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National Geographic Little Kids First Big Book Of Bugs (National Geographic Little Kids First Big Books)



Synopsis

The experts at National Geographic present a delightful reference that introduces young children to bugs of all kinds: big and small, jumping and crawling, colorful and creepy. This charming book explores backyard favorites, such as ladybugs and lightning bugs, and introduces kids to more exotic species that inhabit rain forests and deserts around the world. Colorful photos are paired with profiles of each insect, along with facts about the creatures' sizes, diets, homes, and more. This book will quickly become a favorite at storytime, bedtime, and any other time!

Book Information

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Age Range: 4 - 8 years

Grade Level: Preschool - 3

Customer Reviews

We love the 'First Big Book' series of National Geographic. I have already purchased the remaining of the series and my kids (2 and 4 years old) love them a lot. This is the latest edition to the series and is no exception. Like the other books in this series, they are hard cover books containing over 100 pages. (This one is 128 pages) Although it looks like a preschooler book, it is written in a very professional way (similar topics are organized in 8 different chapters and it has a detailed introduction with information on how to use as well as an index at the end.) It rather looks like first big textbook of bugs. However, being organized in a scientific way does not make it complicated for kids since every information is given with either a photo or a schematic diagram to make it easier to understand. Each bug is allocated a few pages and on every page the ratio of pictures to text is 1:1

or greater. The interesting facts (sizes, number of eggs, behaviour etc.) about that particular bug is given on the first page with an informative picture that is accompanying. Then some more information follows with more pictures which could get the kid into the world of that bug. At the end of each chapter there is a game which is like matching the picture of larvae and the adult forms etc. What I like most about these books is that there is no minimum or maximum age for them. My 2 years old likes looking at the pictures and my 4 years old is kind of pictures plus games with a bit of information about the bugs, and I at 31 years old can find many things to learn about the bugs we see around all the time. The only complaint is the binding quality which does not match the excellence of the paper and image quality.

I bought this book for my 4 year old daughter. She's always liked butterflies, dragonflies, and ladybugs, but this summer she was interested in the worms, slugs, and other bugs we found in the garden, so when I saw this book at her preschool book fair a month ago, I had to buy it. A quick glance through the book and I was amazed...125 pages for only \$15, and it looked to be packed with tons of info on each page. When I first show it to her, she was instantly fascinated. The book is organized into chapters of about 15-20 pages each. Each chapter contains a certain group of bugs in it (use 's "Look inside" feature to see the full table of contents). My daughter and I sat down and read the first chapter, which was an introduction to bugs, the first night in about 20 minutes. She was instantly hooked. Each night for the next 7-10 days, we'd sit down for 20 minutes or so and read about 2 or 3 new bugs, covering anywhere from 1/2 to 1 chapter at a time. In the process, she learned so much about bugs. She's now constantly identifying toy bugs and bug pictures based on the number of legs they have. We finished the book about a month ago, and she's still talking about things she learned from the book. One of the first things we read in the book was about leafcutter ants, and how they use leaves to grow fungus for food. Last night we were playing with all her little toys, and she had a toy ant in the pile. She started playing with it, and although she couldn't recall the word "fungus", she instantly started talking about him cutting up the leaves to grow food, and asked me what the food was called. The book wasn't just fun for her. I found it incredibly well done and interesting for adults. I learned quite a few interesting things.

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