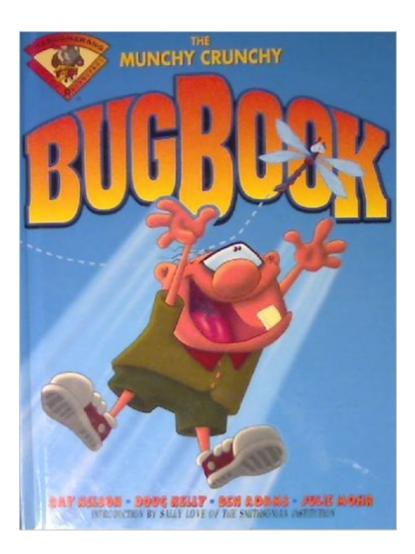
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The Munchy Crunchy Bug Book





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Customer Reviews

Kids love insects until adults teach them not to. But there are many fascinating aspects of insects and the most fascinating (at least to me) is their body structure and function. This book, while a little pricey (especially since it is partially sponsored (funded?) by Orkin), provides a very nice introduction to the general body structure and function of insects. I wouldn't have a problem recommending this book to anyone whose child wants to learn more about insects. And then let them decide if they want to pay the price. The book follows a student named Fred Smertz who loves to eat insects. The book does let children know that Fred is unusual and they "shouldn't try this (eating insects) at home." The book uses a story line in a poem to lead the reader through the tutorial on insect body structure. This might be a little much for some 12 year olds, although I was able to enjoy it. But then, since I'm an entomologist, I'm already a little weird. The book is very nicely illustrated and does a wonderful job of explaining the basic concepts of insect structure, such as body parts, external and internal anatomy, metamorphosis, the differences between some insect orders, and even some insect behavior. Everything is chosen to continue childrens' interest in insects without overwhelming them with scientific details. Younger children (4-8) might have a small problem with the "technical aspects" of this book in that some of the illustrations and related concepts are not laid out as simply as they might be. On some pages they are mixed up with other graphics. However, parents will learn a lot from the book after their kids have finished with it. And I

intend to show this book to one of my colleagues who has responsibility in 4-H for possible use in our state insect programs for children.

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