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My Awesome Summer By P. Mantis



Synopsis

“May 17: I was born today! It’s a beautiful, sunny spring day!” • This is the diary of P. Mantis, one of 150 brothers and sisters born on a garden bush. P. Mantis is an amazing insect: she can make herself look like a stick to hide from predators, she can swivel her head all the way around, and when she’s grown up, she’ll even be able to fly! Told in dated entries, P. Mantis describes the entirety of her life, sharing the fun and beauty of her world as well its little ups and downs (“I ate one of my brothers. Okay, maybe two.”). With bold, beautiful art and a text both humorous and scientifically accurate, *My Awesome Summer* by P. Mantis introduces young children to the life cycle of a familiar insect.

Book Information

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Age Range: 4 - 8 years

Grade Level: Preschool - 3

Customer Reviews

Paul Meisel is an award-winning author and illustrator for children. His *SEE ME RUN* (Holiday House, 2012) was voted a Theodore Seuss Geisel Honor book! Paul lives and works in Connecticut, where Paul and his wife and raised their three grown sons. Paul spends most days working in his studio, which has a nice view of the woods and the backyard--often filled with deer, turkeys, an occasional coyote, and once in a great while, a bobcat.

This is a fabulous book to use both for the purpose of pure joy and for little ones who love to explore

the creatures of the field! P. Mantis is a funny-looking fellow! Paul's illustrations are fabulous...beautifully rendered, yet whimsical and fun! This is a great read for kids in the classroom, mainly b/c it has so many layers that they can return to again and again. But...as a teacher of writing, I see so many uses as a mentor text. Written from the point of view of P. Mantis...hmmm, what a captivating way to teach kids voice and perspective! My Awesome Summer, hopefully will be followed by many other great books--written from nature's point of view by Paul! PM and PM...one and the same?! So great!

Adults and older children will get the humor. Younger children will learn from the information given.

Very informative and pleasing book of learning facts for all ages.

Lovely book. My 5-year old granddaughter and her 8-year old sister loved it.

beautiful illustrations, cleverly written

It was a cute story, but when Mr. Mantis explains how he had to "eat" a few of his brothers... well, it kind of freaked out my four year old grandson. Still it was a cute story.

This is an interesting look at something we may seldom think about...a praying mantis and their life cycle. Written in the voice of P. Mantis and in journal format you are taken through time with the praying mantis from birth to fall when she takes a long rest. My kids could not believe that P. Mantis ate a few of her brother's and were a bit grossed out by that fact. But then they were fascinated by all the ways that the praying mantis could change its appearance to hide from possible predators. The illustrations are bold and colorful and the text simple, humorous and engaging. Kids will be fascinated by the extra facts in the front and back cover because they give us a ton of extra information. There are also websites that can direct interested readers to sites about praying mantises. Such an unusual book, but one that was both interesting and fun to read.

bought this book after seeing the review in the NY Times. Such a funny book, with great illustrations! It's a very informative story...not ashamed to say that I learned a lot about these interesting insects myself ;)

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