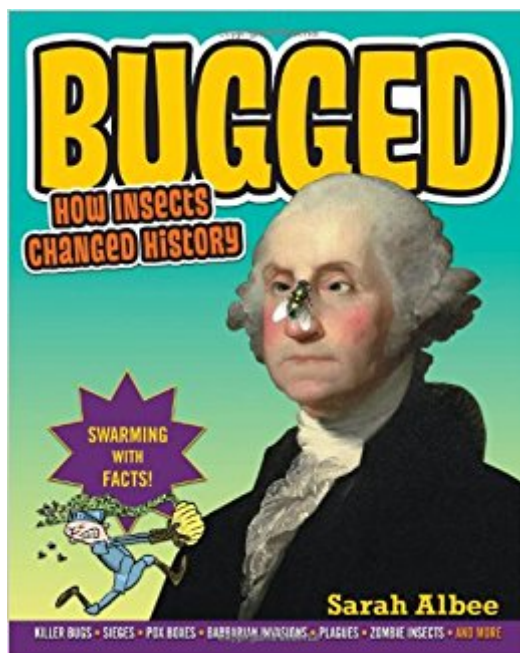


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Bugged: How Insects Changed History



Synopsis

There are about ten quintillion insects in the world-and some of them have affected human history in tremendous ways! For as long as humans have been on earth, we've co-existed with insects . . . for better or for worse. Once you begin to look at world history through fly-specked glasses, you begin to see the mark of these minute life forms at every turn. Beneficial bugs have built empires. Bad bugs have toppled them. Bugged is not your everyday history book. From the author and illustrator team behind kid-favorite Poop Happened! A History of the World from the Bottom Up, this combination of world history, social history, natural science, epidemiology, public health, conservation, and microbiology is told with fun and informative graphics and in an irreverent voice, making this one fun-to-read book.

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Customer Reviews

Gr 5-8 • The shock value alone makes this worth the cover price, but once kids are pulled in, they will learn more than they bargained for about the impact of insects on human history. Insects have determined the outcomes of wars and the paths of human migrations; they have brought plagues, provided strong fabrics, and sweetened our tea. Chapters are divided topically, beginning with the basics of insect life cycles, moving on to human hygiene and beneficial insects,

and then covering "bad news bugs," before tackling history from the "earliest epidemics" to current concerns in the relationship between humans and insects. This is history for those with a strong constitution, who aren't bothered by phrases such as "cockroach brain tissue," "crawling with maggots," and "bursting buboes" or by the idea of receiving 9,000 insect bites in a minute. With a green-and-purple design, reminiscent of a beetle, and black-and-white photos and cartoon illustrations, this is an attractive package full of hand-washing inducing facts. Overall, this title is astonishing, disgusting, revolting, and ultimately fascinating, making it perfect for emerging entomologists, budding historians, reluctant readers, and gross-out junkies alike. --Heather Acerro, Rochester Public Library, MN --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

From the author and illustrator of *Poop Happened!* (2010) comes a compendium of facts about insects and their role in shaping civilization. Malaria, yellow fever, typhus, and the plague have all played pivotal roles in history -- halting colonization and travel, felling armies, and even bringing entire empires to their bubo-covered knees -- and all of them are transmitted by bugs. Albee opens with the many ways insects are helpful to humans (as a source of food, in medical research), but those niceties belie the grossness that follows. Starting with evidence of insect-borne diseases in the Bible and ending with contemporary research and efforts to curb major epidemics, Albee follows a mostly chronological order, regularly interrupted by sidebars with fascinating facts about individual insects, scientists and policy makers, medical practices and discoveries, and infectious diseases. Thankfully, Leighton's mostly cartoon illustrations mean the visuals aren't scarily gross. Though there are a few missteps -- a warning about eating bugs found in the yard should really come before the recipe for chocolate-covered crickets -- this engrossing volume is jam-packed with enticingly gruesome world history. Grades 5-8. --Sarah Hunter

Interesting, funny, and deliciously gross, this book is a bug's eye view of human history. I especially love the section titles like "Evil Weevil," "Of Lice and Men," and "Global Swarming." What a great way to give kids a healthy dose of world history with some buggy facts on top. I can see this being a big hit with kids who like to be icked-out (i.e. boys).

This is perfect for 9 year olds who delight in grossing out either their mom or younger sisters - which

is why I bought it. The layout of the book is busy with all kinds of sidebars and footnotes and warnings not to read this thing or that because it might be disturbing. Of course what 9 year old worth their shorts is going to resist that kind of thing? I was disappointed that the book was not in color. Everything is done in a purple text and all the illustrations are that same purple. That's just me though. The 9 year old is hoping I'll buy the companion book, "Pooped" next.

Written for those of us young and older who are interested in seeing how culture, the times and science or lack of it can change history. Written in an interesting factual style with illustrations about the power of viruses, insects and environment over our lives - to save us or kill millions. Great gift .Good basis for conversation

What is more important for a child growing up than to develop a positive attitude about and fascination for Natural History.. "Bugged," an extremely well researched and beautifully presented history of insects helps to do this.

My grandson loved the book- was right at his level to understand - and for me - didn't talk down. Interesting book - to find out how the bugs affected people made my skin feel like I had creepy crawlies on me, lol. All in all, a very good book.

Gift for newly minted teacher's room. Love it!

My son & I love science! This was a great read for the both of us.

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