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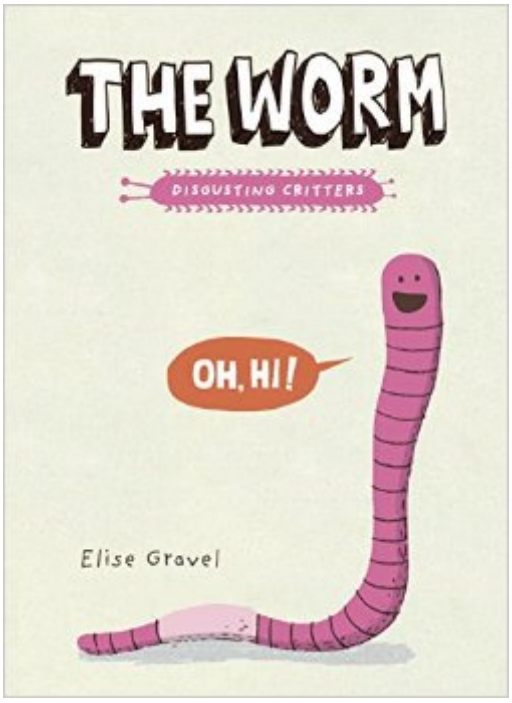

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Synopsis

The second in a series of humorous books about disgusting creatures, The Worm is a look at the earthworm. It covers such topics as the worm’s habitats (sometimes they live inside other animals), its anatomy (its muscle tube is slimy and gross), and its illustrious history (worms have been on Earth for 120 million years). Although silly and off-the-wall, The Worm contains factual information that ties in with curriculum.

Book Information

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Grade Level: 1 - 4

Customer Reviews

Slimy, pink, often seen with dirt or fishing hooks. What is it? The worm, of course! But how well do you really know them? Did you know that some worms can be as much as 115 feet long? Or that worms evolved with the dinosaurs? You’ll learn that and more in Elise Gravel’s book, The Worm.Gravel’s The Worm introduces children to the titular invertebrate with a series of interesting facts, accompanied by simple, charming artwork.Each two-page spread presents a fact about worms, along with artwork demonstrating--or commenting on--the text. For example, the description of how a worm moves ("Earthworms move by squeezing their muscles, causing their bodies to contract and expand.") is accompanied by a helpful illustration; when the text is less kind to the worm ("An earthworm is basically a long digestive tract inside a muscle tube. It’s that muscle tube that’s slimy and disgusting."), the worm doesn’t take it lying down, so to speak ("Hey! I am *not*

disgusting!").I enjoyed reading this book. The highlight is certainly the illustrations, but the book's educational content is interesting too, including some facts that even adults may not be familiar with ("many kinds of worms are hermaphrodites, which means they have both male and female reproductive organs").The Worm, a translation from the French (original title: Le ver), is part of Gravel's Disgusting Creatures series, the other entry in which is The Fly, to be published simultaneously. It's recommended for ages 6-9.Disclosure: this review is based on an advance copy received free for review.

In the tradition of "Diary of a Spider" and other tales, this book is funny and was great for my six year-old who really does not like worms. A short bed-time read, also good for read-aloud at school.

I thought "The Worm" was the perfect mix of educational information, silly dialogue, and cute illustrations. It's a good starter book for a young child without overwhelming them with too much information. The illustrations look hand drawn and they add just the right touch so that it makes learning fun. I plan to homeschool my son and I think the "Disgusting Critters" Series would be a perfect addition to his studies.

I love the illustrations and colors in this children's book. Gravel does a great job of making worms funny and even interesting, and there is great information here for kids. My almost 3-year-old son immediately said, "Read it again!" That's a winner for us.

The Worm is a humors fact-filled work of wormy goodness! The expressive illustrations are adorable, or as adorable as drawing of worms can be. Kids will learn from and love the informative text; a wonderful addition to any elementary classroom or library. I canâ ™t wait to check out the other books in this Disgusting Critters series.

My son loves these books! They are actually educational on top of being really fun to read. Kind of hilarious.

An entertaining and informative way to teach young children about worms. I will be checking out others in this series in the future.

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