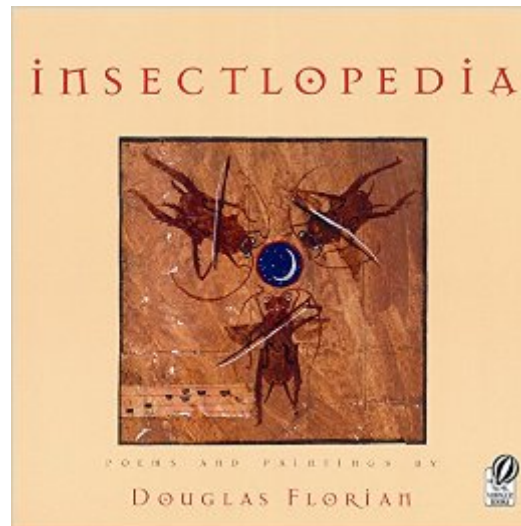


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# Insectlopedia



## Synopsis

• Mosquitoes are thin./Mosquitoes are rude./They feast on your skin/For take-out food. • Children will delight in the playful language and hilarious illustrations while they learn about twenty-one insects that will bug or beguile them. From swooping dragonflies and twirling whirligig beetles to marching army ants and feasting mosquitoes, here is one pest infestation you'll welcome into your home!

## Book Information

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Age Range: 6 - 9 years

Grade Level: 1 - 4

## Customer Reviews

As a children's author myself, I look at a LOT of picture books each year. INSECTLOPEDIA was one I simply had to have. The poems and art are equally witty, and it seems to me the perfect gift book, to be enjoyed and appreciated by children (and adults) of all ages. Every time I show it to someone, we find something new to delight us in the art work. A wonderful book!

This is a book of poems about insects. The poems are great; their content is funny and rhythmic. Through the poems we learn about the various insects. Some have very creative text formatting such as the inchworm; the text is shaped like a humped-up inchworm. The illustrations are very creative collages that are unique compared to most other children's books. I began reading this when my first son was 2 years old and he loved the poems then and he loves them now. Neither of

my children are otherwise very interested in reading about insects but this book captures their interest and they laugh hysterically at some of these poems. After reading these they have found some of the more unusual insects such as the walking stick outdoors and called it to my attention. We've owned the book for 3 years, every once in a while my now-5 year old will find it and get excitedly proclaim "we haven't read this in a long time" and begs me to read it again (and again and again). Some of the insects featured are the inchworm, tick, walking stick, praying mantis, monarch butterfly, daddy long legs spider and army ants. The poems are so much fun I don't mind reading the entire book two or three times in a row. A fun book to read to young children. This is good reading for just plain fun or to introduce poetry or to enhance learning about insects and nature.

Florian created a wonderful book of poems that captured the youthful joy and enchantment of the insect world. Each poem is unique and the accompanying illustrations are whimsical and fun. Both parents and children will love this book.

I read this book while sitting in the Dr.'s office this week. It was not only fun to read, but educational as well. At 27 I learned some interesting things about insects! And the illustrations are outstanding, especially for adults who can look further into the artwork.

I was helping my 11 year old son with his Boy Scout reading merit badge. He needed to read different types of books and was adamant about hating poetry. We went to the library and found this book. Twenty-one poems and paintings, each about a different, specific insect. All the way home he was "Mom, listen to this one. Mom, you've got to see this picture. Mom, look at the way the poem is written in the shape of the insect!!!" We quickly shared it with two older sisters and two younger brothers. We loved the poems and artwork so much we immediately ordered our own copy. The poems are witty, humorous, include words to raise your child's vocabulary, and they are just plain FUN!

We have been checking out Insectlopedia from the library for years. My oldest could recite most of the poems in the book at one point, and would drop into spontaneous poetry recitations at a moment's notice. So when I chanced to remember the book in conversation, I knew it was one I should put on our shelves permanently. It's as delightful now as it was then, and clearly we've got to get copies of all of his other poetry books soon :)

Great Poems to read to my five year old, instead of the "normal" books. If you are running late on the bedtime, (which I do sometimes) this is a great "go to" book. Read a couple of poems for story time, and it's off to bed!

The rhythms of Florian's poems are amazing. Children are mesmerized. Especially recommend "Daddy Longlegs." Big fan of his artwork too. Far as I am concerned, you couldn't go wrong with any of his books.

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