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Focus: Themed Science Topic Booklist

Insects

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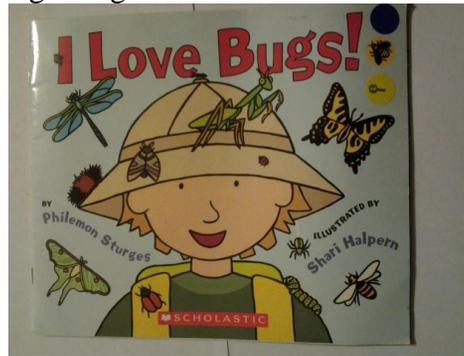
Non-fiction Books on Insects (K-2)

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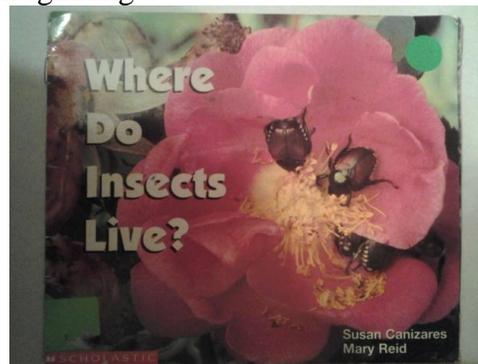
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Sturges, Philemon (2005). *I Love Bugs!* New York: HarperCollins Publishers. [ISBN: 0-439-87504-8] Paperback
Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level: 0.0 WIDA Level: Beginning



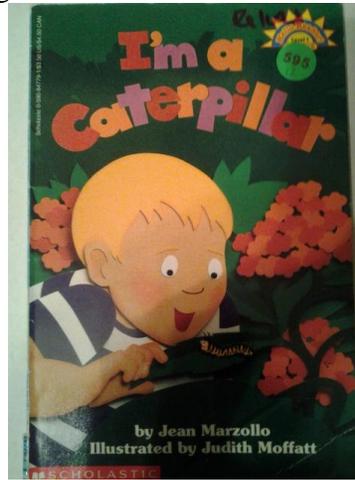
This book is about a little boy who loves bugs. He goes into his backyard and talks about all the bugs he finds there. He finds bugs under rocks, in the sky and on leaves. But, his favorite bug is his sister who is dresses up like a ladybug. All Children will really like this book because the pictures are very colorful and the print is very large.

Canizares, Susan (1998). *Where Do Insects Live?* New York: Scholastic Inc. [ISBN: 0-590-39793-1] Paperback
Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level: 0.3 WIDA Level: Beginning



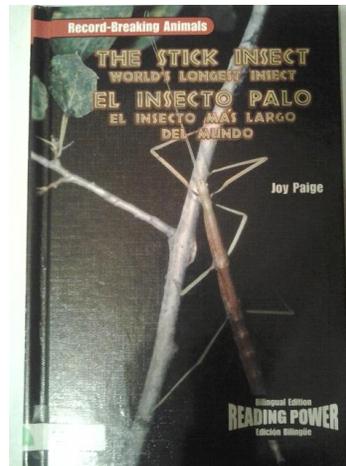
This book tells readers where they can find insects; in the grass and in the sand. It is very good for beginning ESL students because there is one sentence per page and actual pictures of insects and where they live. The sentences are very short and predictable.

Marzollo, Jean (1997). *I'm a Caterpillar*. New York: Scholastic Inc. [ISBN: 0-590-84779-1] Paperback
DRA Level: 12 (Grade1) WIDA Level: Developing



This book tells readers all about the life cycle of a butterfly. The front is large with sufficient more than enough space between words. ESL students will like this book because it has repeating text. The illustrations are bright and match the sentences. It is very child friendly.

Paige, Joy (2003). *The Stick Insect World's Longest Insect El Insecto Palo El Insecto Más Largo Del Mundo*. New York: The Rosen Publishing Group, Inc. [ISBN: 0-8239-6897-9] Hardcover Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level: 2.9 WIDA Level: Developing

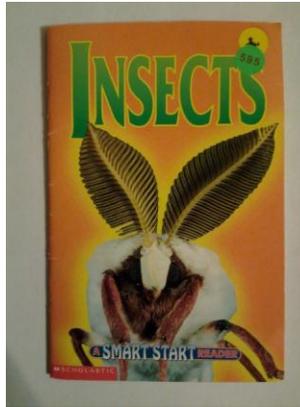


This book is a bilingual science book (English/Spanish); therefore, it is great for students whose native language is Spanish. It gives readers basic facts about stick insects. Such as, “There are more than 2,500 different kinds of stick insects.” (page 6) It has actual pictures of the different types of stick insects. There are about two sentences per page with a Spanish translation.

Here is a link to other bilingual science books by this company.

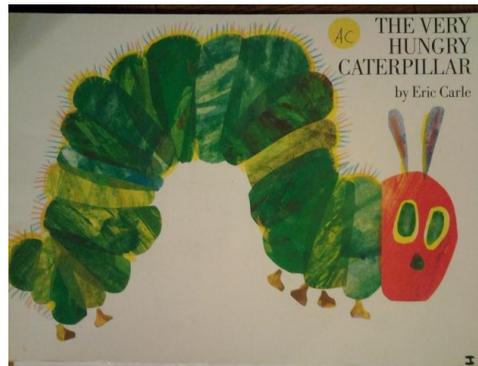
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Grassy, John (2001). *Insects: A Smart Start Reader*. New York: Scholastic Inc. [0-439-27894-5] Paperback. DRA Level: 18-20 (Grade 2) WIDA Level: Developing



This book is good for ESL students because the words are easily decodable. The font size is very large and important words are bolded. Every page has a heading that introduces what each section is about. The graphics match what is being said in each section. The graphics are very large and they are labeled. This book talks about insects and how they eat and live.

Carle, Eric (1969). *The Very Hungry Caterpillar*. New York: Scholastic, Inc. [0-590-18804-6] Paperback DRA 16 (Grade 2) WIDA Level: Developing

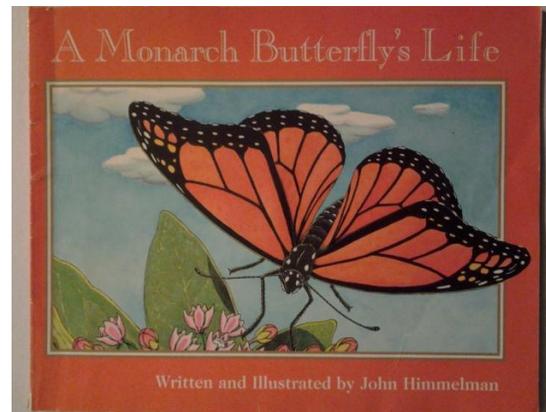


The Very Hungry Caterpillar is about the life of a caterpillar. It talks about how caterpillars' start off as an egg and become a butterfly. All students will like this book because the words are easily decodable and the illustrations are so colorful. The sentences are short and simple.

Here is a link to hear the author read this story:

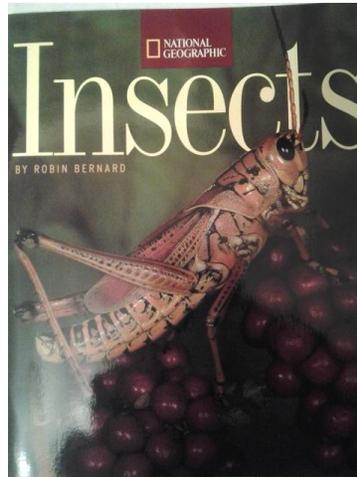
<http://www.barnesandnoble.com/u/online-storytime-books-toys/379003588>

Himmelman, John (1999). *A Monarch Butterfly's Life*. New York: Children's Press. [ISBN: 0-516-26537-7] Paperback
DRA Level: 16 (Grade 2) WIDA Level: Expanding



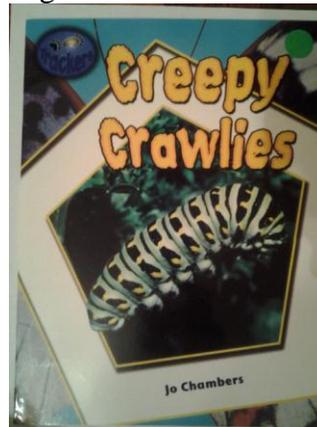
This book is great for learning about the life cycle of a Monarch Butterfly. All students will like this story because it tells the life cycle of the monarch butterfly in a narrative form. This is also a good book to teach in combination with geography. The Monarch Butterfly travels South into Mexico and then her offspring travel North to Connecticut.

Bernard, Robin (1999). *Insects*. Washington, D.C.: National Geographic Society. [ISBN: 0-7922-9431-9] Paperback
Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level: 2.5 WIDA Level: Expanding



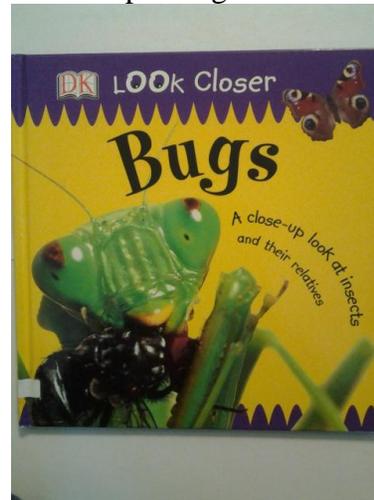
This book tells students how to identify insects from other bugs. It talks about the three body part, their six legs and that most insects have wings. It also talks about the different ways insects eat and how they protect themselves from their predators. All students will like this book because the graphics are very large. Students will be able to clearly see what the book is talking about.

Chambers, Jo (2006). *Creepy Crawlies*. Huntington Beach, CA: Pacific Learning. [ISBN: 978-1-59055-913-0] Paperback
Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level: 2.5 WIDA Level: Expanding



All students at all levels will love this book, it is interactive. Students have to find the answer to questions in the photographs. Students will count, do a tally chart and talk about 3D shapes while learning about insects. It is a fun book to have in your classroom.

Malyan, Sue (2005). *Bugs A close-up look at insects and their relatives*. New York: DK Publishing, Inc. [ISBN: 0-7566-1432-5]
Hardcover Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level: 2.9 WIDA Level: Expanding



This book talks about many different insects; such as, the flying beetle and the scorpion. All students will like this book because the graphics are really up close. They can see all the different parts of the insects up close. Also the captions are written from the perspective of the bug.

Here is a link to the publisher:

www.dk.com

RESOURCES:

Butterflies

www.theteachersguide.com/butterflies.htm (Lesson Plans)

www.neok12.com/Metamorphosis.htm (Video Clips)

www.dltk-kids.com/crafts/insects/butterflies.htm (Crafts)

www.monarchwatch.org/index.html

www.monarch-butterfly.com/

Insects

www.mightybook.com/MightyBook_free/teach/bugtimestory/BugTimeStory_LP.pdf

www.teachervision.fen.com/insects/teacher-resources/47559.html

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