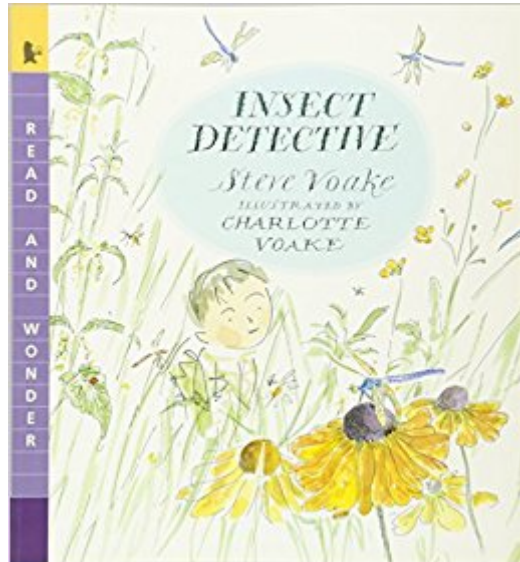


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# Insect Detective: Read And Wonder



## Synopsis

Young readers will definitely catch the bug when they see this enticing, fact-filled invitation to explore the world of insects. A Junior Library Guild Selection Right now, all around us, thousands of insects are doing strange and wonderful things: wasps are building nests, ants are collecting food, and dragonflies are readying for the hunt. But it's not always easy to catch sight of these six-legged creatures: you have to know where to look. Guided by this book, readers will happily become insect detectives and find out just what those bugs are up to.

## Book Information

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## Customer Reviews

Starred Review. Kindergarten-Grade 3 "Listen over by the fence./Can you hear a scratching sound?/A wasp is scraping away at the post with her strong jaws./She's collecting wood." Thus begins this charming collaboration that gently encourages young readers to explore their natural surroundings and observe some of the more commonly found insects in it. In spare prose, brief facts about a variety of creatures, such as leaf-miner caterpillars, ground beetles, ants, earwigs, and dragonflies, are shared, as are hints on where and how to find them. Large print tells the main story

with small print providing further details or interesting facts, giving an opportunity for deeper exploration. Simple but elegant pen and watercolor illustrations show the creatures in their habitats, going about their daily business. Shared aloud or read alone, this child-friendly title is a wonderful introduction to the insect world. Pair it with a wide variety of informational books to garner children's interest and excitement.â Jody Kopple, Shady Hill School, Cambridge, MA Copyright Â© Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

Encouraging children to â œopen the door and step outside,â • this large-format picture book talks about insects they may be able to find near their homes. First published in England, it includes one species (the Herald moth) more common there than in North America, though plenty of the others, such as ants, wasps, and dragonflies, are widely known. The conversational text rambles from one topic to another (wasps building nests, ants living together underground and communicating by touching antennae, solitary bees gathering food and caterpillars protecting themselves from predators, etc.), with the main, large-print sentences occasionally accompanied by one or more small-print lines. Although the presentation of information seems unfocused, the encouragement for young children to observe insects is welcome, and the large-scale ink-and-watercolor illustrations are inviting as well as lovely. An appended double-page spread offers suggestions for young insect detectives. Preschool-Grade 1. --Carolyn Phelan --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

We loved this book, it taught my daughter to identify that a leaf miner was eating leaves on a tree in our yard. We will be buying more from this series.

This is another great Read and Wonder publication. Insect Detective has soft illustrations that complement the text. I have added it to my classroom library.

If you take a walk outside you'll be able to see the tiniest wonders of nature if you look closely. For every one person there are "about 200 million insects" in existence. It's not always easy to spot some insects, but if you know where to look you can find them. This book will give you a few little hints to find them readily. If you listen closely when you are near a fence you may hear a "scratching sound" made by a wasp who is collecting wood. Once she scrapes away bits of wood she "mixes it into a soft pulp in her mouth" and makes it into paper for a nest, a nest that is made by many wasps.

Ants make their nest underground and "finding an ants' nest is easy: First find an ant . . . and follow it." How easy is that? Once you learn about where and how an insect lives you will be treated to a few interesting facts. Take for example, the leaf-miner caterpillar. When you spot "squiggly lines" on a leaf you will learn that the insect "protects itself by living between the top and bottom layers of leaves." Some insects like the Herald moth camouflage themselves by staying in places where they can easily blend in with their surroundings. In this book you will learn to tell the difference between insects and other creatures, you'll learn about ground beetles, dragonflies, how you can become an "insect detective," and many other fascinating facts about the natural world of insects. All the young bug lovers out there will be fascinated by the facts they find in this book. One of the most interesting aspects of the book is how it relays to a young person how they can search for and find insects. The book's setup is in an appealing picture book format, a format that will encourage even the most reluctant reader to take a peek. Offset print (much smaller than the regular text) gives additional factual material to browse. For example, when dragonflies are discussed we also learn that "Dragonfly nymphs are the young, wingless versions of adult dragonflies." The artwork is delectably soft and quite appealing. In the back of the book is an index and several fun ways to become a competent "insect detective."

Enter the amazing and varied world of the six-legged creatures. Large print on each oversized page provides a narrative suitable to read aloud to a preschooler, while smaller type adds sidebar-style details and definitions. Information is presented in terms relevant to children: "The leaf miner protects itself by living between the top and bottom layers of leaves--a bit like hiding in a sandwich!" Gentle watercolor-and-ink illustrations suit their fragile, fascinating subjects. The colors are subdued, with flashes of brightness--a gleaming ground beetle, a sparkling dragonfly. Together, text and art show the difference between social and solitary insects; how to tell an insect from other small creatures such as spiders or centipedes; what kinds of changes an insect's life cycle includes, such as caterpillar to moth or nymph to dragonfly. The final spread in the book offers easy suggestions for becoming an insect detective. After exploring this attractive book, young children will be eager to go outside and lift a rock, turn over a leaf, or follow an ant to investigate insects in the real world.

My 1st grade son read this book to me, and we both found this book very informative and pleasant to read. The illustration was whimsical and charming. The book discusses wasps, ants, solitary bees, dragon flies and other insects. My son was so fascinated learning about the insects from this

book that he decided to do his sharing presentation on solitary bees. Of course, we used this book as a reference for his presentation.

Ants, wasps, dragonflies are all around and you can find them if you are an insect detective. This informative nonfiction book reads like a picture book but provides age appropriate facts like a topflight nonfiction book. The illustrations are a delight and enhance the reader's experience as one joins the author on a walk discovering insects and finding out wonderful pieces of information about each. At the end of the book readers get several nifty tips about how to collect and observe insects. A reader friendly index is a welcome surprise as well.

For any child who enjoys insects this is an excellent book with descriptions on what they might find in their backyard or the local park. I look forward to using this book with my students, campers and bug club members before heading out as insect detectives.

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