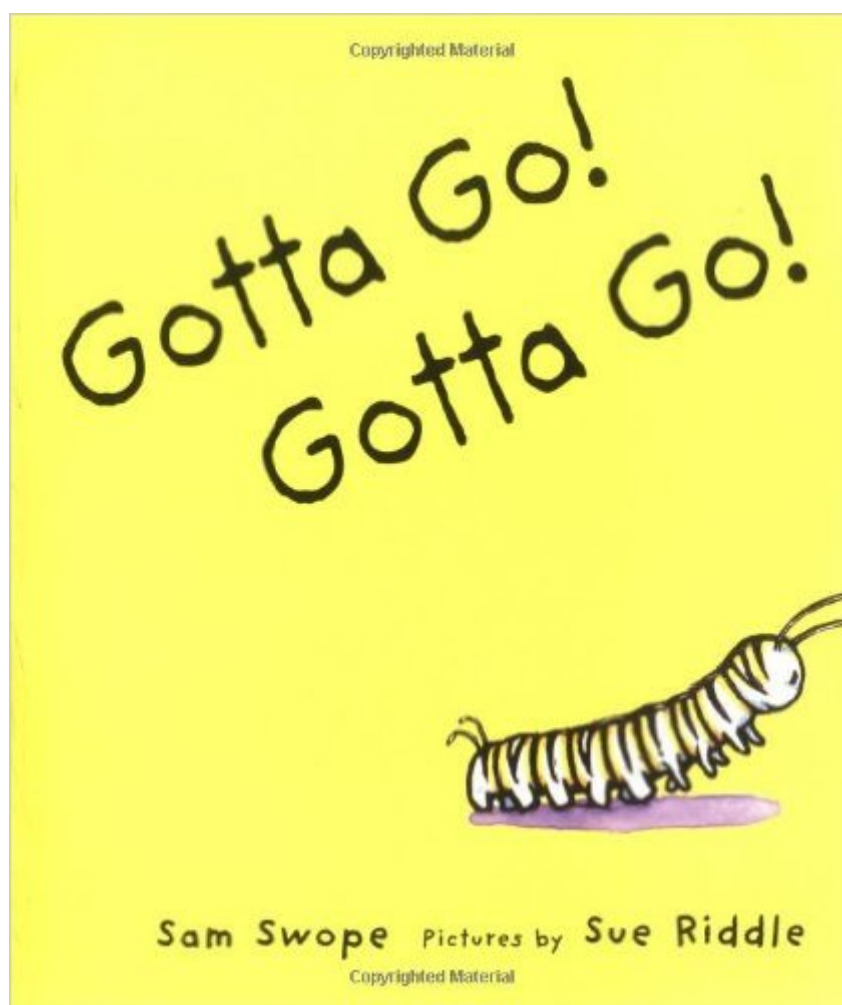


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# Gotta Go! Gotta Go! (Sunburst Book)



## Synopsis

An incredible journey "I don't know much, but I know what I know. I gotta go! I gotta go! I gotta go to Mexico!" The creepy-crawly bug doesn't know why she does what she does. She only knows she has to do it. But making the journey seems impossible for the slow-moving critter, who has no idea what or where Mexico is. Then an everyday miracle occurs, bringing a transformation that will help her fulfill her destiny. Each autumn, millions of Monarch butterflies migrate from the central and eastern United States and Canada to colonies in the mountains of Mexico, where they mate before flying north in the spring to lay their eggs. In simple, jaunty text and pictures, Sam Swope and Sue Riddle celebrate the amazing story of one of these intrepid bugs.

## Book Information

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Age Range: 3 - 6 years

Grade Level: Preschool - 1

## Customer Reviews

My 3 1/2 year old daughter and I simply love this book! She asks me to read it to her almost every day, which pleases me immensely (especially since the previous favorite was Snow White!). She is fascinated by the transformation of a bug/caterpillar into a butterfly, and by the cyclical nature of the book. She likes to flip from the last page to the first to point out that they are the same. "It's starting all over again!" she says. I actually got choked up when I first read the line which appears immediately after the butterfly has laid her first eggs: "It was the reason for everything." This is for

me the central message of the book and what really speaks to me-- that despite everything and against all odds, life does go inexplicably on. It is such a positive message. I hope that many readers will get to experience the wonder and power of this seemingly simple, beautiful little book.

Gotta' Go, Gotta' Go is a wonderful book about a monarch caterpillar and his lifelong "journey." I am a nature center director and we use this book to teach about the magnificent monarch migration. The book is entertaining, fun to read out loud, and best of all, factual. Eric Carle's book, *The Very Hungry Caterpillar*, is a cute book, but he did us all a disservice when he wrote that butterflies come out of cocoons. Butterflies hatch out of chrysalis, moths hatch out of cocoons. This book by Sam Swope has the correct information. You'll love it, your kids will love it, and your kid's science teachers will love it when your child already knows one of the major differences between butterflies and moths.

This book is wonderful! The illustrations are superb and the book simply draws in the young listener. The book is suitable for ages 4 and up, and is the best book for young nature lovers that explains simply the lifecycle of the caterpillar. This book easily compares to the *Hungry Caterpillar* by Eric Carle, but is much more suitable for the pre-school and early elementary age child. It is better than books describing the Monarch butterfly, as the illustrations are just incredible. A must buy for the nature lover in all kids! Gotta Get! Gotta Get!

When I got this book for my children, they were very excited. I have 2 children and the youngest is only 3. I had to read it to them 3 times in a row before they would let me put it down. My youngest would go around the house saying Gotta Go! Gotta Go to Mexico. This has lasted for weeks now and has him very interested in reading. This in itself makes this a 5 star book for me. But it was so simple that both of my children understood and love it. I hope to find more books like this in the future. Thanks for helping my son get a jumpstart in enjoyable reading.

I am a kindergartener from Morgan Hill, CA. My uncle, who lives in New York City, gave me the book and I loved it so much I brought it to school for Reading Day. He's helping (making) me write this. So far it has been our all-time favorite book of the year, all the kids in my class can't wait to take it home to read it to their brothers and sisters and their parents and grandparents. My teacher loved it so much that she has ordered several copies for our school library. I'd like to give Gotta Go! Gotta Go! 100 stars but for some reason that wasn't a choice. My parents took me to see the

Monarch butterflies near the beach and they were dancing in the sky just like in the book. It was very exciting.

This is a simple and charming story of a caterpillar with an urge to travel to Mexico. Her neighboring animals tease her (it's too far), but she recedes into her cocoon, emerging as a beautiful monarch butterfly, and proves them all wrong by flying south. The story has a winsome sing-song refrain ("I gotta go, I gotta go, I gotta go to Mexico!") that children will love, and simple engaging line drawings. I'm impressed that the basic science in the story is accurately presented - the stages of the butterfly's life, its migration, its mating (gingerly and sweetly handled as a "dance" between butterflies) and its eventual return home. My daughter loved this so much we donated a copy to her pre-school, where they watch monarch butterflies hatch in a terrarium every year. A big hit with the 3-to-5-crowd!

Gotta Go! Gotta Go! is both entirely delightful and wholesomely informative. Not only does it tell of wonderful, mysterious destiny and miraculous transformation, it also introduces the young reader to the idea of a larger world full of excitement and challenge. Adults may be aware of the gentle, ecologically aware voice in the work through introduction of the main character and her pursuit while younger readers will repeat Gotta Go! Gotta Go! when asked "What book?". The illustrations are colorful and deft, the prose elegant and simple. Gotta Go! Gotta Go! is another coupe, and like his book the Araboolies of Liberty Street, gives lesson while it delights. Buy this one, it's a winner!

I read this book as the introduction to lifecycle lessons in elementary schools, the kids love this book! Fun, educational, easy to follow along and get involved. An easy read and quick intro to build on for any youngster with Monarchs in the mind.

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