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Editorial Review

From School Library Journal

Grade 3-5A Two lavishly illustrated introductions. Bugs highlights the major ways in which insects and spiders differ and then briefly describes some outstanding physical or behavioral characteristics of about two dozen arthropods. The life cycles of honeybees, dragonflies, and butterflies are also outlined. The second book briefly discusses the general characteristics of several groups of dinosaurs and mentions some special traits of about two dozen species. Brightly colored acrylic paintings of varying sizes appear on every page of both titles. Although the books are clearly written, the information is oversimplified and some important facts are omitted. For instance, in Bugs, the book notes, "Wasps live in colonies, too"; however, not all species are social insects, some are solitary wasps. In Dinosaurs, several chapters include fictionalized scenes. Descriptions of attacks by meat-eaters on plant-eaters are sensationalized. More thorough introductions to these subjects are widely available, such as Robert Snedden's *What Is an Insect?* (Sierra Club, 1993) and Jennifer Dewey's *Spiders Near and Far* (Dutton, 1993; o.p.); both include excellent illustrations. Miriam Schlien's *Discovering Dinosaur Babies* (S & S, 1991) and Steve Parker's *Did Dinosaurs Lay Eggs?* (Benchmark, 1997) offer lucid explanations of how recent discoveries have effected our understanding of what dinosaurs looked like and how they behaved. AKarey Wehner, San Francisco Public Library

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From Kirkus Reviews

If readers could crawl through the grass on six legs or float overhead on gossamer wings, the views this radiantly illustrated book provides might well reflect their world. This introduction to insects covers the basic bugs children discover: beetles, butterflies, ants, bees, and dragonflies, as well as spiders and a few other non-arthropods, e.g., snails and worms. Some elementary facts are provided on each creature; played out in step-by-step pictures is a caterpillar's metamorphosis into a butterfly, as is a fierce dragonfly nymph's capture of a tadpole. The facts are common to most bug books, but the pictures are so eye-catching they fairly steal the show. Occasional captions point out individual features, such as the difference between the abdomens of a butterfly and a moth, or the various webs spun by spiders. The full-color cut-aways of ant colonies and bee hives, as well as the verdant overviews of the rainforest and deciduous forest floors, remove the "creepiness" of these crawly creatures and make them resemble living jewels. (diagrams, glossary, index) (Nonfiction. 6-9) -- Copyright ©1998, Kirkus Associates, LP. All rights reserved.

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"The Best Book of Bugs is full of informative text and illustrations which bring kids right into the world of various arthropods, from the darting dragonfly to the spinning spider." *?Children's Literature*

"Exquisite brightly colored and realistically detailed illustrations along with a fairly brief but informative text bring us closer to the lives of bugs, spiders, bees, ants, beetles, butterflies, moths and dragonflies, all this in a very appealing, large format, nonfiction picture book." *?Children's Literature*

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