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This clever send-up of every child's biggest challenge -- being patient! -- is a STEM-friendly, laugh-out-loud comedy about metamorphosis.

*** "Super-charged." --*The Bulletin of the Center for Children's Books*, starred review**

"Will delight fans of Mo Willems's "Pigeon" series... absolutely charming." --*School Library Journal*

HEY! What are you guys doing?

We're going to metamorphosize.

Meta-WHAT-now?

Transform into butterflies.

Right. Right. I knew that...

WAIT?! You're telling me I can become a BUTTERFLY?

Yes.

With wings?

Yes.

Wait for ME!!

Ross Burach's hilarious, tongue-in-cheek exploration of metamorphosis will make you flutter with glee, while also providing real facts about how caterpillars transform into butterflies.

The Very Impatient Caterpillar Details

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Cindy Mitchell *Kiss the Book* says

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BUYING ADVISORY: Pre-K, EL (K-3) - ESSENTIAL

AUDIENCE APPEAL: HIGH

The caterpillars are readying themselves for metamorphosis, but one extremely impatient caterpillar can't settle down for the process.

So much fun! You can use this as an introduction to metamorphosis or a discussion on patience. Either way – it is a super choice for a read aloud.

Cindy, Middle School Librarian, MLS
<https://kissthebookjr.blogspot.com/20...>

Lana Gionfriddo says

I just received this book via request at my library and I cannot wait to read it tonight to my kids! My kiddos are ages 4-6 and they will love the humor with which the author tells and illustrates the story of metamorphosis. Like most children, the caterpillar at the heart of this story has little patience for anything, least of all waiting to sprout wings, so this is picture book not only about a biological process (science, yes!) but also about the patience that is sometimes required to come into our own. Great book! Excellent for story times - in the classroom or at the bedside.

SurLeFur © says

I didn't know butterflies start out as caterpillars. I always wondered how caterpillars became butterflies. Did you know? I love learning new things! Do you? Have you ever wanted to migrate like a butterfly? That would be so much fun.

Jana says

Waiting is tough, especially for young children. It seems like we spend so much of our lives waiting and waiting for things: waiting to grow older, waiting for birthdays and holidays, waiting for friends, waiting to arrive, etc. So young readers will definitely be able to relate to the impatient little caterpillar in this humorous picture book. All of the other caterpillars are wrapped up in their chrysalises, and our little

caterpillar is going crazy. There will be lots of giggles as the little caterpillar tries his very best to be patient. This is a good way to talk about how hard it is to be patient and how to develop a growth mindset with young readers. It also may inspire young writers to describe their own difficulties with waiting and being patient.

Penney Letbetter says

This book so cracked me up. I was filling in for the art teacher at our school and used this book for the class of kindergartners. They were laughing right along with me. This book will be available at our upcoming book fair at the end of February and I wanted to go ahead and read it. So what better way to do so than when filling in for a teacher who is out. The comments of the caterpillar as he is waiting to turn into a butterfly are so funny.

Kelley Mitchell says

This book lent itself to read-aloud BEAUTIFULLY. The kids participated in the read aloud, yelling No! every time the caterpillar asked if he was done metamorphosing yet. It was funny and had good vocabulary from the stages of a butterfly's life. Would be a great addition to a butterfly unit.

Felicia Gant says

Very good read aloud on being patient. Laugh out loud comedy about transforming from caterpillar to butterfly. I loved this book. Sometimes adults can be just as impatient as children. But if we wait patiently beautiful things can happen.

Abigail says

Ross Burach, the creator of such humorous picture-books as Truck Full of Ducks and I Am Not a Chair!, turns to the subject of metamorphosis in this newest title. Seeing many of his peers climbing a tree, the eponymous little caterpillar here wants to know what they are up to. Learning that they are about to transform into butterflies, he joins them, only to find that his impatience makes it hard for him to wait inside the chrysalis. Will he EVER manage to become a butterfly...?

With a title like The Very Impatient Caterpillar, it's hard not to believe that Ross Burach offering tribute, or at least referencing Eric Carle's classic, The Very Hungry Caterpillar. That said, although the stories are similar in their general outline - a caterpillar is transformed into a butterfly by the end of the book - their general feeling, and their art styles, are quite different. *This* caterpillar is (as the title makes plain) quite impatient, and his constant questioning recalls the behavior of children, when looking forward to something, in ways that are quite amusing. The back and forth dialogue between the caterpillar and his fellows had me chuckling on more than one occasion, while the colorful artwork accentuated the humor. Recommended to Ross Burach fans, to anyone looking for a somewhat more offbeat, irreverent look at metamorphosis, than that found in the Carle book, and to those in the market for stories about youthful impatience.

Stephanie Harchar says

Finally a children's book that is about being impatient but very funny and colorful. This book struck a chord because it is me. To this day of 49 years old. As I have been told it is a work in progress.

Lisa says

A great fun story for introducing big words like metamorphosis and chrysalis while also teaching about patience. The illustrations made me laugh out loud. Super cute book, can't wait to use it in the library!

Gwen Ayler says

If you haven't picked this one up, you definitely should! This was such a fun read and I love that you're actually learning the process from caterpillar to butterfly (who knew it took TWO whole weeks for this impatient caterpillar!)

Definitely planning to purchase of a copy of this one to have around whenever I need a laugh.

I think this would be the perfect introduction to a 2nd-4th grade unit on caterpillars in a classroom!

Ashley Adkins says

I read this with my 10 year old son and we had a lot of fun with it. We made funny voices and we were able to give the caterpillar some really great personality with the text that was provided. At first I wasn't so sure about the title of this one as it was so close to the famous Eric Carle book but this text is totally different and full of fun personality. The illustrations are bright and colorful, bringing a lot of life to the story.

Kareena says

A cute story that shows metamorphosis in a fun way. A great book for a patience, or waiting storytime. Would probably be better for a smaller group though.

Chris says

Guffaws will erupt with "The Very Hungry Caterpillar," a zany book featuring a caterpillar with a big flaw. Ross Burach's ground-crawler is short on patience but long on boisterous, bad behavior.

Told in word bubbles, the peevish caterpillar shares conversation bits with others of its kind, asking why they're on their way up a tree. "We're going to metamorphosize," one quips, a word that throws the caterpillar a curve ball. "Meta-WHAT-now?"

“Transform into butterflies,” it replies.

This shocks the impatient caterpillar, incredulous with the wonder of transforming into a beautiful creature with wings. Back and forth the conversation goes, large, colorful illustrations accompanying text in bold caps that drive home the shocked emotions the caterpillar feels as it learns about creating a chrysalis.

The crazy creature with the big mouth has self doubt about the time it will have to spend in the self-imposed prison: “Can I get a comic book or something,” “What if I need the bathroom,” so on and so forth.

There’s a failed attempt at rushing the process that concludes with a solid “SPLAT,” but all is not lost because this caterpillar finally learns stick-to-it-ness, even if patience never becomes its forte. Preschool to third grade.

Cheryl Gladfelter says

Excellent, hilarious book about a caterpillar turning in to a butterfly...and (kinda) learning patience around the way.

The wide shot of the chrysalises and the squirrel is my favorite spread--very funny.
