

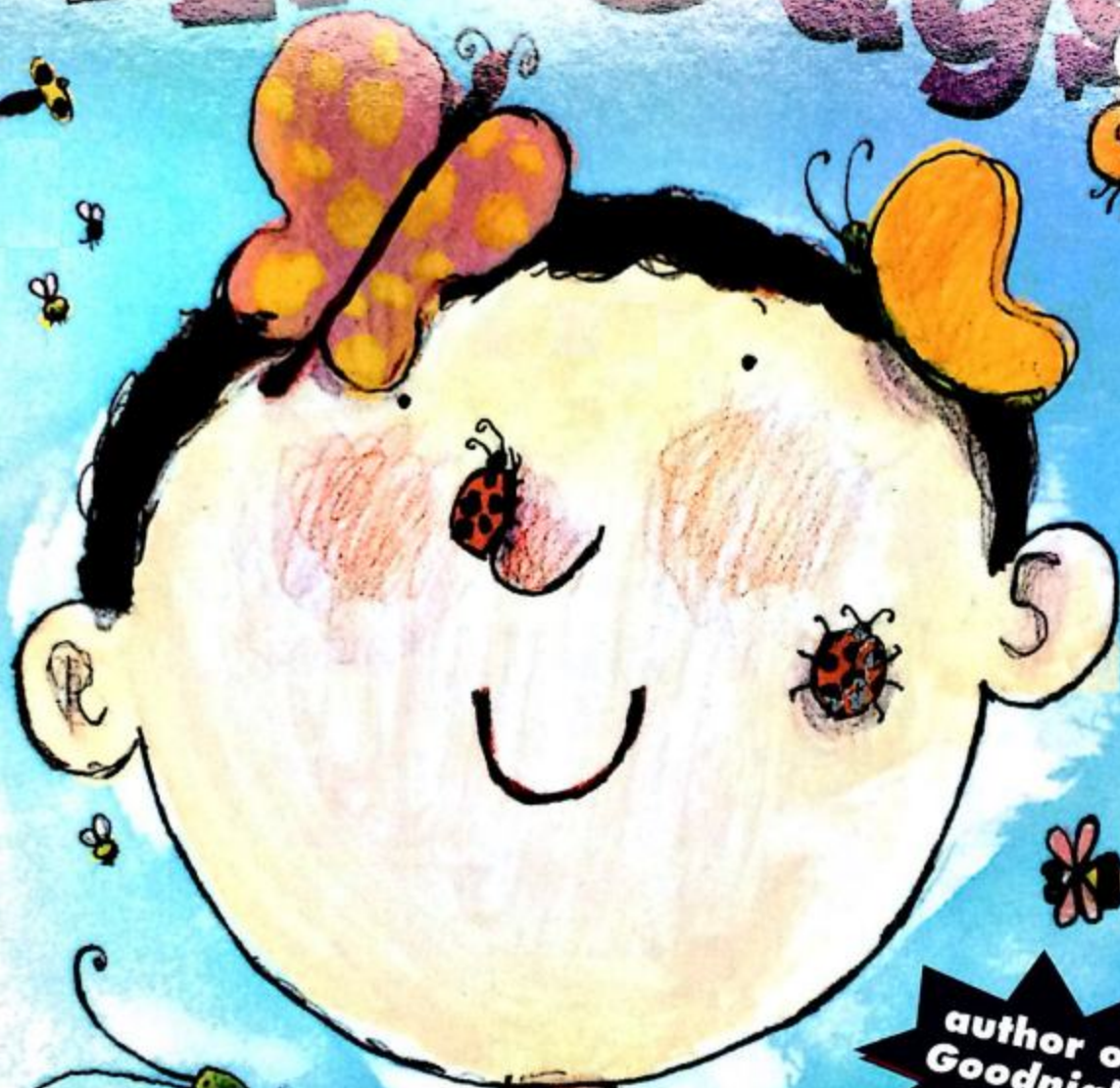
STEP INTO READING

ready to read

STEP

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I Like Bugs



author of
*Goodnight
Moon*

by Margaret Wise Brown
illustrated by G. Brian Karas

THIS BOOK BELONGS TO

your name here!

3 of my favorite books

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Here is a picture of me
after I finish a great book!

Dear Parent:

Congratulations! Your child is taking the first steps on an exciting journey. The destination? Independent reading!



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STEP INTO READING* is designed to give every child a successful reading experience. The grade levels are only guides. Children can progress through the steps at their own speed, developing confidence in their reading, no matter what their grade.

Remember, a lifetime love of reading starts with a single step!

I Like Bugs

To Zachary, who likes bugs
—G.B.K.

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I like bugs.



Black bugs.



Green bugs.



Bad bugs.



Mean bugs.



Any kind of bug.



A bug in a rug.



A bug in the grass.



A bug on the sidewalk.



A bug in a glass.



I like bugs.



Round bugs.



Shiny bugs.



Fat bugs.



Buggy bugs.



Big bugs.



Lady bugs.




I like bugs.



















About the Author



Margaret Wise Brown liked bugs. In summertime as a child, she liked to catch fireflies after dark. Margaret and her younger sister, Roberta, would bring the magical bugs indoors and fall asleep watching them blink on and off like stars. A star show in a jar!




Margaret liked to listen to bugs. As an author, she put the sounds that bugs make—the bee's *Bzzzzzzzzz* and the cricket's *Ticka ticka ticka ticka*—into her stories and poems. In *The Country Noisy Book* she


slyly hints that when the katydid—a cricket-like insect—rubs its wings together to produce its very own shrill sound, it is telling us a story. *Katydid katydidn't katydid katydidn't.*

Margaret liked to watch bugs, too. Watching with her keen, quick gray-green eyes, she saw the colors and shapes of the bugs around her. She saw the ladybug's polka-dot pattern and the beetle's shiny back.


In *I Like Bugs*, she tells about many kinds of bugs: black bugs, green ones, bad bugs, mean ones. But have you ever met a bad bug?




Do you think you'd like it if you did?




Most of all, Margaret Wise Brown liked bugs because they are bugs: a part of our world and a part of the "wild green world" of nature.



What kind of bug is your favorite?




—Leonard S. Marcus



Leonard S. Marcus is a well-known biographer and historian, and the author of Margaret Wise Brown: Awakened by the Moon.

If you know the alphabet and are ready to read, look for these Step into Reading books:



ALL BETTER
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BARBIE: ONE PINK SHOE ☆
BEAR HUGS
THE BERENSTAIN BEARS:
BIG BEAR, SMALL BEAR
THE BERENSTAIN BEARS
GO IN AND OUT
THE BERENSTAIN BEARS
GO UP AND DOWN
THE BERENSTAIN BEARS
IN THE HOUSE OF MIRRORS
THE BERENSTAIN BEARS RIDE
THE THUNDERBOLT
BIG EGG
BOATS!
CAT TRAPS
CINDERELLA'S COUNTDOWN
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DUCKS IN MUCK
FLY, DUMBO, FLY! ○
THE GREAT RACE >
HAPPY ALPHABET ◆
HOT DOG
I LIKE BUGS
I LIKE STARS

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MOUSE MAKES WORDS ◆
MOUSE'S HIDE-AND-SEEK WORDS ◆
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PIG PICNIC
PIGLET FEELS SMALL ○
THE PUP SPEAKS UP ◆
SAY CHEESE!
SEE THE YAK YAK
SIX STICKS ◆
SLEEPY DOG
THE SNOWBALL
THE SNOWMAN
SUNSHINE, MOONSHINE
SWEET POTATO PIE
THERE IS A TOWN
THOMAS AND PERCY AND
THE DRAGON >
TOO MANY DOGS
WATCH YOUR STEP, MR. RABBIT!
WHEELS!

- ☆ A Barbie Reader
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◆ A Math Reader
◆ A Phonics Reader
> A Thomas the Tank Engine Reader

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It's time for YOU!
Pick your favorite
spot to read.
This is going to be
a great book!

What this book is about...

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