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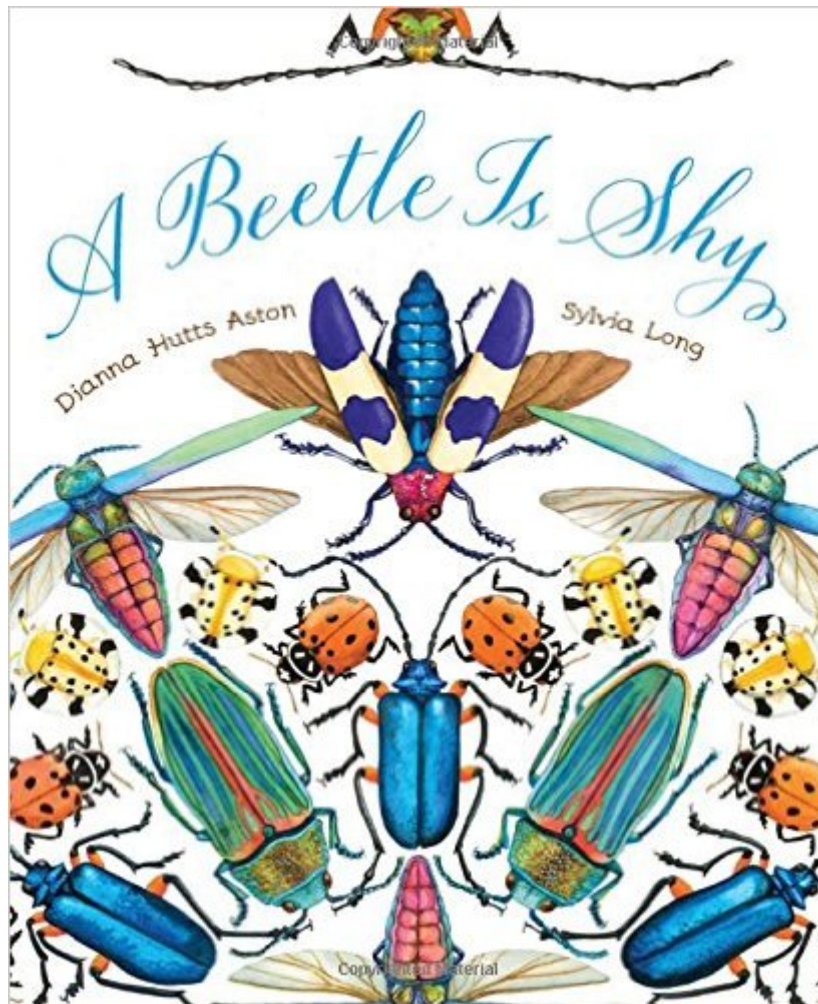
Synopsis

The award-winning duo of Dianna Hutts Aston and Sylvia Long team up again, this time creating a gorgeous look at the fascinating world of beetles. From flea beetles to bombardier beetles, an incredible variety of these beloved bugs are showcased here in all their splendor. Poetic in voice and elegant in design, this carefully researched and visually striking book is perfect for sparking children's imaginations in both classroom reading circles and home libraries.

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Customer Reviews

If you take a peek beneath that leaf, you just might see an egg case curled up alongside its veins. The beetle is hiding, perhaps even shy as œIt begins its life inside an egg ... / soft and wingless, tender, / protected by the roots of trees / and the undersides of leaves.â • If you were to have a window into the lifecycle of a convergent lady beetle you could follow it from the egg all the way to its life as an adult beetle. More than likely, that window doesnâ ™t exist, but if you look at the two-page spread in this book you can observe the transformation. Do you thing that pupa looks anything like the lady beetle you are familiar with?Lots and lots of beetles arenâ ™t very pretty, not pretty at all. â œWhile many beetles are black / or brown, some are â ˆiridescent,â ™ or / shimmery and rainbow-colored.â • There are all kinds of cool looking beetles including the cobalt milkweed beetle, the dead-nettle leaf beetle, the emerald ash borer, and the bumelia borer. They are all

beautiful and itâ ™s really hard to pick a favorite! Some beetles are â œcolossalâ • like the titan beetle while others like the North American featherwing are so small they are â œmicroscopic.â • The featherwing is so small that it â œcould pass through the eye of a needle.â • Imagine that!Beetles have that yuk factor and no one would want to eat them. Wrong! Around the world many are â œeaten by humansâ • because they are â œprotein-richâ • and quite tasty. They are roasted, fried, and in Vietnam thereâ ™s such a thing as â œcoconut tree beetle larvae soup!â • In this book youâ ™ll learn about all kinds of beetles from the diggers to the runners and the hoppers. Oh, and some of them swim too.

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