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the role they play in our ecosystem. Not only is the dialogue delightful, but there is an important lesson in every story that can be used in puppet shows as well as read aloud. I found the guides for constructing the puppets to be very user friendly as well. Great book for educators and camp leaders! 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. What a delight! This book is an incredibly creative collection of ...By DanaWhat a delight! This book is an incredibly creative collection of plays/stories that give a voice to our much misunderstood insect population. It engages the reader, and not doubt an audience, while teaching one about the life of insects. This is a great resource for environmental education centers, schools, camps, kids clubs, and families. There are photos of handmade puppets provided which offer an additional level of engagement with kids...making the puppets. The author does a beautiful job of making the lives of insects fascinating and promoting creativity and fun into learning with the producible plays.

ANTS TALK . . . NO, REALLY THEY DO. BUT IN BUGS@PLAY, A COLLECTION OF PUPPET PLAYS PERFECT FOR THE CLASSROOM, SO DO BUTTERFLIES, LADYBUGS, CORN EARWORMS, BEETLES, COCKROACHES AND MORE. THERES EVEN A SINGING GRASSHOPPER. BY LEARNING ABOUT THEMSELVES AND SOLVING BUG-SIZED PROBLEMS, ANN BLUMS CHARMING CHARACTERS TEACH STUDENTS ABOUT HOW TO IDENTIFY INSECTS, THE INSECT LIFE CYCLE, INSECT DEFENSE STRATEGIES, AND EVEN THE WAYS THAT SOME INSECTS MAKE THE WORLD A BETTER PLACE FOR PEOPLE TO LIVE IN. ITS A GREAT WAY TO COMPLEMENT AN ELEMENTARY GRADE SCIENCE CURRICULUM WITH FUNSEAMLESSLY BLENDING IN LESSONS IN VOCABULARY SKILLS AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT. THE ANTS, BY THE WAY, TALK IN A LANGUAGE OF CHEMICAL SCENTS, EACH WITH ITS OWN PARTICULAR MESSAGE. BUT LET THEM TELL YOU ABOUT IT. AUTHOR BLUM INCLUDES HELPFUL LESSON NOTES TO AID TEACHERS AND PUPPET ARTISTS IN TALKING TO KIDS ABOUT THE INSECTS DEPICTED IN EACH PLAY.

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