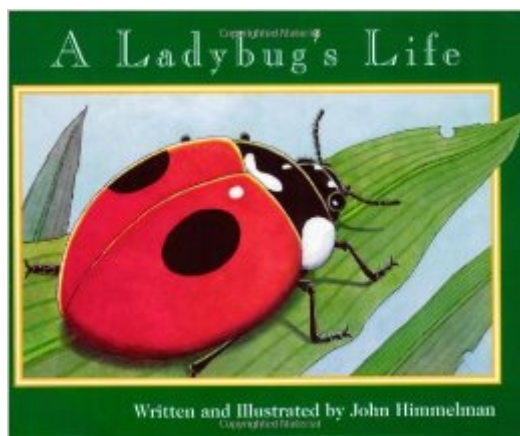


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# A Ladybug's Life (Nature Upclose (Paperback))



## Synopsis

Strikingly original watercolors depict each creature's world from its unique perspective. Simple text describes the creatures' movements and activities.

## Book Information

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Age Range: 5 - 8 years

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## Customer Reviews

This small book of 32 pages describes the life and lifecycle of the Adalia Bipunctata or Ladybug beetle. Except for one brief description, which is probably for parents, it has one simple sentence per page, such as "In the early spring, a ladybug lays her eggs on a leaf."I can not speak to the difficulty these sentences might present to newer readers as my children are not reading yet, but the book does contain the following words: aphid, crane fly, larva, mealybug, pupa, robberfly and beetle. The story takes us through the seasons: from early spring where a ladybug is flying away from a leaf where she has laid eggs; to late spring where an emerging larva soon begins devouring aphids. This larva soon changes into a pupa from which a new ladybug emerges. This summer beetle then goes in search of food and has some adventures in which she barely escapes being lunch to a warbler and a praying mantis. Other bugs are eaten by the way. I mention this because some children might find this distressing. Finally, the ladybug looks for a mate. Nothing objectionable for children here, in my opinion, and the next page shows our beetle laying her own eggs. Then

everyone hibernates over the winter. Overall a nice story about the life of a ladybug.

"A Ladybug's Life" is written and illustrated by John Himmelman. The text and pictures look at the life cycle of a ladybug, including hatching, metamorphosis, and eventual egg-laying. The book includes a glossary of terms ("aphid," "larva," etc.). Himmelman has crafted some wonderful images: golden ladybug eggs clustered on a green leaf, a ladybug dwarfed by a fierce looking preying mantis, and more. The artist brings to vivid life a world of savage beauty--it's like looking at an exotic science fiction landscape. The book shows predation and evasion of predation, but is not gory and deals with these realities of insect life in a matter-of-fact way. This book is another triumph for the talented Himmelman, who has created in these pages a world that is rich in color, action, and drama.

I had ordered this book as a companion to the Insect Lore Ladybug Land, mainly because the Ladybug Land page had a "buy together" link. Since the Ladybug Land seems fairly educational, I figured the book would be too. I was wrong. The book is very, very simple. If you "look inside" the book, you see a page with some interesting facts on it. I was hoping the whole book would be more like that. Instead, it was one basic sentence per page. We actually learned more from the one-page paper/care instructions that came with our Ladybug Land than we did from this book. I will continue to look for a companion book for our next batch of ladybugs that we order for our Ladybug Land.

This along with the Insect Lore Ladybug Land was the perfect gift for my 3 1/2 year old daughter for Easter. We both have enjoyed this!! I love that my daughter learned from the book and keeps asking me if the ladybugs are "pupa" yet. I would highly recommend both of these and together.

I gave this book to my son, who had just turned 2 in the spring when ladybugs were all over our dill and fennel, and now, 6 months later, it is still one of his favorite books! The illustrations are nice and large, the length of the book is just right for a toddler and mommy doesn't tire of reading it, either! Pretty simple and straightforward, perfect for a 2 year old.

You know, when I read Are You a Ladybug, which I read just prior to this, I didn't think the subject could get any simpler...and I was wrong. This book is, in fact even simpler. It contains much the same information, starting out with a paragraph (on the back of the title page) about the Two-Spotted Lady Bug Beetle, which you can read (I think it's aimed at parents) and from there

each page contains one very simple sentence and is accompanied by one very large (but deliciously colorful) illustration. What this book lacks that *Are You a Ladybug* had was a slightly more complex look at the metamorphosis that the Ladybug Larvae go through (i.e. that they split out of their skin multiple times before finally morphing into the form we are most familiar with). It does take the reader (or listener) through the entire lifecycle of the ladybug and even goes into some of the dangers they face in navigating through the world, but never fear parents of very young children, all ends well in this story. Overall I give it 4 stars, this is strictly for very young children (ages 2-5) who are curious about those flying red bugs they see outside in the spring. A good starter book for kids and a nice breakaway from reading story books for parents who are reading aloud to their small children several times a day.

Teacher approved! Used this as a read aloud book with the class during a ladybug study. The book would probably be a bit difficult for students to read on their own but lots of great vocab

I like this but gave it 4 stars because my husband doesn't like how the ladybug has to run from danger and death on almost every page and then finds a mate at the end. haha So if you're squeamish about reading to little kids about issues like this then you might not like the book either.

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