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*A=toddler time

**Picture Books and Folktales**

All for Pie, Pie for All by David Martin
Amy’s Light by Robert Nutt
The Ant and the Grasshopper by Rebecca Emberly
Ants in Your Pants, Worms in Your Plants by Diane De Groat
The Apple and the Butterfly by Iela Mari*
Bear and Bee by Sergio Ruzzier*
Beetle Bop by Denise Fleming*
Big Rig Bugs by Kurt Cyrus
Bow Wow Bugs a Bug (wordless) by Mark Newgarden
Bug and Bear by Ann Bonwill
Bug Patrol by Denise Mortenson
Bugs Galore by Peter Stein
Bugtown Boogie by Warren Hanson
The Busy Tree by Jennifer Ward
Butterfly Birthday by Harriet Ziefert
Buzz by Eileen Spinelli
Can You Make a Scary Face? by Jan Thomas*
Diary of a Fly/Diary of a Spider/Diary of a Worm by Doreen Cronin
The Eensy Weensy Spider Freaks Out (Big Time!) by Tony Cummings
Horsefly and Honeybee by Randy Cecil
In My Dreams I Can Fly by Eveline Hasler
In the Tall, Tall Grass by Denise Fleming*
I Love Bugs by Emma Dodd*
I Love Bugs by Philemon Sturges*
I Saw an Ant in the Parking Lot by Joshua Prince
Just How Long Can a String Be?! by Keith Baker
Ladybug Girl (series) by David Soman

The Lion’s Share by Matthew McElligot (ages 5+)
A folktale with dazzling math pays tribute to a seemingly insignificant ant who earns the respect of the king of the jungle. When invited to the lion’s...
dinner party, each animal takes half of the amount of cake that remains on the plate. By the time the dessert reaches ant, only a crumb, too small to be divisible, remains. Ever polite and perceptive, the ant offers to make a cake especially for the solemn but kindly host. This prompts the rest of the guests to offer twice as many cakes as the guest before, until elephant announces he will make 256 cakes. The next day, ant and lion peacefully enjoy the ant’s modest but delicious cake as the frazzled fellow-guests are surrounded by toppling mountains of cake ingredients. Dramatic illustrations capture the personality of each jungle dweller, and cleverly depict the multiplication and division using mouth-watering cakes.

Look Out, Ladybug by Jack Tickle
Martina the Beautiful Cockroach by Carmen Agra Deedy (ages 5+)
Mr. Wuffles! by David Wiesner (ages 6+)
Ned’s New Home by Kevin Tseng
Night Lights by Susan Gal*
Pond Circle by Betsy Franco
Quiet in the Garden by Aliki
Rat and Roach: Friends to the End/Rat and Roach Rock On! by David Covell
The Secret by Lindsay George Barrett
Super Ladybug to the Rescue! by Guido van Genechten

Superworm by Julia Donaldson

Worm is much too modest to refer to himself as a superhero, but to his forest friends, he is indeed a “superworm.” No job is too big or too small for Superworm’s stretchy form. He volunteers his services as a jump rope for two bored bees, makes himself into a lasso to swoop a road-crossing toad out of a bicycle’s path, and pulls a panicky beetle out of a well. Unfortunately, word of Worm’s good deeds reach the wicked Wizard Lizard, who orders his crony Crow to kidnap Superworm. Under the power of the Wizard’s mind-control flower wand, Worm is forced to tunnel underground looking for treasure. Fortunately, Superworm’s loyal garden brigade have a plot to entrap the no good Wizard with the use of a cleverly designed trap. Victory belongs to the good guys in this heroic tale embellished by Donaldson’s trademark: energetic and effortless rhyme. (Ages 4-8)

These Bees Count by Alison Foremento
The Very Clumsy Click Beetle/The Grouchy Ladybug/The Very Hungry Caterpillar by Eric Carle*
What the Ladybug Heard by Julia Donaldson
What Will I Be? by Nicola Davies*
What’s Looking at You Kid? by Patrick Lewis
Why Mosquitos Buzz in People’s Ears by Verna Aardema
Winnie Finn, Worm Farmer by Carol Brendler
Yucky Worms by Vivian French

**Beginning Readers**

Because a Bug Went Ka-Choo! by Rosetta Stone
Busy as a Bee (non-fiction) by Thea Feldman
Butterflies (non-fiction) by Thea Feldman
Caterpillar to Butterfly (non-fiction) by Laura Marsh
Fly Guy (series) by Tedd Arnold
A Fly Went By by Marshall McClintock
Great Migration: Butterflies (non-fiction) by Laura Marsh
How Bees Make Honey (non-fiction) by Emily Dawson
I Like Bugs by Margaret Wise Brown*
Inch and Roly and the Very Small Hiding Place by Melissa Wiley
The Life Cycle of an Earthworm (non-fiction) by L.L. Owens
A Monster is Coming! by David Harrison
Show Me the Honey by Tish Rabe
Spiders (non-fiction) by Laura Marsh
Tucker’s Beetle Band by Thea Feldman
Waiting for Wings by Lois Ehlert
What’s an Insect? (non-fiction) by Anna Kaspar

**Non-Fiction and Parent/Teacher**

Backyard Bugs (series) by Picture Window Books
Big Bugs by Catherine Ipcizade
Biggest Bugs Life-Size by George Beccaloni
Bug Off!: Creepy, Crawly Poems by Jane Yolen
Bugs, Bugs, Bugs: 21 Songs and Over 250 Activities for Young Children by Pamela Schiller

Bugs by the Numbers: Facts and Figures for Multiple Types of Bugbeasties by Sharon Werner

This visually sophisticated look at bugs will appeal to elementary-aged insect fans. Each insect illustration is composed entirely of repeated numbers which have a meaning specific to that insect. A caterpillar is composed of number 2s to represent a monarch’s two-month migration; a chrysalis is composed of 3s to represent the third stage of metamorphosis. The chrysalis rests on a die-cut leaf which, when lifted reveals a butterfly made up of number 4s. Additional facts in artsy typography border each page in this smartly designed compendium.
featuring 22 insects. (Ages 7+)

**Butterfly, Flea, Beetle, and Bee: What is an Insect?** By Brian Cleary

**Do You Know about Insects?** by Buffy Silverman

**Don’t Squash that Bug!: The Curious Kid’s Guide to Insects** by Natalie Rompella

**Guess who Spins** by Sharon Gordon*  
**Gross Bugs** (series) by Jonathan Kravetz

**The Honeybee’s Hive: A Thriving City** by Joyce Markovics

**How to Raise Monarch Butterflies for Kids** by Carol Pasternak

**Insects** by Ted O’Hare

**Ladybugs** by Gail Gibbons

**The Nature Connection: An Outdoor Workbook for Kids, Families, and Classrooms** by Clare Walker Leslie

**Nature Sparks: Connecting Children’s Learning to the Natural World** by Aerial Cross

**Pebble Plus. Bugs, Bugs, Bugs** (series) by Margaret Hall & Fran Howard*

**Show Me Insects** by Marie Schuh*

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**Summer Birds: The Butterflies of Maria Merian** by Margarita Engle  
Margarita Engle’s “Summer Birds: The Butterflies of Maria Merian” is a brief but riveting introduction to one of the first entomologists. In medieval times, women were not allowed to be scientists (or pursue any kind of education) and insects were thought to be demons born from the mud. Challenging these backwards notions, teenaged Maria Marian, born in Frankfurt in 1647, observes and draws the life cycle of the butterflies, then known as “summer birds.” Thanks to an unusually supportive family and a scientific respect for nature that was rare for the times, Maria advanced the study of insects despite the very real threat of being accused of witchcraft for doing so. The appealing picture book format, with light text and exuberant, brilliantly colored folk-art illustration, provides visual appeal to this empowering biography for ages 7-11.

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**Step Gently Out** by Helen Frost

**Touch a Butterfly: Wildlife Gardening with Kids** by April Pulley Sayre

**World of Insects** (series) by Sophie Lockwood

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