1995). <i>Ned Kelly and the City of the Bees</i> . Ryan, S. (Illus.) Boston, MA: David R. Godine.	Hymenoptera	7-12	Ned and Nancy shrink to insect size and ride a bee into adventure. They join a beehive where they meet many strange new friends.
Kennedy, X.J. (1997). <i>The Eagle as Wide as the World</i> . New York, NY: Margaret K. McElderry Books.	Hymenoptera	8-12	Giant killer bees are kidnapping people, including the Tibb twins. What can be done?
Kline, S. (2009). <i>Horrible Harry Bugs the Three Bears</i> (Reprint). New York, NY: Puffin.	Dermaptera	7-9	Harry loves bugs, and his newest favorite is earwigs. When his class is assigned to do a play about a fairy tale, Harry decides to incorporate his love of earwigs into the story.

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Kotzwinkle, W. (1986). <i>Trouble in Bugland: A Collection of Inspector Mantis Mysteries</i> . Servello, J. (Illus.). Boston, MA: David R. Godine Pub.	Multiple Orders	7-12	Inspector Mantis and his trusty sidekick, Dr. Hopper, meet clients and solve five engaging mysteries in Bugland.
Laven, K. (2007). <i>Quit Bugging Me</i> . Denver, CO: HMRS Publishing.	Non-specified	9 and up	Emily and her brother Bud must discover the secrets of an unsettling book about insects that is more than what it seems.
Liddell, J. (2006). <i>Tales of Glamey</i> . Bloomington, IN: Trafford Publishing.	Non-specified	7-9	Simon's love of collecting insects leads him to adventure in a fantastical world called Glarney.
Low, D. (2009). <i>Petronella Saves Nearly Everyone: The Entomological Tales of Augustus T. Perchival</i> . Corace, J. (Illus.). Boston, MA: Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Publishing Company.	Non-specified	10 and up	Petronella is turning 16 in Edwardian London, and it's time for a party. This should be an exciting time, but her guardian, Uncle Augustus, has taken to eating insects. To make things worse, guests are disappearing and insects seem to hold the key. Can Petronella solve the mystery and preserve her dignity?
Maguire, G. (2005). <i>Seven Spiders Spinning</i> . Zimmer, D. (Illus.). Logan, IA: Perfection Learning.	Araneae	8-12	Prehistoric spiders thawed from the ice show up at a Vermont elementary school.
Martin, L. (1997). <i>Die, Bug, Die</i> . X-files novel (juvenile). New York, NY: Harper Trophy.	Blattaria		Miller's Grove is a small town overrun by homicidal roaches. Agents Mulder and Scully are on the case!
McKinley, R. (2010). <i>Chalice</i> . New York, NY: Puffin.	Hymenoptera		Mirasol lives in the Willowlands as a beekeeper. But her destiny changes when she is asked to become the Chalice, a responsibility that requires her to bring the Willowland people together with a Master.
Moraja, M. P. (2010). <i>Jake and the Fly</i> . Matthews, NC: Melissa Productions, Inc.	Diptera		Jake rescues some worms and keeps them in his bedroom, only to discover they have turned into flies. Now he must try to rid his house of the flies before too much trouble ensues.
Park, L. S. (2007). <i>Project Mulberry</i> . New York, NY: Yearling.	Lepidoptera	9-12	Julia and her neighbor Patrick decide to raise silkworms for their state fair project. It's more complex than they imagined, but can they be successful and possibly win the blue ribbon?
Paulus, T. (1973). <i>Hope for the Flowers</i> . Mahwah, NJ: Paulist Press.	Lepidoptera		A caterpillar's journey into metamorphosis explores discovering your true self and how life can bring some unexpected but wonderful turns.
Place, M. (2011). <i>Gossamer Lives</i> . Grandby, CT: Purple Ducks Digital Media, Inc.	Araneae	10 and up	Yarunt is a spider who is born without the usual spider instincts. Now she must face many dangers and a catastrophe outside her own web.
Reeve, K. (1998). <i>Lolo and Red-Legs</i> . St. Louis, MO: Turtleback Books.	Araneae	7-10	Friends Lolo, Frankie, and Mario capture a Mexican red-leg tarantula and Lolo decides to name it and keep it as a pet. Lolo and his friends have a great summer until someone steals Red-legs and the boys, with the help of their friend Lisa, search for the culprit in hopes of getting Red-legs back.
Ury, A.B. (1998). <i>Crawlers! Worm Meal and Other Tasty Tales</i> . New York, NY: Torkids.	Multiple Orders	9-12	Freddie, Jason, and other characters must deal with carnivorous worms, stinkbugs, and other creepy crawlies in this short anthology of scary insect tales.
White, E.B. (1952). <i>Charlotte's Web</i> . New York, NY: HarperCollins Publishers.	Araneae	8-12	Charlotte the barn spider tries to help Wilbur the farm pig from being killed by weaving amazing words about him in her web that awe and inspire everyone who sees them.
Zollman, P. (2001). <i>Don't Bug Me!</i> New York, NY: Holiday House, Inc.	Multiple Orders	9-11	Megan has a hard time when she needs to collect insects for her sixth-grade project.

Children's Fictional Books

Author/Date/Title/Publisher	Order Featured	Ages	Synopsis
Agra Deedy, C. (2008). <i>Martina the Beautiful Cockroach</i> . Austin, M. (Illus.). Atlanta, GA: Peachtree Publishers	Blattaria	4-8; Entertaining	Martina the cockroach learns about love, marriage, and...coffee.
Alemagna, B. (2009). <i>Bugs in a Blanket</i> . New York, NY: Phaidon Press.	Non-specified	1-9	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). <i>Hanging with Timmy and Spinner</i> . Mustang, OK: Tate Publishing & Enterprises, Inc.	Araneae		Spinner the spider teaches Timmy yo-yo tricks, increasing his confidence.
Amarel, C. (2010). <i>Gary Grasshopper Hops Again!</i> Debnath, S. (Illus.). Milwaukee, WI: Mirror Publishing.	Orthoptera	3-8	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). <i>The Beetle and the Berry</i> . Sausalito, CA: E & E Publishing.	Coleoptera	4-8; Entertaining	A little beetle ponders how to get a berry back home.
Arkhurst, J.C. and Pinkney, J. (1992). <i>The Adventures of Spider</i> . New York, NY: Little, Brown Books for Young Readers.	Araneae	8 and up; Entertaining	How did spider get a thin waist or bald head? This story will tell you!
Asch, F. (1995). <i>Insects from Outer Space</i> . Vagin, F. (Illus.). New York, NY: Scholastic, Inc.	Non-specified	4-8; Entertaining	Earth bugs are surprised when alien insects land during the Bug Ball. Will they welcome the new visitors?
Ashley, P. and Wood, J. (ill). (2010). <i>Have You Ever Been Hugged by a Spider?</i> Wood, J. (Illus.). North Charleston, SC: CreateSpace Independent Publishing Platform.	Araneae		Let the spider and her friends show you some of their secrets!
Atamer, B. (2011). <i>Jeremy Finds the Rainbow</i> . Debroeck, S. (Illus.). Frederick, MD: PublishAmerica, Inc.	Hymenoptera		Jeremy the ant discovers the story of Noah's Ark.
Baca Haque, M. and du Houx, E. (2003). <i>Madalynn the Monarch Butterfly and Her Quest to Micoacan</i> . Lancaster-Jones, F. (Illus.). Solon, ME: Polar Bear & Company.	Lepidoptera	6 and up; Entertaining	Madalynn meets friendly birds on her migration to Mexico.

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Bach-Davis, S. (2011). <i>The Story of Ms. Polka Dots</i> . Parker, CO: Brave Art Press.	Coleoptera		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). <i>Freddie the Fly</i> . Bloomington, IN: Authorhouse.	Diptera	9-12	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). <i>Andy the Ant in Precious Cargo</i> . Ettinger, C. (Illus.). North Fort Myers, FL: Faithful Life Publishers.	Hymenoptera		Andy the Ant finds some eggs and chooses to protect them until they hatch.
Blankenship, P. (2009). <i>We Both Read Lulu's Wild Party</i> . Reinhart, L. (Illus.). Novato, CA: Treasure Bay, Inc.	Coleoptera	3-7; Entertaining	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). <i>Dirty Rotten Bugs: Arthropods Unite to Tell Their Side of the Story</i> . Cooper Square Publishing, LLC.	Multiple Orders	4-8	A look at bugs from their perspective...how they are important and not gross, as some people think!
Bonwill, A. (2011). <i>Bug and Bear</i> . Marlow, L. (Illus.). Amazon Children's Publishing.	Non-specified	4-8	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). <i>Buzzy the Bumblebee</i> . Monroe, M.G. (Illus.). Farmington Hills, MI: Sleeping Bear Press.	Hymenoptera	4-8	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.
Brown, E.M. (2007). <i>Aristotle: The Firefly's Message</i> . Schuna, R.L. (Illus.). Parker, CO: Outskirts Press.	Coleoptera	6-8; Entertaining	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). <i>Ahboo and the Spiders</i> . Faust, L.A. (Illus.). Bloomington, IN: Trafford Publishing.	Isopoda, Araneae		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). <i>Christmas Cricket</i> . Bush, T. (Illus.). Boston, MA: Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Publishing Company.	Orthoptera	4-8	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). <i>The Crunching Munching Caterpillar</i> . Tickle, J. (Illus.). Tiger Tales.	Lepidoptera	3-6	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). <i>Crickwing</i> . Boston, MA: Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Publishing Company.	Blattaria	6-9	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). <i>Goody Goody Gumdrops</i> . Mustang, OK: Tate Publishing & Enterprises, Inc.	Multiple Orders	4-8; Entertaining	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). <i>Very Quiet Cricket</i> . New York, NY: Putnam Juvenile.	Orthoptera	2-6; Entertaining	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). <i>Horsefly and Honeybee</i> . New York, NY: Henry Holt and Co. (BYR)	Diptera, Hymenoptera	4-8; Entertaining	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). <i>Flutter by Butterfly</i> . Bloomington, IN: Authorhouse.	Lepidoptera		Sam the butterfly learns from Belle the frog about some of life's mysteries.
Clancy, S. (2010). <i>Violet, the Fuzzy Honeybee</i> . Mustang, OK: Tate Publishing & Enterprises, Inc.	Hymenoptera	4-8; Entertaining	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). <i>The Cobweb Christmas</i> . Manning, J. (Illus.). New York, NY: HarperCollins Publishers.	Araneae	4-8; Entertaining	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). <i>Firefly Freddie</i> . Mustang, OK: Tate Publishing & Enterprises, Inc.	Coleoptera	4-8	A story about being who you are.
Coleman, C. (2006). <i>Zubie the Lightning Bug</i> . Nielson, G. (Illus.). Moorpark, CA: The Parent Brigade Company.	Coleoptera	5 and up	Zubie the lightning bug has great conversations with his mother, developing the maternal-child bond.
Cosgrove, S. (2001). <i>Flutterby Fly</i> . New York, NY: Price Stern Sloan.	Lepidoptera	5-9	Moral story about being who you are and not spreading gossip.
Cox, S. (2004). <i>Baxter the Butterfly</i> . Bloomington, IN: Authorhouse.	Lepidoptera	9-12	Baxter is impatient to become a butterfly, and asks all his friends for suggestions.
Cox, T. and Ruble, E. (2011) <i>Liddil Gets Her Light</i> . St. Louis, MO: Guardian Angel Publishing, Inc.	Coleoptera		Liddil the lightning bug must take baby steps to learn how to use her light.
Cozza, L. (2009). <i>A Bug in the Tub</i> . Bloomington, IN: Xlibris Corporation.	Non-specified	1-7	A little bug in a tub has many adventures.
Crawford, S. (2009) <i>The Pink Spider</i> . Baltimore, MD: Sensitive Sounds.	Araneae	2-13; Entertaining	Only is a spider that enjoys exploring the farm and house where he lives.
Crayne, C. (2012). <i>Please Don't Step On Us</i> . North Charleston, NC: CreateSpace Independent Publishing Platform.	Araneae		A spider and his friends try to be convincing about why people shouldn't squish them.
Cress Eller, C. (2008) <i>Carnella Caterpillar: Jeepers Creepers</i> . Schandy, R. & Wooten, N. (Illus.). Milwaukee, WI: Mirror Publishing.	Lepidoptera	Up to 10	Carnella is a special-needs caterpillar. Her friends help get her around in innovative ways.
Cress Eller, C. (2010) <i>Madelyn Butterfly and Emma Cricket Wing It</i> . Colla, J. C. (Illus.). Milwaukee, WI: Mirror Publishing.	Lepidoptera, Orthoptera	3-9	Madalyn and Emma are good friends who help each other discover what's really important.

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Cronin, D. (2008). <i>Diary of a Fly</i> . Bliss, H. (Illus.). New York, NY: HarperCollins Publishers.	Diptera	4-8; Entertaining	The story of a fly who is bothered by siblings and likes to bother humans.
Cronin, D. (2008). <i>Diary of a Spider</i> . Bliss, H. (Illus.). New York, NY: HarperCollins Publishers.	Araneae	4-8; Entertaining	The story of a spider who is more scared of you than you are of him.
Cross, J. (2009). <i>Sadie the Ladybug</i> . Bohart, L. (Illus.). Sarasota, FL: The Peppertree Press.	Coleoptera	5-9	Sadie discovers her true purpose while on an adventure.
Cude, J. (2008). <i>The Getcha Bug</i> . Mustang, OK: Tate Publishing & Enterprises, Inc. & Enterprises.	Non-specified	4-8	This bug tickles wherever he goes.
Cullagh, Y. (2006). <i>Sebastian the Dragonfly</i> . BookSurge Publishing	Odonata		Sebastian the Dragonfly only wants to make a friend.
Culver, J. (2006). <i>How Anansi Learned Self-Esteem</i> . Bloomington, IN: Trafford Publishing.	Araneae	9-12	Anansi the spider learns about self-respect and confidence in this series of 10 stories.
Cyrus, K. (2001). <i>Oddhopper Opera</i> . Boston, MA: Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Publishing Company.	Multiple Orders	5-10; Entertaining	The garden is alive with all the adventures of the insects that live there.
Cyrus, K. (2010). <i>Big Rig Bugs</i> . New York, NY: Walker & Company.	Multiple Orders	4-8	Insects are like miniature machines...cleaning up food and debris and soil like a truck cleans up at a construction site.
David, L. (1999). <i>Beetle Boy</i> . New York, NY: Doubleday Books for Young Readers.	Coleoptera	6-9; Entertaining	Gregory Sampson wakes up as a giant beetle, but no one but his best friend Michael seems to notice.
Davie, B. N. (2011). <i>My Bumblebee Friend</i> . Mustang, OK: Tate Publishing & Enterprises, Inc.	Hymenoptera		Miss Eddy and a bumblebee must learn to share Miss Eddy's garden.
Davis, S. L. A. (2010). <i>Lee the Bee</i> . Davis, J. (Illus.). Milton, IN: Kids at Heart Publishing and Books.	Hymenoptera	Up to 10; Entertaining	Bees go in search of a special flower for their princess.
Degen, B. (2000). <i>Daddy is a Doodlebug</i> . New York, NY: HarperCollins Publishers.	Non-specified	3-6; Entertaining	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). <i>Spartacus the Spider</i> . Mankato, MN: Creative Editions.	Araneae	1 and up; Entertaining	Spartacus the spider needs to devise a way to better weave a web.
Depner, J. (2009). <i>Aunt Francy the Ant</i> . Chicago, IL: Independent Publisher.	Hymenoptera	6-8; Entertaining	Ant Francy and her nephew Freddy spend the day playing, eating, and enjoying everyday activities.
DeVorkin, M. (2011). <i>Beau the Bee</i> . Milwaukee, WI: Mirror Publishing. .	Hymenoptera	3-9	Beau is a bee who is content with himself even though he is different from other bees.
Diaz, J. M. & Mannino, S. (2009). <i>The True Story of the Fly in the Pie</i> . Pesce, F. (Illus.). Bloomington, IN: Xlibris Corporation.	Diptera	All ages	A group of flies are tired of eating trash, so they decide to seek out some fresh food. But at what cost?
Dodson, E. (2010). <i>Speckle the Spider</i> . Somerville, MA: Candlewick Press.	Araneae	3-6	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). <i>Mazy Lazy</i> . Debnath, S. (Illus.). Milwaukee, WI: Mirror Publishing.	Coleoptera	3-8	Mazy is so lazy she can't even fly to her friend's birthday party.
Down, R. (2010). <i>The Cricket and the Shepherd Boy</i> . North Charleston, SC: CreateSpace Independent Publishing Platform	Orthoptera	6-8	A cricket tells a shepherd about the upcoming winter. Together, they travel to find a baby born in a manger.
Downing, J. (2010). <i>There Was an Old Lady Who Swallowed Some Bugs</i> . Gretna, LA: Pelican Publishing Company, Inc.	Multiple Orders	5-8; Entertaining	An old lady swallows a myriad of different insects.
Duckett, A.G. (2009). <i>One Step at a Time: Or 3 Creepy Crawly Things</i> . Lee, A.B. (Illus.). North Charleston, SC: CreateSpace Independent Publishing Platform.	Class Chilopoda	9-12	Three centipedes discover that having 100 legs is cool!
Durango, J. (2007). <i>Pest Fest</i> . Cyrus, K. (Illus.). New York, NY: Simon & Schuster Books For Young Readers.	Diptera	3-7; Entertaining	Fly would like to win the honor of best pest...but does he have too much competition?
Eastman, P.D. (1958). <i>Sam and the Firefly</i> . New York, NY: Random House Books for Young Readers.	Coleoptera	5-8; Entertaining	Sam is an owl who becomes friends with a firefly.
Eddy, O. (2008). <i>The Hatchling</i> . Houston, TX: Strategic Book Publishing and Rights Agency.	Araneae	9-12; Entertaining	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). <i>Ed & Fred Flea</i> . Cole, H. (Illus.). New York, NY: Hyperion Books for Children.	Siphonaptera	All ages; Entertaining	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). <i>Jazper</i> . New York, NY: HarperCollins Publishers.	Multiple Orders	3-7; Entertaining	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). <i>Buz</i> . New York, NY: HarperCollins Publishers.	Non-specified	3-7; Entertaining	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). <i>The Plight of Queen Bee</i> . Key, P. (Illus.). A Better Be Write Publisher.	Hymenoptera	Entertaining	Detective Brown from Scotland Yard must find the culprit in the theft of the Queen Bee's nectar.
Faulkner, K. (2003). <i>Bee Gets a Sweater</i> . Lambert, J. (Illus.). San Diego, CA: Silver Dolphin Books.	Hymenoptera	3-5; Entertaining	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.

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Faulkner, K. (2003). <i>Caterpillar's Dream</i> . Lambert, J. (Illus.). San Diego, CA: Silver Dolphin Books.	Lepidoptera	3-5	Caterpillar would like to fly, but her friends are discouraging until they all find a strange creature emerging from a chrysalis.
Faulkner, K. (2003). <i>Follow the Silver Trail</i> . Lambert, J. (Illus.). San Diego, CA: Silver Dolphin Books.	Lepidoptera, Hymenoptera	3-5; Entertaining	When insects find their food is disappearing, they see a strange silver trail that may just lead to the culprit.
Fea-Clark, K. (2010). <i>Naomi the Queen Bee</i> . Peruzzo, N. (Illus.). Milwaukee, WI: Mirror Publishing.	Hymenoptera	3-9	Naomi, being the Queen bee, has a big responsibility.
Feldman, K. (2011). <i>Glorious Wings</i> . Frederick, MD: PublishAmerica, Inc.	Lepidoptera, Hymenoptera		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., and Cole, M. (2010). <i>Horace the Hopper</i> . North Charleston, SC: CreateSpace Independent Publishing Platform.	Orthoptera	9-12; Entertaining	Horace wants adventure and sets out to get it, asking his friends' advice and experiencing trials and tribulations along the way.
Fine, E. and Pels, W. (2005). <i>Cricket at the Manger</i> . Honesdale, PA: Boyds Mills Press.	Orthoptera	5-7	Cricket tells about his experience at the manger.
Fisher, L. (1981). <i>Butterfly and the Stone</i> . Jardine, T. (Illus.). Gilsum, NH: Stemmer House Publishing.	Lepidoptera	4-8	What Butterfly thinks is a stone is actually a turtle.
Flores, T. (2004). <i>The Spider Who Never Gave Up</i> . Bloomington, IN: Authorhouse.	Araneae	4-8	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). <i>Freddie the Firefly</i> . Frederick, MD: PublishAmerica, Inc.	Coleoptera	15+	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). <i>Manuelo, the Playing Mantis</i> . McCue, L. (Illus.). New York, NY: Viking Juvenile.	Mantodea	3-8; Entertaining	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). <i>Night of the Bedbugs</i> . Berkeley, CA: Image Comics.	Hemiptera	9-12; Entertaining	Bedbugs friendly? In this story they are, when they calm a little girl and sing her a lullaby.
Fronzaglio, R. (2011). <i>Mommy and Me Let Insects Free</i> . Delionman, S. (Illus.). Milwaukee, WI: Mirror Publishing.	Multiple Orders	3-9	This book includes ten different stories about an insect, a little boy, and his mother.
Glade, D. (2008). <i>The Travel Adventures of Lilly P. Badilly</i> . Hollywood, FL: Smart Poodle Publishing	Class Diplopoda	6-9	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) <i>The Jazz Fly</i> . Santa Rosa, CA: Tortuga Press	Diptera	4-7; Entertaining	A jazz-loving fly listens to the sounds of various animals and incorporates it into his musical performance.
Goodman, E. (2005). <i>Anton & Camilla</i> . Bloomington, IN: Trafford.	Multiple Orders	4-12	Anton and Camilla are of different species, but can still be friends.
Goppel, C. (2005). <i>Anna Aphid</i> . New York, NY: North-South Books, Inc.	Hemiptera	4-8; Entertaining	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). <i>Big Bug Surprise</i> . New York, NY: Scholastic Press.	Hymenoptera	4-8; Entertaining	Prunella, budding child entomologist, helps save the day when her class is invaded by a swarm of bees.
Greban, Q. (2007). <i>Mommy, I Love you</i> . Milk & Cookies Press	Coleoptera	4-8; Entertaining	Suzette the ladybug meets a variety of characters in her quest to find her lost mother.
Greenburg, D. T. (1997). <i>Bugs!</i> Munsinger, L.M. (Illus.). Little, Brown Young Readers.	Multiple Orders	1-6	Bugs are creepy—or are they?
Gryffon, J. (2008). <i>Clarence: How a Cricket Found His Way</i> . Windstorm Creative.	Orthoptera		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). <i>Izzy the Dizzy Dragonfly</i> . Mustang, OK: Tate Publishing & Enterprises, Inc.	Odonata	4-8	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). <i>Little Black Ant on Park Street</i> . Rietz, K. (Illus.). Norwalk, CT: Soundprints.	Hymenoptera	4-7	Little black ant spends her time searching for food on Park Street for herself and her colony.
Harley, B. (2004). <i>Sarah's Story</i> . Aldridge, E. (Illus.). Berkeley, CA: Ten Speed Press.	Hymenoptera	5-8; Entertaining	Sarah meets a talking ant and is asked to do a special mission by the ant queen herself.
Hatch, J. (1996). <i>The Dragonfly of Lookout Mountain</i> . Mount Shasta, CA: Earth Heart.	Odonata	8-12; Entertaining	A dragonfly emerges from a pond, and after he flies away, meets a girl who is a fire lookout on a nearby mountain.
Hector, J. (2010). <i>The Gentleman Bug</i> . New York, NY: Atheneum Books for Young Readers	Multiple Orders	2-5; Entertaining	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. <i>Cecily Cicada</i> . Annapolis, MD: Possum Products Co	Hemiptera	2-8	A look at the life of a seventeen-year cicada named Cecily.
Heo, Y. (1999). <i>The Not-So Itsy Bitsy Spider</i> . Franklin, TN: Intervisual/Piggy Toes Press.	Araneae	3 and Up; Entertaining	Insects don't want spider to know that they are planning a party.
Heos, B. (2011). <i>What to Expect When You're Expecting Larvae</i> . Jorisch, S. (Illus.). Minneapolis, MN: Learner Publishing Group.	Multiple Orders	7-10; Entertaining	Insect parents to be can learn all about where to lay their eggs, what their larvae will eat, and how to protect their offspring.
Hickman, K. (2010). <i>I Will Eat Anything</i> . Barr, S. (Illus.). Albuquerque, NM: Quillrunner Publishing LLC	Mantodea, Araneae	5-9	A praying mantis and hungry spider lead kids on a journey into what role insects play in nature.

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Hood, S. (1999). <i>Jumping Jack the Grasshopper</i> . Pleasantville, NY: Reader's Digest Children's Books.	Orthoptera	3-6	Jack the grasshopper is lonely until he meets some friends.
Hoose, P.M. & Hoose, H. (2004). <i>Hey, Little Ant</i> . Tilly, D. (Illus.). Berkeley, CA: Tricycle Press.	Hymenoptera	3-7; Entertaining	What would happen if you were about to squish a bug and it started talking to you?
Hosler, J. (2000). <i>Clan Aps</i> . (2nd ed.) Columbus, OH: Active Synapse.	Hymenoptera	3 and up	Biography of Nyuki the honeybee.
Jackson, C. & Cowan, C. (1997). <i>Katie's Plight</i> . Maciel, J. (Illus.). Northridge, CT: Beajo Publisher.	Araneae, Lepidoptera	4-12	This story entails the friendship of Spider Spike and Caterpillar Katie, who will soon turn into a butterfly.
Jenkins, S. (2007). <i>The Spider House: Battle for the Wall</i> . Bloomington, IN: iUniverse, Inc.	Araneae	Entertaining	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). <i>The Adventures of the Itty Bitty Spider and Itty Bitty Mouse</i> . Smith, L. (Illus.). Raleigh, NC: Pentland Press.	Araneae	5-7	Friends spider and mouse go to the store, where they catch a chipmunk stealing and teach him right from wrong.
Jones, P. (1983). <i>The Brown Bottle</i> . Center City, MN: Hazelden Publishing and Educational Services.	Lepidoptera	9 and up	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). <i>The Leaf Men and the Brave Good Bugs</i> . New York, NY: HarperCollins Publishers.	Multiple Orders	4-8; Entertaining	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). <i>Broken Bones: The Science Spiders Investigate Forces</i> . Columbia, SC: Ranch Works.	Araneae	5-8	Namila, Fets, and Pro learn about bones and how they can break.
Kauffman-Gracia, K. (2004). <i>Little Bug & Friends: It's Good to be Small</i> . Bloomington, IN: Authorhouse.	Non-specified		Little bug is smaller than all his friends, which makes him feel out of place. But sometimes being small can have advantages.
Kewiki. (2011). <i>Wilber the Ant</i> . North Charleston, SC: CreateSpace Independent Publishing Platform.	Hymenoptera	6-8	Can a city ant enjoy the country life?
Kidd, J. A. (2009). <i>Zachary Zoom</i> . Houston, TX: Eloquent Books.	Multiple Orders		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). <i>Bugged!</i> New York, NY: Kane Press.	Diptera	Entertaining	Mosquitoes are chasing Riley. Is there anything he can do to keep them away once and for all?
Kingsbury, K. (2012). <i>Far Flutterby, Bell, J.A. (Illus.)</i> . Grand Rapids, MI: Zonderkidz.	Lepidoptera	4 and up.	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) <i>Mosquito</i> . Leplatt, B. (Illus.). Gretna, LA: Pelican Publishing.	Diptera	5-8	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., and Zaboski, G. (2008). <i>Gideon's Dream: A Tale of New Beginnings</i> . Zaboski, D. (Illus.). New York, NY: HarperCollins Publishers.	Non-specified	4-8; Entertaining	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). <i>Roberto, the Insect Architect</i> . San Francisco, CA: Chronicle Books.	Isoptera	Up to 12; Entertaining	Roberto the termite moves to the big city to pursue his dream of being an architect.
Lally, S. (2001). <i>A Hive for the Honeybee</i> . New York, NY: Scholastic Paperbacks.	Hymenoptera	10-14	Worker bees Belle and Thora learn from a pair of drones that there might be more to life than they realized.
Langham, T. (2004). <i>Creepy Crawly Calypso</i> . Harter, D. (Illus.). Cambridge, MA: Barefoot Books.	Multiple Orders	Up to 7; Entertaining	Insects play in an instrumental band.
Lane, B. & Lane, A. (1999). <i>Abigail the Friendly Cricket: Flowers & Friends</i> . Mustang, OK: Tate Publishing & Enterprises, Inc.	Orthoptera	6-8	Abigail is a friendly cricket, willing to be kind to everyone.
Lehman-Wilzig, T. (2009). <i>Zvuvi's Israel</i> . Topaz, K. (Illus.). Minneapolis, MN: Kar-ben Publishing.	Diptera	3-8; Entertaining	Zvuvi the fly is traveling around Israel and will take you with him as you search for him in different locations.
Lee, L. K. (2012). <i>Bonnie the Honeybee and the Case of the Butterfly Blues</i> . Cumming, GA: Boutique of Quality Books.	Hymenoptera, Lepidoptera		Bonnie would rather be a butterfly than a bee, but her mother teaches her that we all have something special to offer.
Lionni, L. (1977). <i>Flea Story: I Want to Stay Here! I Want to Go There!</i> New York, NY: Knopf Books for Young Readers.	Siphonaptera	4-8	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). <i>Inch by Inch</i> . New York, NY: Astor-Honor, Inc.	Lepidoptera	5-6	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). <i>Grasshopper on the Road</i> . New York, NY: HarperCollins Publishers	Orthoptera	6-8; Entertaining	A grasshopper meets all sorts of interesting characters as he travels a road to adventure.
Lombardi, K. (2006). <i>Little Spider's First Web</i> . Williamson, J. (Illus.). Pleasantville, NY: Reader's Digest Association, Inc.	Araneae		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) <i>The Giant Jam Sandwich</i> . Boston, MA: Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Publishing Company.	Hymenoptera	5-8; Entertaining	Will making a giant jam sandwich stop a hoard of invading wasps?
Luders, M. (2008). <i>The Ants Go Marching</i> . Hayes, G. (Illus.). New York, NY: HarperFestival.	Hymenoptera	3-7	Watch where the ants go when they march.

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Lumpkin, L. (1998). <i>Lilly's Pond: The Adventure of Silly Willy Caterpillar</i> . Lewisville, NC: Micronova Systems, Incorporated.	Lepidoptera	4-11	A story about how change is a part of life.
Matheson, D., Huffman, C. (ed.) (2004). <i>Ruby Lee the Bumble Bee: A Bee's Bit of Wisdom</i> . Barcita, P. (Illus.). Chesapeake, VA: Bumble Bee Publishing.	Hymenoptera	4-12	Ruby Lee helps Ashley face challenges.
McCarthy, T. (2006). <i>Webster</i> . Bloomington, IN: Trafford Publishing.	Araneae	9-12; Entertaining	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. (1987) <i>The Ants Go Marching One by One</i> . Doral, FL: Santillana USA Publishing Company, Incorporated	Hymenoptera	5-8; Entertaining	Based on the folk song.
McDermott, G. (1972). <i>Anansi the Spider: A Tale from the Ashanti</i> . New York, NY: Henry Holt and Company Books for Young Readers.	Araneae	6-8; Entertaining	Anansi 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). <i>Ant and Honeybee: What a Pair!</i> Karas, G. B. (Illus.) Somerville, MA: Candlewick Press.	Hymenoptera, Orthoptera	Entertaining	Ant and Honeybee attend Cricket's costume party.
McDonald, M. (2001). <i>Insects Are My Life</i> . New York, NY: Scholastic, Inc.	Non-specified	4-8; Entertaining	Amanda loves insects, which drives everyone crazy except a friend who is equally interested in reptiles.
McElligott, M. (2007). <i>Bean Thirteen</i> . New York, NY: Putnam Juvenile.	Orthoptera	5 and Up	Ralph and Flora have thirteen beans...how can they eat them evenly and not be left with one unlucky bean?
McFadden, P. (2008). <i>Oh No, Woolly Bear!</i> Coxon, M. (Illus.). Long Island City, NY: Starbright Books.	Lepidoptera	4-8	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). <i>Sparky the Firefly</i> . Carlsbad, CA: Penton Overseas Inc.	Coleoptera	4-11	Sparky the firefly is ready for a party!
McGuinness, E.J. (2008). <i>Bee and Me</i> . Brown, H. (Illus.). Denver, CO: Accord Publishing.	Hymenoptera	4-8	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). <i>Locust Pocus: A Book to Bug You</i> . New York, NY: Philomel.	Multiple Orders	3-7; Entertaining	Poetry about silly insects for a budding entomologist.
Meister, C. & Jones, C.C. (eds.) (2008). <i>Bug Race!</i> . Senturk, B. (Illus.). North Mankato, MN: Picture Window Books.	Multiple Orders	4-9; Entertaining	Bugs compete in a footrace.
Meschke, N.S. (2011). <i>Meeting Aldo Ant: Learning to Appreciate Mexican Culture</i> . Mustang, OK: Tate Publishing & Enterprises, Inc.	Hymenoptera	6-8	Baxter meets Aldo, who is from Mexico, and learns all about the culture.
Metzger, S. (1997). <i>Ladybug's Birthday</i> . Williamson, J. (Illus.). New York, NY: Scholastic, Inc.	Coleoptera	Entertaining	Ladybug has a small house and only invites a couple of friends to her birthday party, but the partygoers keep coming...
Moscattello, R., Moscatello, L. & Cox, L. (2010). <i>Aerola's Big Trip</i> . Mustang, OK: Tate Publishing & Enterprises, Inc.	Hymenoptera		Aerola visits all sorts of places and learns about state flowers.
Moss, O. (2008). <i>Skipper to the Rescue</i> . New York: NY: Scholastic Paperbacks.	Lepidoptera	4-8; Entertaining	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.
Murphy, K. (2002). <i>The Boll Weevil Ball</i> . New York, NY: Henry Holt & Company Books for Young Readers.	Coleoptera	4-7	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). <i>Bug Dance</i> . Santoro, C. (Illus.). New York, NY: HarperCollins Publishers.	Class Chilopoda	3 and Up; Entertaining	Centipede is having trouble learning the new dance in gym class.
Murray, S. (2006). <i>Linda the Ladybug Goes to Heaven</i> . Bloomington, IN: Authorhouse.	Coleoptera		Linda the Ladybug experiences Heaven.
Nargi, L. (2011). <i>The Honeybee Man</i> . Brooker, K. (Illus.). New York, NY: Schwartz & Wade Books.	Hymenoptera	4-8	Fred is a beekeeper who tends his friends very well so they will produce honey for him.
Nestor, L. & Monroe, M. G. (2001). <i>Foursome the Spider</i> . Farmington Hills, MI: Sleeping Bear Press.	Araneae	4-8; Entertaining	Foursome the Spider plays golf and makes friends.
Newton Chocolate, D. M. & Albers, D. (1997). <i>Spider and the Sky God: An Akan Legend (Legends of the World)</i> . Mahwah, NJ: Troll Communications.	Araneae	7 and up; Entertaining	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). <i>A Christmas Spider's Miracle</i> . Costanza, S. (Illus.). Farmington Hills, MI: Sleeping Bear Press.	Araneae	6-8; Entertaining	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). <i>Last Name Ant</i> . Boyle, T. (Illus.). Street Saint Pubns.	Hymenoptera	9-12; Entertaining	A colony of very unusual ants lives in the Clancys' home.
Olson, K.N. (2007). <i>Entopia</i> . Challeen, J. (Illus.). Cornerstone Book Publishers.	Hymenoptera	9-12; Entertaining	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). <i>Herman and Marguerite</i> . O'Callahan, L. (Illus.). Atlanta, GA: Peachtree Pub Ltd.	Lepidoptera	4-8	An earthworm and a caterpillar become friends despite their differences.
O'Malley, K. (1999). <i>Leo Cockroach: Toy Tester</i> . New York, NY: Walker & Company.	Blattaria	5-8; Entertaining	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.

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O'Malley, K. (2002). <i>Little Buggy</i> . Boston, MA: Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Publishing Company	Non-specified	3-7	With a little help from his dad, Little Buggy overcomes obstacles and learns how to fly.
O'Neal, K. (2006). <i>I Wish I Could Fly/I Can Fly</i> . Centennial, CO: Lifevest Publishing, Inc.	Lepidoptera		Two books about a butterfly's life...one about the caterpillar who wants to fly, and the butterfly that already can.
Oppenheim, J. (1991). <i>Eency Weency Spider</i> . Schindler, S.D. (Illus.). New York, NY: Bantam Books for Young Readers.	Araneae	4-8; Entertaining	In this version of the famous rhyme, the little spider meets all sorts of fairy tale characters during his adventures.
Paolo, R. (2011). <i>The Wasp That Thought She Was a Bee</i> . Frederick, MD: PublishAmerica, Inc.	Hymenoptera		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). <i>It's An Ants Life: My Story of Life in a Nest</i> . Hayward, T. & Stower, A. (Illus.). Pleasantville, NY: Reader's Digest Young Families.	Hymenoptera	6-8	Journal entries "written" by ants and other creatures about their everyday lives.
Parker Donaldson, M. (2011). <i>Andy the Soldier Ant</i> . Lemos, C. (Illus.). Milwaukee, WI: Mirror Publishing.	Hymenoptera	3-9; Entertaining	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). <i>Timothy Firefly and the Fourth of July</i> . Lemos, C. (Illus.). Milwaukee, WI: Mirror Publishing.	Coleoptera	3-9; Entertaining	Timothy the firefly experiences the 4th of July.
Pedano, L. (2009). <i>The Procrastinating Caterpillar</i> . Colla, J.C. (Illus.). Milwaukee, WI: Mirror Publishing.	Lepidoptera	Up to 7	A caterpillar is hesitant about building a cocoon because he fears change.
Penny, G. (2008). <i>No More Stink Bugs</i> . Florence, SC: James A. Rock & Company Publishers.	Hemiptera	15+	Stinky Foot is a smelly spider who must find a way to overcome his problem.
Perkins, J. (2007). <i>Ladybug Baby Bug</i> . Perkins, M. (Illus.). Bloomington, IN: Authorhouse.	Coleoptera	6-8	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). <i>Firefly at Stonybrook Farm</i> . Mikec, L. (Illus.). Norwalk, CT: Soundprints.	Coleoptera	7 and up	A firefly emerges, seeks out a mate, and tries to avoid capture as he goes through his life.
Pichon, L. (2005). <i>The Very Ugly Bug</i> . Tiger Tales.	Non-specified	4-8	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). <i>Scudder Bug's Amazing Adventure</i> . Van Jura, J. (Illus.). Great Books 4 Kids.	Non-specified	Entertaining	Scudder Bug can't fly, but he still manages to explore outer space.
Pinczes, E.J. (1993) <i>One Hundred Hungry Ants</i> . Mackain, B. (Illus.). Boston, MA: Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Publishing Company.	Hymenoptera	4-8	A group of 100 ants discover they can get to the food better divided up rather than single file.
Pinczes, E.J. (1995). <i>A Remainder of One</i> . Mackain, B. (Illus.). Boston, MA: Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Publishing Company.	Hymenoptera	4-8	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). <i>The Butterfly Ball and the Grasshopper's Feast</i> . Aldridge, A. (Illus.). Somerville, MA: Candlewick Press.	Multiple Orders	5 and up; Entertaining	Insects gather for a grand celebration in this lavishly illustrated book.
Poliser, B.L. (1999). <i>Insect Soup</i> . Clark, D. (Illus.). Silver Spring, MD: Rainbow Morning Music Alternatives.	Multiple Orders	5-7; Entertaining	Insects can be fun and unusual, as this book of entomological poetry attests.
Raye, D. (2007). <i>Edison the Firefly: & His Buddy Bell</i> . Mustang, OK: Tate Publishing & Enterprises, Inc.	Coleoptera		Edison the Firefly is an inventor and learns a lot about science during his adventures.
Redbank, T. (2000). <i>Rug Bug</i> . DiFiori, L. (Illus.). Golden Books.	Non-specified	Entertaining	A bug gets caught in a rug and a cub helps her escape.
Reid, N. W. (2011). <i>The Adventure of Avery the Ant: Experience the Next Children's Classic</i> . Parker, CO: Outskirts Press.	Hymenoptera	4-18	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 grownup.
Risita, S. (2010). <i>The Lighting Bugs Strike Back</i> . Mustang, OK: Tate Publishing & Enterprises, Inc.	Coleoptera	9-12; Entertaining	The Lighting Bug soccer team is formed when mud beetle Fabio watches a human version of the game. The beetles learn about teamwork as they learn and play the game.
Rosen, M. (2010). <i>Tiny Little Fly</i> . Waldron, K. (Illus.). Somerville, MA: Candlewick Press.	Diptera	6-10	A small fly bothers some big beasts.
Rosma, S. (1992). <i>Deena the Damsel Fly</i> . Carmi, G. (Illus.). New York, NY: Urj Press.	Odonata	5-8	Deena is a damselfly nymph and her friends are disappearing, never to return. Soon she discovers the reason...adulthood.
Russ, T. & Rosskilly, J.(2008). <i>Bugsters</i> . Morris, M. & Jennings, R. (Illus.). Woods N Water; Har/Com edition	Multiple Orders	4 and up	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). <i>Bug Family Sticker Paper Dolls</i> . Mineola, NY: Dover Publications, Inc.	Non-specified	All ages	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). <i>The Grateful Spider</i> . Milwaukee, WI: Mirror Publishing. .	Araneae	3-8	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). <i>Miss Ronda</i> . Milwaukee, WI: Mirror Publishing.	Araneae	2-7	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). <i>Anthill</i> . Star Arts.	Hymenoptera	6-8	Ants industriously rebuild their nest each time it's ruined by something or someone.

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Seelenbinder, K. (2008). <i>The Wall They Could Not See</i> . Mustang, OK: Tate Publishing & Enterprises, Inc. & Enterprises.	Multiple Orders	9-12; Entertaining	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). <i>The Little Firefly</i> . Hellen, C. (Illus.). Castroville, TX: Black Rose Writing.	Coleoptera	6-8	Pokey the snail and Star the firefly become friends and must face challenges when they become separated from each other.
Shallan, K. (2004). <i>The Caterpillar Tree</i> . Franco, D. & Franco, M. (Illus.). Bloomington, IN: Trafford.	Lepidoptera		A quest of discovery sheds some light on the life cycle of the butterfly.
Shannon-Martin, L. (2004). <i>Roach Rally Run!</i> Lefler, H. (Illus.). Bloomington, IN: Trafford.	Blattaria	9-12; Entertaining	Cockroaches take part in a hilarious race.
ShelFish. (2010). <i>Bob the Big Bully Bug Discovers Friendship is the Key</i> . Frederick, MD: PublishAmerica, Inc.	Non-specified		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). <i>Bradybug</i> . Grady, K. (Illus.). St. Louis, MO: Guardian Angel Publishing, Inc.	Coleoptera		A ladybug learns about the different names for male and female animals.
Shields, C. D. (2005). <i>The Bugliest Bug</i> . Nash, S. (Illus.). Somerville, MA: Candlewick Press.	Odonata	4-8; Entertaining	There's a big contest afoot, and Damsel Dilly wonders who will win it.
Shreeve, E. (2004). <i>Hector Afloat</i> . Levy, P.R. (Illus.). Aladdin	Non-specified	6 and up; Entertaining	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). <i>Beckett the Bee's Extraordinary Journey Through Blackberry Land</i> . North Charleston, SC: CreateSpace Independent Publishing Platform	Hymenoptera	6-8	Beckett and his bee friends go searching for a place to start a new hive.
Sneed, B. (2005). <i>Deputy Harvey and the Ant Cow Caper</i> . New York, NY: Dial.	Hymenoptera	4 and up; Entertaining	Deputy Harvey must solve the mystery of the missing cows in Ant Hill.
Snyder, S. & Johanson, A. (2005). <i>The Very Stubborn Centipede</i> . Delray Beach, FL: Kotzig Publishing, Inc.	Class Chilopoda	7-9; Entertaining	A centipede stubbornly hangs onto a woman's toe.
Soundprints (2012). <i>Spider Moves In: Rumbles Cave</i> . Danson, L. (Illus.). Soundprints.	Araneae	9-12; Entertaining	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). <i>Sophie's Masterpiece: A Spider's Tale</i> . Dyer, J. (Illus.) New York, NY: Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers	Araneae	4 and up; Entertaining	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.
Stamps, P. (2010). <i>Learning Makes Friends Fun</i> . Frederick, MD: PublishAmerica, Inc.	Orthoptera		Hermie the grasshopper loves books more than friends, but can he find a balance between them both?
Stattel, L. (2004). <i>The Great Picnic Disaster</i> . Bloomington, IN: Trafford Publishing.	Hymenoptera	4-12; Entertaining	Charlie the ant is in for a disaster at a picnic.
Stone, R. (1975). <i>Because a Little Bug Went Ka-choo</i> . Frith, M. (Illus.). New York, NY: Random House Books for Young Readers	Non-specified	5-8; Entertaining	A little insect sneezes and it sets off a chain of events.
Stump Clark, J. (2011). <i>Miss Golden-Silk Unties a Tangle</i> . Mustang, OK: Tate Publishing & Enterprises, Inc.	Araneae	Entertaining	A tangled web is blocking Miss Golden-Silk's door, so she can't see friends and they can't come visit her. She sets out to solve the problem.
Sushiela. (1990). <i>The Ant and the Grasshopper: A Love story</i> . Hollywood, CA: Running Water Press.	Hymenoptera, Orthoptera	10 and up; Entertaining	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). <i>Gotta Go! Gotta Go!</i> Riddle, S. (Illus.). New York, NY: Farrar, Straus & Giroux (BYR)	Lepidoptera	3-6; Entertaining	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). <i>Jeremiah the Curious Cricket</i> . Frederick, MD: PublishAmerica, Inc.	Orthoptera	15+	Kentucky cricket Jeremiah meets a New York cricket and is interested to hear about life in the Big Apple. He decides to set out to the city to see it for himself.
Talley, L. (1996). <i>Bea's Own Good</i> . Chase, A. (Illus.). Shawnee Mission, KS: Witcher Productions.	Hymenoptera	5-9	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). <i>Coyote and the Laughing Butterflies</i> . New York, NY: Simon and Schuster Children's Publishing.	Lepidoptera	3-7; Entertaining	Coyote thinks he is so smart, until he is outwitted by some butterflies.
Tobul, G. (2005). <i>The Misadventures of Frida</i> . Morell, D. (Illus.). Bloomington, IN: Trafford Publishing.	Araneae		Frida the spider experiences the everyday trials of rebuilding her web, catching food, and avoiding predators.
Trimble, P. & Moran, A.(2000). <i>Lost!</i> Moreton, D. (Illus.). Boston, MA: Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Publishing Company.	Non-specified	5-7; Entertaining	Gil is lost, but can he find his way home with a little sleuthing?
Turnbull, K. (2009). <i>Because Everyone Needs a Friend</i> . Houston, TX: Eloquent Books.	Lepidoptera		Henry the butterfly desperately wants friends, but nothing is working. Then he meets Hannah, and he discovers a kindred spirit.
Tyson, L.A. (2003). <i>An Interview with Harry the Tarantula</i> . Drescher, H. (Illus.) Independence, KY: CENGAGE Learning.	Araneae	4-8; Entertaining	Reporter Katy Did interviews Harry the Tarantula to learn all about spiders.
Uncle Fez (2002). <i>Ants in the Drain</i> . Quast, C. (Illus.). Bloomington, IN: Trafford Publishing.	Hymenoptera	9-12	Nick and Sparky go on a quest for food for their hungry colony in the underworld of New York City.
Usatshchow, A. (2009). <i>Little Ant, Big Thinker or Where Does the Ocean End?</i> Junge, A. (Illus.). NorthSouth	Hymenoptera		A little ant wonders how large the ocean is and where it ends.
Valder, M. (2010). <i>Henry the Honeybee</i> . Valder, J. (Illus.). Eloquent Books.	Hymenoptera		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). <i>The Little Ladybug</i> . North Charleston, SC: CreateSpace Independent Publishing Platform.	Coleoptera	6-8	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.

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Valentine, D. O. (2010). <i>Olivia, the Adventures of a Firefly</i> . Frederick, MD: PublishAmerica, Inc.	Coleoptera		Olivia the firefly is friends with a little boy named Owen, and enjoys spending time with him and other children. But one day she flies into a jar of honey and only friendship can save the day.
Van Allsburg, C. (1998). <i>Two Bad Ants</i> . Boston, MA: Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Publishing Company	Hymenoptera	4-8	Two ants decide to explore a kitchen without the safety of others.
van Kampen, V. (2005). <i>Marigold's Wings</i> . New York, NY: Gareth Stevens Learning Library.	Lepidoptera	5-8	Marigold is a Monarch caterpillar who dreams of one day joining her fellow Monarchs on their flight to Mexico.
van Kampen, V. and Campbell, J.M. (1997). <i>Beetle Bedlam</i> . Watertown, MA: Charlesbridge Publishing.	Coleoptera	4-8; Entertaining	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). <i>Wormy, the Hairy Caterpillar, and the Rainbow</i> . Aguirre, P. (Illus.). Dade City, FL: Soto Publishing Company	Lepidoptera	3-9	Wormy's friends have all become butterflies. When will it be his turn?
Waber, B. (1970). <i>A Firefly Named Torch</i> . Boston, MA: Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Publishing Company.	Coleoptera	5-8	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). <i>Up, Up and Away!</i> Wynne, P.J. (Illus.). Watertown, MA: Charlesbridge Publishing.	Araneae	4-7	This story chronicles a spider's everyday life: avoiding predation, eating, spinning silk, and finding a new home of her own.
Ward, N. (2004). <i>Squash the Spider</i> . New York, NY: David Fickling Books.	Araneae	5-8; Entertaining	Squash likes to make people jump; who will he scare next?
Weidner Zoehfeld, K. (1996). <i>Ladybug at Orchard Avenue</i> . Buchs, T. (Illus.). Norwalk, CT: Soundprints.	Coleoptera	Ages 4-7	Experience a ladybug's life...what she eats and how she avoids predators.
Wenzel, K.M. (1999). <i>The Fan Tom Spider</i> . Ruskin, FL: WNZ Publications.	Araneae	5-9; Entertaining	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). <i>Caterfly: Mac's Back Struggling to Stay Drug-Free</i> . Shepherdstown, WV: Rocky River Publishers, LLC.	Lepidoptera	7-12	Monarch caterpillar Mac is addicted to drugs. Now he faces a long road to recovery.
Wert, D. L., Wheeler, P., Wilson, C. W., and Wilson, M. (eds.). (1998). <i>Eglin Long-Horn of Nightshade County</i> . Shepherdstown, WV: Rocky River Publishers, LLC.	Orthoptera, Coleoptera	7-12	When Eglin visits a tobacco field, he hears from his ladybug friend about the problems associated with using tobacco.
Willard, G. (2009). <i>Amy Firefly</i> . Houston, TX: Eloquent Books.	Coleoptera	Educational	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). <i>Crazy Cleo the Caterpillar</i> . Bloomington, IN: Authorhouse.	Lepidoptera		Is Cleo crazy for wanting to fly?
Williams, S. (2002). <i>Imani's Music</i> . Daly, J. (Illus.). New York, NY: Atheneum.	Orthoptera	6-9; Entertaining	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). <i>The Circus Act</i> . Mustang, OK: Tate Publishing & Enterprises, Inc.	Coleoptera	Entertaining	Lilly the ladybug and her friends must compete against Swebster the spider in a circus act.
Would, N (2006). <i>Scarab's secret</i> . Balit, C. (Illus.). New York, NY: Walker & Company.	Coleoptera	4-8; Entertaining	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). <i>Tula in a Tangle</i> . North Charleston, SC: CreateSpace Independent Publishing Platform.	Araneae	6-8; Entertaining	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). <i>Happy Bees</i> . Armstrong-Ellis, C. (Illus.). New York, NY: Abrams.	Hymenoptera	Up to 6; Entertaining	A bear tries to get the honey from bees while they happily invade picnics and other events in the neighborhood.
Ziefert, H. (2010). <i>Butterfly Birthday</i> . Jones, M. (Illus.). Maplewood, NJ: Blue Apple Books.	Lepidoptera	3-7; Entertaining	Insects greet each other and have a party to celebrate the coming of spring.

Children/Young Adult Book Series

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Arnold, T. (2012). <i>Fly Guy Complete Collection Series Set Books 1-11</i> . New York, NY: Scholastic, Inc.	Diptera	4-8	A collection of books about Fly Guy, a smart fly, his friend Buzz (a boy) and all the adventures the two of them have.
Banks, L.R. (2012). <i>Harry the Poisonous Centipede</i> . New York, NY: HarperCollins Publishers.	Class Chilopoda	8-12	Join Harry in his adventures in the strange and scary world of the Hoo-Mins. Other titles in this series: <i>Harry the Poisonous Centipede's Big Adventure</i> and <i>Harry the Poisonous Centipede Goes to Sea</i> .
Baxley Jr. R. (2010). <i>The Monarchy Prey for Mantus</i> . The Greenmyn Moons In the Wormhole Pocket Series. Raleigh, NC: Lulu Enterprises, Inc.	Mantodea		Alien entomologist Mantus goes exploring the universe for insect specimens, but finds more than he bargained for.
Bell, R. (2005). <i>A Regular Bug</i> . Spring Hill, FL: Bouncing Ball Books, Inc.	Coleoptera, Hymenoptera	Up to 12 years.	Jacob the Bug becomes "Sharp-Eye" and must save Bugville from an ant colony.

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Berry, J. G. & Gardner, S. (2010). Curse of the Bizarro Beetle #2 . Splurch Academy. New York, NY: Grosset & Dunlap.	Coleoptera	8 and up.	Cody feels relieved when his headmaster leaves his school, but there seem to be darker forces still at work.
Biedrzycki, D. (2008). Ace Lacewing, Bug Detective . Watertown, MA: Charlesbridge Publishing.	Neuroptera	6 and up	Ace Lacewing is on the case! Queenie Bee and Royal Jelly are missing and he'll need some help from friends and witnesses to find them. Other titles in this series: The Big Swat , and Bad Bugs are My Business .
Boniface, W. & Harris, J. (ill.). (1997). Mystery in Bugtown . Eyeball Animation. Kansas City, MO: Andrews McMeel Publishing.	Multiple Orders	2-7	Bugtown residents are bug-eyed as Inspector Cricket investigates the attempted murder of Charlie Roach.
Coffin, M.T. (1995). My Teacher's a Bug . Spinetingers. New York, NY: HarperCollins Publishers.	Multiple Orders	9 and up	Ryan is on medication that allows him to see his teachers' true colors...they are bugs in disguise and plan to take over the town!
Cosgrove, S. (1989). Bugg Bk June Bugg . Price Stern Sloane.	Non-specified		A beautiful bug learns that looks will fade but friends will not. There are more than 10 other books in this series. Some titles include: Bugg Bk Vee-Dubb , Bugg Bk Shoe-fly Flu , Bugg Bk Tik Tok , and Bugg Bk Jitterbug . Amazon.com can be searched for others in the collection.
Cushman, D. (2001). Inspector Hopper . New York, NY: HarperCollins Publishers.	Orthoptera, Coleoptera	4 and up	Inspector Hopper, an insect detective, and his sidekick McBug work on a mystery. Other titles in the series: Inspector Hopper's Mystery Year
Famand, D. G. (2010). Isabella Plays with the Bees . Isabella the Flying Flower Series. Mustang, OK: Tate Publishing & Enterprises, Inc.	Hymenoptera		Isabella the sunflower wants to learn how to fly with her bee friends.
Gershon, D. & Robinson, D. (1998). Hangin' with the Hombeez: Beez in Toyland . New York, NY: Noware Books.	Hymenoptera	5-11	B Cool and his Hombeez friends must help make toys to save Christmas. Other titles in the series: The Spelling Bee , Extra Large , Goldstinger , and Slam Dunk
Greenburg, J.C. & Palen, D. (ill.) (2009). In the Kitchen . Andrew Lost series. St. Louis, MO: Turtleback.	Blattaria, Diptera	8-11	Andrew, his cousin Judy, and robot Tudd have shrunk in size and everyday things become big adventures. In this story, the group is confronted by large cockroaches and pesky flies.
Hass, E.A. (1982) Incognito Mosquito: Private Insective . New York, NY: HarperCollins Publishers.	Diptera	7-10	Private eye Incognito Mosquito is interviewed by a reporter about his adventures with the likes of Mickey Mantis, F. Flea Bailey, and the Warden of Sting Sting Prison. Other titles in this series: Incognito Mosquito Takes to the Air , Incognito Mosquito Makes History , and Incognito Mosquito Flies Again .
Holub, J. (2007). Big Heart. A Valentine's Tale . Terry, W. (Illus.). New York, NY: Simon & Schuster/Paula Wiseman Books	Hymenoptera	3-5	The Ant Hill kids are in their classroom working on a Valentine's Day card. Other title in the series: Spring Is Here!: A Story about Seeds
Keene, C. & Pamintuen, M. (2010). Buggy Breakout . Nancy Drew and the Clue Crew. New York, NY: Simon & Schuster/Paula Wiseman Books.	Non-specified	6 and up	Nancy Drew and her Clue Crew must seek out the Bug Club's prized insect.
Kirk, D. (1994). Miss Spider's Tea Party . Miss Spider. New York, NY: Scholastic Inc.	Araneae	4 and up	Miss Spider wants to throw a tea party, but other insects are afraid she'll serve <i>them</i> for tea! There are over 10 books within the Miss Spider series. A few other titles include: The Listening Walk , Little Miss Spider: A Christmas Wish , Bedtime Story , and Miss Spider's Wedding .
Lasky, K. (2012). The Deadlies: Spiders on the Case . New York, NY: Scholastic, Inc.	Araneae	7-10	The Deadlies are venomous, but these spiders are really friendly and just want to find a home where they aren't in danger and can live in peace. Now they've taken residence in the Boston Library. Other title in this series: Felix Takes the Stage
Neu, K. (2010). Case 142: A Bee to Remember: A Ben the Bee Mystery . Ben the Bee Mysteries. North Charleston, SC: CreateSpace Independent Publishing Platform	Hymenoptera		Junior Bee Detective Ben and his pal Scooter investigate the theft of a starlet's missing necklace. Other titles in this series: Case 163 - Captain Blackbee and the Hunt for Stinger Cave: A Ben the Bee Mystery
Nylund, E. (2011). The Resistors #1: The Resistors . The Resistors. New York, NY: Random House Books for Young Readers	Non-specified	9 and up	Ethan Black is told that he is under mind control by aliens, and must choose if he wants to resist the lie and fight against the aliens and their giant robot insects. Other title in this series: The Resistors 2: Sterling Squadron
Osborne, M.P. (2006). The Mysteries of Spider Kane . Spider Kane Mysteries. New York, NY: Random House Books for Young Readers		9 and up	Two mysteries in one about Spider Kane.
Paris, J.W. (2012). Archie the Friendly Spider 4 Book Bundle: Bedtime Stories . Gorak, A. (Illus.). Children's Fantasy 4-8. Deanburn Publications	Araneae	4-8	Archie is a Scottish spider who is not scary and just wants to make friends with everyone.
Philpot, G. (1994). Amazing Anthony Ant . New York, NY: Random House Books for Young Readers	Hymenoptera	5-8	An activity book full of mazes and discovery as Anthony Ant goes through his day. Other titles in the series: Find Anthony Ant , Anthony Ant's Treasure Hunt , and Anthony Ant's Creepy Crawly Party .
Prince, J. (2007). I Saw an Ant in the Parking Lot . Pamintuan, M. (Illus.). New York, NY: Sterling.	Hymenoptera	2-5	Ant is in a parking lot full of dangers. Other title in this series: I Saw an Ant on the Railroad Track
Rand, J. (2003). Iron Insects Invade Indiana . American Chilllers #9. Logan, IA: Perfection Learning.	Non-specified	9-12	Mandy and Travis must escape metal insects.

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Randall, R. (2000). <i>Along Came a Spider</i> . Heebie Jeebies series. Nashville, TN: B & H Publishing Group.	Araneae	9 and up	Jaime and her brother try to determine what to do when they find an abandoned treehouse full of spiders.
Reese, B. (1981). <i>Scary Larry, the Very Very Hairy Tarantula</i> . Danbury, CT: Children's Press.	Orthoptera, Araneae	4-7	A grasshopper father tries to protect his friends and family from a tarantula. Other titles in the series: <i>Scary Larry Meets Big Willie</i>
Reynolds, A. (2009). <i>Joey Fly Private Eye in Creepy Crawly Crime</i> . Numberman, N. (Illus.). New York, NY: Henry Holt & Company Books For Young Readers.	Diptera	7 and up	Joey is working on a case to find a stolen diamond pencil box for his client, but solving the case isn't easy when witnesses and assistants keep bumbling things up. Other title in this series: <i>Big Hairy Drama</i>
Reynolds, A. (2007). <i>Tiger Moth and the Dung Beetle Bandits</i> . Lervold, E. (Illus.). Graphic Sparks Graphic Novels. Minneapolis, MN: Stone Arch Books.	Lepidoptera, Coleoptera	7 and up	Dung beetles are missing from a ranch. Could the culprit be Stinky McCree? There are many other titles in this series. Some examples include: <i>Tiger Moth and the Dragon Flight Contest</i> , <i>Insect Ninja</i> , and <i>Tiger Moth: Adventures of an Insect Ninja</i>
Rouss, S.A. (2002). <i>Sammy Spiders First Trip to Israel: A Book About the Five Senses</i> . Kahn, K.J. (Illus.). Kar-Ben Pub.	Araneae	6 and up; Educational	Sammy the Spider travels with the Shapiros and, using his senses, explores Israel. This series about Jewish Life includes over 10 titles, including <i>Sammy Spider First Day of School</i> , and <i>Sammy Spider's First Sukkot</i> . Amazon.com can be searched for others in the collection.
Saxon, V., & Auerbach, A. (1998). <i>A Bug's Life 1-12</i> . Phillipson, A. & Oh, J. (Illus.). Houston, TX: Advance Publishing, Inc.	Hymenoptera		Join Flik the ant and his friends in a variety of adventures. 12-book set.
Schade, S. (1994). <i>Snug House, Bug House</i> . Bright and Early Books. New York, NY: Random House Books for Young Readers.	Non-specified	6-8	When a group of insects finds a tennis ball, they work to make it their new home. Other title in this series: <i>Snow Bugs</i>
Selden, G. (1960). <i>The Cricket in Times Square</i> . Williams, G. (Illus.). Chester Cricket Series. St. Louis, MO: Turtleback Books.	Orthoptera	8-11	Tucker the mouse and Harry the cat meet Chester, a cricket who has hitchhiked along in a picnic basket and now finds himself in the middle of New York City. The three become friends and have many adventures in this classic story. There are over 10 titles in the Chester Series. Some titles include <i>Chester Crickets' Pigeon Ride</i> , <i>Harry Cat and Tucker Mouse: Tucker's Beetle Band</i> , and <i>Chester Cricket's New Home</i> . Amazon.com can be searched for others in the collection.
Shipton, P. (2003). <i>Bug Muldoon, Garden of Fear</i> . Smith, E. (Illus.). Bug Muldoon series. New York, NY: Puffin.	Dermoptera	8 and up	In this hard-boiled mystery, Bug Muldoon must find some missing earwigs. Other in the series: <i>Bug Muldoon and the Killer in the Rain</i>
Smith, T. R. (2006). <i>The Work Bees Go On Strike</i> . Buck Wilder Adventures. Watertown, MA: Charlesbridge Publishing, Inc.	Hymenoptera	4-8	What happens when worker bees won't make honey? Other title in this series: <i>The Ants Dig to China</i> .
Sommer, C. & James, K. (ill.) (1997). <i>No Longer a Dilly Dally</i> . James, K. (Illus.). Another Sommer-Time Story. Houston, TX: Advance Publishing, Inc.	Hymenoptera	5-9; Educational	The Dilly Dally family likes to play more than work, so they don't prepare for winter the way they should and learn a valuable lesson. Other titles in this series: <i>The Ugly Caterpillar, It's Not Fair!</i>
Sonenklar, C. (1998). <i>Bug Boy!</i> Lewin, B. (Illus.). New York, NY: Henry Holt & Company Books For Young Readers.	Non-specified	8-12	Charlie receives a Bug-a-View in the mail and has trouble believing it can give him a bug's eye view of the world until he tries it. Other title in the series: <i>Bug Girl</i>
Speck, K. (2007). <i>Maybelle in the Soup</i> . De Tagyos, P. (Illus.). New York, NY: Henry Holt and Co.	Blattaria	7 and up	Maybelle the cockroach decides to venture from under the refrigerator...during Mr. and Mrs. Peabody's dinner party. Other titles in this series: <i>Maybelle and the Haunted Cupcake</i> , and <i>Maybelle Goes to Tea</i> .
Stanek, R. (2010). <i>The Bugville Critters Have a Surprise Party</i> . The Bugville Critters, Lass Ladybug's Adventures Series. East Olympia, WA: Reagent Press Books for Young Readers	Multiple Orders		Insects have a surprise party. There are over 20 books within the Bugville Critters series by R. Stanek, some of which even include a subseries. Listed here are a few of the other titles: <i>Remember Their Manners</i> , <i>Go to School</i> , <i>Go on Vacation</i> , <i>Have a Sleepover</i> , <i>Start Summer Vacation</i> , <i>Explore the Solar System</i> . You can search for the entire listing on Amazon.com.
Stine, R.L. (1996). <i>The Bugman Lives!</i> Ghosts of Fear Street. New York, NY: Simon Pulse.	Multiple Orders	8-12	Janet finds insects attacking her from all directions when she disturbs the Bugman.
Thomas, P. (1995). <i>Winning</i> . The Adventures of Billy Bee. Nashua, NH: Billy Bee Productions.	Hymenoptera	5-9; Educational	Billy Bee learns all about winning, losing, and playing the game. Other title in the series: <i>Colors of Love</i> .
Wise, R. (2004). <i>Belinda Bee's Busy Year</i> . Belinda Bee Series. Bloomington, IN: Trafford.	Hymenoptera	6-8; Educational	Belinda bee teaches about all the steps in running a successful hive. Other title in this series: <i>Belinda the Bee Swarms Away</i>

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