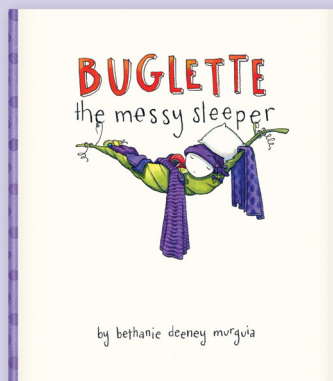


Buglette the Messy Sleeper is a picture book for the youngest readers. Whimsical watercolor illustrations of a ladybug family and an endearing story about being different, dreaming big, and learning to be brave will appeal to children—messy sleepers or not.

Praise for *Buglette the Messy Sleeper*

“A small creature becomes the big hero in this picture book about a bug who saves the day. Children...will savor the little bug’s final, victorious standoff.”—*Booklist*

“I LOVE this book and so does my granddaughter. The text and illustrations suit each other perfectly. A book that appeals to both kids and adults is a delight and a treasure.”—*Mary Azarian, Caldecott Medalist*



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Bethanie Deeney Murguia earned a BA from the University of Rochester and an MFA in Illustration from the School of Visual Arts in New York City. While in New York, she worked as an art director for Hearst Magazines. These days she can be found in Sausalito, California, where she lives with her family of messy sleepers and a fifty-pound lap dog.

Keep an eye out for Bethanie’s 2012 and 2013 titles from Arthur A. Levine Books/Scholastic (*Zoe Gets Ready*) and Random House Children’s Books (*Snippet, the Early Riser*)!



View the *Buglette* video trailer and learn more about Bethanie online at: aquapup.com

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Readings & school visits

Bethanie is available for readings and school visits.

Kid-centric fun at readings

Interactive props and activities:

- Buglette doll
- Leaf pads for children to sit on
- Art projects including:
 - Coloring
 - Rubber stamps
 - Collage projects
- A peek into Bethanie's illustration process



School visits

Bethanie's presentations introduce children to a range of tools for self-expression. She uses interactive exercises to explore the importance of observation, awareness, and detail in conveying an idea. Her programs can be tailored to any age, although her books are aimed primarily at ages three through seven.

Programs:

WHAT IS AN IDEA?

A presentation for elementary school students about ideas, how they are generated, and the many ways in which they can be shared with others.

BOOK STEW

A workshop in which children choose character and action "ingredients". Then, along with Bethanie, they "cook" up a story.

BEDTIME

An interactive presentation for preschool and kindergarten age children about sleeping, dreaming, and bedtime rituals.

