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Small Wonders: Jean-Henri Fabre And His World Of Insects





Synopsis

A moth with a sixth sense. A wasp that hunts beetles nearly twice its size. The lives of fascinating creatures such as these were unknown until one man introduced them to the world.Meet Jean-Henri Fabre, one of the most important naturalists of all time. As a boy in the French countryside, Henri spent hours watching insects. He dreamed of observing them in a new way: in their own habitats. What he discovered in pursuing that dream was shocking; these small, seemingly insignificant creatures led secret livesâ "lives of great drama!With its lively, lyrical text and richly detailed illustrations, this intriguing picture-book biography introduces the man who would forever change the way we look at insects, bringing to life the fascinating world of dazzling beetles, ferocious wasps, and other amazing small wonders that exist all around us.

Book Information

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Customer Reviews

Excellent pictures on the same page as the text makes for a good e book. This was a good story too. A boy from France observing insects growing into an interesting man. My 6 year old son liked it and so did I.

Summary: Back in the early 1900â Â™s, an eccentric old man lived in a village in France. His

neighbors watched him squatting in the sun for hours to watch beetles, and marveled that he would pay children to gather dead moles and lizards to attract flies. Imagine their surprise when a procession of cars came to their quiet village one day, and out of one of them stepped the President of France! Turns out the old man was Jean-Henri Fabre, a scientist whose lifelong passion was studying insects. Other scientists had written about dead insects from faraway places, but Fabre was more interested in the bugs he saw in the fields and woods around him. He liked to study the live ones to learn about their behavior. Then he wrote about them in books so beautiful that the President of France came to his house to let him know he had been nominated for a Nobel Prize in Literature. While Fabre is little known today outside of France, his work influenced Darwin and inspired generations of naturalists. Grades 2-5.Pros: This is an engaging biography of a little-known scientist, which includes a lot of interesting information about insects. The illustrations capture the amazing insects Fabre loved as well as his wide-eyed wonder of them from his childhood through his nine decades of life.Cons: This is long for a picture book and best suited to older elementary students.

I think it is pretty challenging to find children's books that are well written and have beautiful artwork. This book has both. I read the first page and was fascinated enough to read through the entire thing before sitting down to read it with my younger kids. My older ones picked it up and read it on their own. We all loved it!

After reading Fabre's Insects, I HAD to get this book to read to my son. I'm glad I did. It is richly illustrated and the story is great. It's a bit wordy for a 2-year old, but he loved the illustrations. As he gets older, he'll have the attention span for the story.

The art work & substance of this story book would prepare k-8 graders for the many books by Fabre. Those public domain books don't have the art work that is included here, but have incredible substance. Knowing more about his life makes his stories about the natural world easier to connect with for nature study with children.

We should always have trust in animals and believe what you see never be foolish and lose trust in animals around your neighborhood do visit the nearby park at your house if you live in Singapore try visiting the botanic gardens I would recommend this book to homeschoolers. A good way to introduce some science and a little history. Enjoyed this book a lot. Loved the illustrations.

It is rare we get a children's book that teaches kids about unknown scientist (to us layman) in a playful and intelligent way!!

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