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Doreen Cronin and *Harry Bliss*, the team behind the #1 bestselling *Diary Of A Worm*, spin a hilarious tale about the upside-down web world of an eight-legged charmer and his unlikely friend, Fly.

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Hapzydeco says

Even the non-reader will be wowed by the illustrations. Reads just like a diary. The vacuum drills will remind the grandparent reader of the nuclear drills of the '50s.

Mariah Roze says

My students really enjoyed Diary of a Worm, so they voted on reading this book. This is a diary of a spider.

The spider is a lot like a human with just different fears. He goes to gym class and has Grandparents' Day at school. But he also spins sticky webs, scales walls, and takes wind-catching lessons.

Kymberly says

Ewwwe. I found a spider today and what do the kids want to read this book about spiders. It was kind-of funny but really icky. The kids thought it was good!

Kelly says

In my book, any story that includes (or results in) all of the following things MUST receive five stars:

1. Makes me laugh -- out loud -- more than once and often more than once per page.
 2. Involves anyone whose response to a vacuum cleaner is, like mine, to run screaming from the room.
 3. Features a grandfather who looks like Indiana Jones (the spider version).
 4. Includes a very believable (and cringe-worthy) illustration of an insect as President in the Oval Office.
 5. Supports cross-species friendship.
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Peacegal says

Diary is a gem with a genuine sense of humor that both children and adults will appreciate. The detailed illustrations truly bring to life a spider's-eye view of the world. Like its predecessor, *Diary of a Worm*, *Spider* imparts gentle lessons about respecting even the tiniest forms of life.

Brittany Watts says

This book is a picture book. this book is intended for children ages 4-10. Diary of a spider is about a spiders daily life and what its like to be a young spider learning things everyday. I rated this book with 5 stars.

Firstly, because the illustrations are great and that's what makes a picture book a picture book. Also, I like how the book states at the end we shouldn't all hate spiders just because some of them bite. It also states if we took the time to get to know each other we would get along just fine. This is a great way to discuss discrimination in our society today and why we should all get along. this book shows children large or small black or white everyone can get along and be treated equally.

Jerrica says

I found this book super adorable! This book was basically what the title says. This book can make children interested into bugs and insects especially spiders. It teaches that not all spiders are bad. I liked how they incorporated a fly because as most people know that spiders eat flies.

In the end papers the illustrator added Polaroid type pictures that had little descriptions at the bottom for example Charlotte's Web being the main character's favorite book or a picture of a trampoline made out of twigs and spiders web. On the forth to the last page, placement style of the image and text was different because instead of being normally horizontal, everything was on its side. Other than that, I found this book interesting and amusing to read. I wouldn't mind reading this book again.

Nate says

This is another great book we picked up today from our library. I'd never read any books in the Diary of a... series, but I'm definitely going to check out the others. This is such a creative book about the concerns of a young spider. The drawings are so funny, and you can tell the author put a lot of thought into what the world is like from the spider's point of view. In one of his diary entries, the little spider writes about Safety Day at school and how he learned what to do in case he ever hears a vacuum. The next day, he writes about having a vacuum drill at school and forgetting the routine. He is able to maintain a friendship with a fly, despite the inherent problems. The humor in this book would be best appreciated by elementary-aged children, but my preschooler still loved reading it. Hey, he loves anything with spiders. :)

Eva Leger says

3.5 - The humor was by far the best part of this story. The illustrations aren't lacking in anyway but the humor tops everything. Julia (and I) both laughed out loud a few times. Why aren't I rating it higher then? I don't know. I asked Julia and she says 3 stars and I have to agree with her. I'm throwing in the .5 because we did laugh more than usual. I just can't give it 4 stars for some reason though.

Krista the Krazy Kataloguer says

This, along with Cronin's two other diary books (fly, worm) are perfect introductions to the concept of the diary for young children. And the stories are cute too!

Tatiana says

What does a young spider have to say in his diary? Oh, the usual--including his friendship with a fly and his fear of people with big feet. I will be using *Diary of a Spider* as a mentor text to introduce personal journal writing to my first-grade group. I'm capitalizing on the journal text features (date, illustrations, titles) and the delightful, funny voice of the narrator. I can't wait to teach this lesson.

Dani - Perspective of a Writer says

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To be honest I knew my nephew would ADORE this book as much as he did the diary of a fly book we read from the same series. I'm not a fan of the art though it does suit the almost comic style of the diary. The facts were expertly woven into the story. Frankly the Fly book is the best of the three but I can see that the author is increasing in understanding about what a child wants with his fun facts...

We actually don't see much of worm in this book... which is shocking to me considering the three seem fast friends in the final book! Probably for the best we read these out of order. Part of their charm is that you know what the story is like even if you are going through spider facts this time...

My favorite was how he reacted to the vacuum cleaner!

BOTTOM LINE: Fun facts about spiders!

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Heidi says

Grades K-3
Kirkus Editor's Choice

This follow-up to "Diary of a Worm" will make kids and adults roll with laughter. The personified spider, friend of worm and fly, accounts the diary of his life in scrap book, diary format which includes pithy one-liners like, "Went to the park with my sister today. We tried the seesaw. It didn't work." The illustrations magnify the humor of the punch lines, playing with perspective and poking fun at humans.

This would be a great addition to a text set about spiders for second or third graders, who would be

motivated to read this hysterical book again and again. There is just enough content about spiders to spur questioning or confirm what kids already know. This could also be used as a model for kids to write their own satirical diaries.

Chance Lee says

Just as charming as *Diary of a Worm* (and featuring a Worm cameo), this book follows six months in the life of a rambunctious little spider. He plays tricks on people by weaving webs in water fountains. He hangs out with his best friend Fly instead of eating her. The book shows how spiders migrate by flying on the wind. And Spider has a little message to kids to not be afraid of spiders. I'm not afraid of spiders, but some of the illustrations with lots of spiders gathered in one place gave me the creepy crawlies! The illustrations are very detailed, like a "YooWho" bottle cap on the ground and a Spider-Man poster in Spider's room.

Kaethe says

Natasha loved these for the factual grounding of tiny critter life. I didn't mind reading them.
