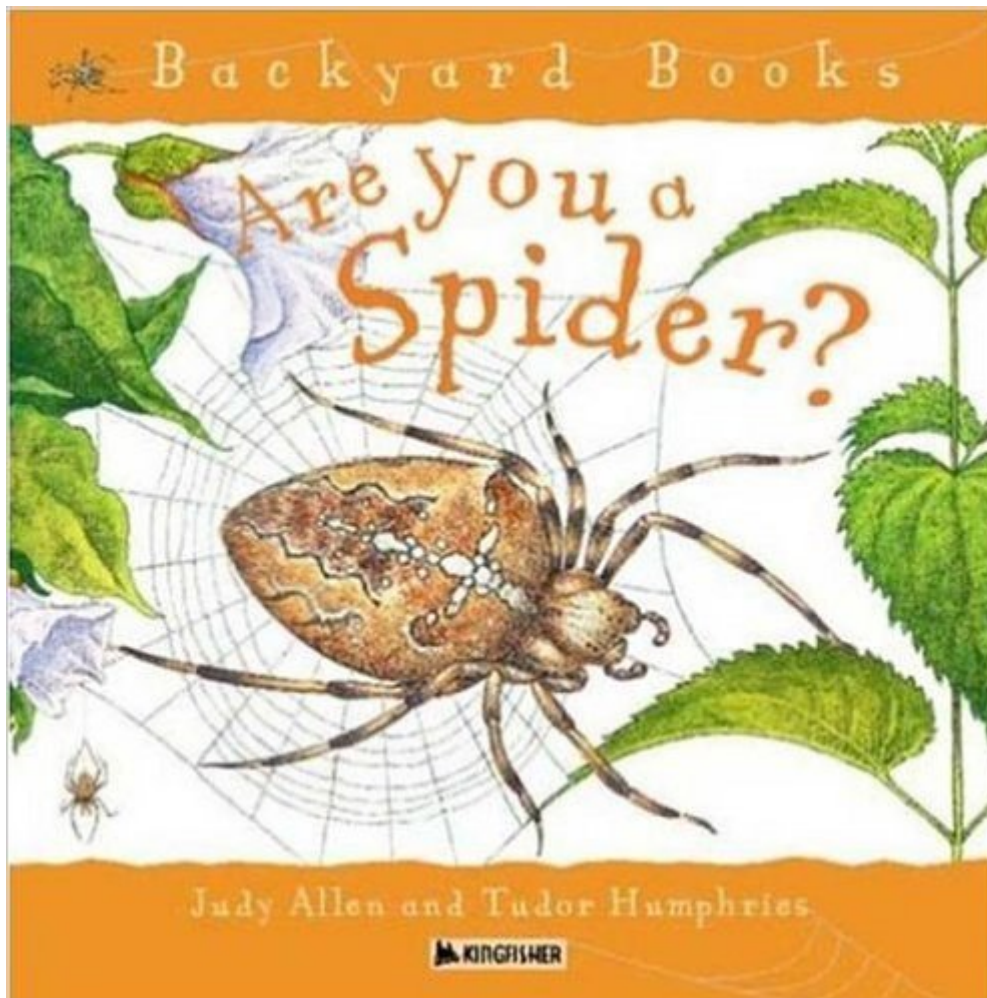


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Are You A Spider? (Backyard Books)



Synopsis

Did you know that when a spider's web is damaged, a spider will often eat the remaining silk before making a new one? Young children will make many amazing discoveries about spiders in the captivating Backyard Books: Are You a Spider? by Judy Allen with illustrations by Tudor Humphries.

Book Information

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Age Range: 5 - 8 years

Grade Level: Kindergarten - 3

Customer Reviews

These "Are you a...?" books all present sound backyard science in plain kid-speak, inviting early readers to enter the spider's world in a humorous and engaging way. My daughter, who's 6, and a beginning reader, loves the way these books don't talk down to her. They're easy, but not babyish -- just the right combination for building a love of reading that will last a lifetime!

"Are You a Spider?", by Judy Allen and Tudor Humphries, is a good book for children. The collaborators use a simple text and appealing, colorful illustrations to describe the lives of spiders. The text opens, "Are you a spider? If you are, your mother looks like this and spins webs." The reader is thus invited to put herself/himself into the spider's place. The book illustrates the process of building a web, and shows other essential aspects of a spider's life. Overall, a very informative and enjoyable book.

This line of children's books are amazing. Each one begins with the question, "Are you a Spider?" or slug or bee or whatever. It continues, "If you are, then you were born like this, and you grow up like such, and this is how you catch your food" and on through the life cycle. They are very simple to read, yet very educational and very funny. At the end the book concludes that the reader is, in fact, probably not a spider, but a human boy or girl, and, thankfully, will never, ever, have to wrap up a bug and eat it! The last 2 pages contain fun and interesting facts about spiders. After reading this one I immediately went out and bought every book in the series for my niece. They will be suitable to be read to children too young to read themselves, but also for children of all ages. This is the kind of book you will discover in your attic 20 years later, and still enjoy-re-reading.

I skipped the part that talks about poisonous spiders and the stinging bees bc I purchased it hoping to make my son fear bugs less. Other than that its a good book, more so informational than anything.

Another great installment of the "Are you a...?" series. My girls (ages 4 and 2) love this book, as well as the others. All of these books start by asking "Are you a spider?" (dragonfly, ladybug, snail, etc.), then go on to talk about how if you ARE said critter, then this is how you were born, how you grow, where you live, what you eat, and what eats you. Then it concludes by saying that if you look more like THIS (showing art of various kids), you are not a spider, but a human child. Each of these books follows a similar format, and each has good scientific information about the animal being discussed, as well as detailed, visually appealing art. The final "Did you know?" spread gives more general information about the animal and others of its kind. I appreciate it for its easy-to-understand science and how it helps the child relate to an animal that might not otherwise be so easy to relate to!

My son just learned to read and this book (along with others in the series) are great for new readers. Clear and large letters, not too many on one page, and the illustrations are vibrant and educational.

My son is a spider enthusiast, and is obsessed with them! We got him this book for Christmas and he loves it. It has nice pictures and helps explain the life of a spider in terms my four-year-old understands.

The children I presented the spider lesson to just LOVED the book!!! Most of the children from

several different age groups could tell how they were not spiders:) They were spontaneous to answer "no" to the facts in the book, as well as, ask their own questions. It certainly was a great way to introduce the topic of spiders. I am looking forward to reading it with my granddaughter who is 3 1/2 years old :)

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