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With its intriguing bug's-eye view of the world, this new series offers preschoolers a unique perspective on the life cycles and environments of some familiar backyard creatures. In each book, the initial question -- Are you a snail?...Are you a ladybug? -- is followed by a series of simple sentences that help children appreciate the differences between themselves and a particular small animal. Realistic, detailed art and informative, easy-to-read texts make these stories perfect for reading aloud. "Slowly, slowly, slowly, your color grows stronger. Your black dots appear. Congratulations, you're a ladybug!"

Are You a Ladybug? Details

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Heather says

This book whimsically looks at what your life would be like if you were a ladybug. A very constant theme is to keep eating aphids, especially early on, so that you can grow. It has nice illustrations. Near the end of the story, you're told that if your parents look more like this (drawings of human parents of various skin colors), then you are not a ladybug; the explanation of how your life will be different culminates in the fact that you will never ever have to eat aphids! A final 2-page spread at the end gives additional ladybug facts.

My children in the preschool and early elementary years have enjoyed it, and it's especially good for those who enjoy the silly or ridiculous. After this book, I purchased the snail title in this series, which is also good.

Deidra says

Written by Judy Allen, illustrated by Tudor Humpries. Published by Kingfisher Publications, copyright 2000.

Grade Level: 1st and up

This story leads children through the life of a ladybug starting from the egg as if the reader was a ladybug.

Children will like this story because it gives lots of interesting facts about the insect most people like, and it lets them use their imagination to pretend that they are ladybugs.

Possible themes or units: insects, nature

CFAITC says

This book introduces preschoolers to the world of the ladybug and how it undergoes metamorphosis.

Karen says

Fun and informative, perfect for younger kids. Worked well in preschool storytime.

Joan says

A backyard book for young readers. Beginning with ladybug parents who eat aphids and progressing through the life cycle of a ladybug, young readers will discover the changes a ladybug experiences before becoming an adult.

And are YOU a ladybug?

With captivating illustrations, this informative narrative will appeal to all young readers interested in the world around them, especially the bugs in their own back yards.

Recommended.

Kristin Nelson says

I thought this book was great. I loved the second person point of view (If you are a ladybug, this is what you should be doing...). It made the book fun. The illustrations are clear and colorful and there are quite a few facts. Yet it's rather short. An early non-fiction book suitable for preschoolers!

Angela says

Very fun nonfiction, my child adores this book!

Colleen says

Wings and Things unit

Karre says

this series of books are awesome science books for preschoolers.

Carrie Gelson says

Love this series!

Samantha Catalano says

I learned so much by reading this book! What a great book to read when doing science! For the size book that it is, it explains a lot about ladybugs that I never knew before. At the end, it ties the whole thing back to the reader, who has to figure out if they fit the description of a ladybug. Instead, through the depiction of multiple diverse families, we conclude that we are human beings instead.

Brandi Brown says

This book is one in a series of books that is written to explain the appearance, habits, and life cycle of bugs. The book is told from the perspective of a ladybug who is talking to the human children who are reading the book. This book does an excellent job, in my opinion, of explaining how a ladybug starts life as an egg and continues until old age without belaboring scientific terms and points but still provides information for the youngest readers. A kindergarten student should be able to read this book, but it works from a comprehension standpoint for a preschooler. The pictures are simple and easy understand.

Dolly says

This is another fun book in the Are You a... series of books by Judy Allen and Tudor Humphries. We like these books. They offer scientific information, but in a colorful and fun format. Children will like how the books speaks to them and helps to compare a human to the insect described. And the *Did You Know...* section in the back offers additional facts about the topic. We will certainly look for more books in this series.

Vivian says

The "Are You a..." non-fiction series is a good choice for introducing young children (and all the rest of us) to the insect world.

We chose this one to include in a library story-time about fire fighters because of the verse

"Ladybird, ladybird fly away home,
Your house is on fire and your children are gone,
All except one,
And her name is Ann,
And she hid under the baking pan."

Children are fascinated with everything to do with the world around them and will enjoy informational books. One of the "Emergent Literacy" keys is PRINT MOTIVATION.

Print Motivation "relates to a child's interest in and enjoyment of books.[11] A child with print motivation might enjoy being read to, playing with books, pretending to write, and going to the library.[12] Children who enjoy books are more likely to want to read, and to keep trying, even when it is hard" -- Wikipedia <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Emergent...>

Katie Jackson says

I love the detailed pictures in this book. I learned a lot from this book and I would use it as a research tool for children learning about ladybugs. I didn't know what ladybugs looked like when they were first born or the variety of ladybugs.

