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## **I Spy Fly Guy!** Tedd Arnold

The 7th book in the bestselling Fly Guy series--with fun foil covers!

When Fly Guy and Buzz play hide-and-seek, Fly Guy hides in his favorite place--the garbage can. But as Buzz finishes counting, the garbageman drives away with the garbage and Fly Guy, too! A very worried Buzz follows the truck to the dump, where he sees zillions of flies. Where is Fly Guy?!

Time after time, Buzz thinks he spies Fly Guy, only to be snubbed, boinked, or bitten. Then he realizes they've been playing a game. He yells, "I give up. You win!" And Fly Guy leaves his new hiding place--he was on top of Buzz's hat all along!

## **I Spy Fly Guy! Details**

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Author : Tedd Arnold

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## From Reader Review I Spy Fly Guy! for online ebook

### **Sarah Cho says**

Good transition book. This book had pictures and felt a lot like a picture book. The chapters within the book made it feel more mature and fit for a student who is in transition from picture books to chapter books. The story itself was great. The main concern is when Buzz loses Fly Guy in a swarm of other flies and struggles to find him.

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### **Ashley B. says**

This book would be a good book to introduce chapters to kids. There are only three in this chapter and they are pretty short. The pictures and the plot are easy to follow and is great for kids reading something a little longer and with more of a plot. There are plenty of pictures to help with the reading and they are well done. Since there are more books similar to this one, kids would be inspired to read even more the Fly Guy series.

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### **Roberto Bautista says**

I liked the book I learned a few words. For instance: fly guy, buzz, spied among other words.

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### **Morgan Seifert says**

Title: I Spy Fly Guy

Author: Tedd Arnold

Illustrator: Tedd Arnold

Genre: Early Reader

Theme(s): fiction

Opening line/sentence: A boy had a pet fly. He named him Fly Guy.

Brief Book Summary: Buzz and his pet Fly Guy play hide-and-go-seek but something goes wrong and Fly Guy hides in a trash can and gets taken away to the garbage dump.

Professional Recommendation/Review #1:

CLCD: Heidi Hauser Green (Children's Literature)

It is an unwritten rule of life: a boy and his pet should not be parted--even when that pet is a fly.

Unfortunately for Buzz and Fly Guy, that is just what happens when a game of hide-and-seek goes wrong in this seventh story of the Fly Guy series. The game begins with Fly Guy hiding in the garbage can--his usual hiding spot. When it is his turn to hide, Buzz ducks into the garden shed. A closed door is no real obstacle to the resourceful Fly Guy! Soon, it is his turn to hide. He heads for the garbage can again--not noticing the garbage collector on his route. Seeing the truck drive off with his friend, Buzz races into action. After a ride to the landfill, Buzz faces a daunting challenge: There are a zillion flies around. How will he ever find his friend? Tedd Arnold's unusual friendship tale has a happy ending--of course! A fly may be a peculiar best friend for a boy to have, but readers will be rooting for the pair to triumph. Skip Hinnant's narration strikes the perfect tone of hilarity and sincerity as he reads this simple tale. Emergent readers will be able to follow along--and laugh--with his rendition. The story plays twice on this disc, once with page-turn cues and once

without. 2009, Cartwheel Books/Scholastic, \$5.99. Ages 4 to 8.  
(PUBLISHER: Scholastic (New York:), PUBLISHED: c2009.)  
<http://www.clcd.com.ezaccess.librarie...>

Professional Recommendation/Review #2:

#### School Library Journal Reviews

PreS-Gr 2—Fly Guy and Buzz are back in this outrageously funny adventure told in three simple chapters. Fly Guy's propensity to hide in a garbage can when he and Buzz play hide-and-seek results in disaster. Fly Guy is carted off to the dump, and when the boy tries to find him, he is faced with a multitude of flies that look, act, and sound exactly like his pal. And every one of those flies can call his name—Buzz! Fortunately, the one and only Fly Guy thinks they are still playing the game. He has been hanging upside down from the visor of Buzz's cap, as close as any good friend can get. There's no mistaking Arnold's hilarious cartoon illustrations, and in this new addition to a popular series, there are plenty of them to enjoy.—Gloria Koster, West School, New Canaan, CT  
[Page 77]. Copyright 2008 Reed Business Information.  
<https://browse.nypl.org/iii/encore/re...>

Response to Two Professional Reviews: I agree that the text is easy to follow along for early readers. The illustrations that Arnold includes definitely does add a comical edge to the story that the reader would not get without the addition of the pictures. The chapters are very simple and do provide a simple text for early readers to read.

Evaluation of Literary Elements: This book incorporates most literary elements from Tunnell in this short book, but because of its length, it does not go into much detail at all with them. It does have a detailed conflict dealing with the disappearance of Fly Guy, which is the main focus of the story. With the addition of illustrations, it adds the detail for setting, characters, and conflict. Without the pictures much of the story would be missing/misunderstood.

Consideration of Instructional Application: The way I would integrate this into a lesson would be to have the student's pair up. In those pairs they would only look at the pictures of the story and based on what they read previously they would try to retell the story. Because this is for early readers, I think that practicing the strategy of retelling a story would be beneficial to the students.

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### **Junghyun Yoon says**

I think this book is good because this book doesn't have a lot of page, and second book has picture and easy sentence so it help understand story. And I like fiction story so i think this is good.

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### **RoneshaM says**

This book is a classic of mine. I grew up reading this series of the fly guy. The book is so simple and easy to understand with silly illustrations. It is a quick read which would be great for kindergartners to first grade. The text is simple and nice to read. The characters are so likably and it is just a tale of two odd friends. Granted Buzz is friends with a fly which may seem odd, but to each their own.

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## **Joan says**

I Spy Fly Guy is great for independent reading of beginning readers.

This series is about a very unusual friendship between a boy (Buzz) and his pet fly, Fly Guy. In this book, Buzz risks losing his friend forever when the garbageman dumps the trash in the garbage can Fly Guy was hiding in.

Sanitary issues aside (I can't help it), it's a wonderful, charming book about friendship - in particular, it highlights that a friend will go through anything for a friend in trouble, and that friendship makes the most ordinary on in a million.

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## **Megan McNutt says**

I liked this book because I thought the story of friendship between the boy and the fly was very cute. I think that kids will like how funny the story is because the fly almost gets left at the dump because the boy has to make sure he tells him that the game is over. I also think the kids will enjoy the illustrations in the book because they are simple but colorful.

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## **Peyton Matthews says**

I enjoyed this book. It was a cute story between two unlikely friends who end up getting separated but somehow find their way back to each other. The book has small 5-6 page chapters so I would recommend this book to children 4th grade and younger.

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## **Lisa Mason says**

1. The book is a 2010 Geisel honor book for controlled vocabulary.
2. This buddy book recounts the story of a young boy named Buzz and his pet fly. The boy and the fly play hide-and-seek but when Fly Guy hides in the garbage can, the garbage truck arrives. Buzz has to travel to the local dump to find his friend and finish their game.
3. a. Characterization b. I Spy Fly Guy is designed for the emergent reader. The size of the text is large and most pages contain only one or two sentences with plenty of white space. However, the cartoon-like illustrations add a wonderful depth of characterization to this limited text. c. The bond between Buzz and his pet fly is accented by his own oversized 'bug-eyes' and complex emotions like a sense of urgency, being overwhelmed and deep sadness are clearly developed through the expressions on Buzz's face. Buzz's smiling head shot takes up the whole of page 28 as the story concludes and Buzz and Fly Guy are reunited.
4. This book could be used for a lesson in teaching dialogue. Buzz's comments to Fly Guy and his dad are simple sentences with a variety of emotions. Students could identify examples from the text, discuss how they identified the dialogue and then write examples of their own using the same patterns of punctuation.

### **Megan Billick says**

Tedd Arnold is one of my favorite authors, he does a great job making his books very enjoyable for kids and he did not disappoint with this one. A great story about 2 friends playing and one needing help so the other jumped right in to save him. Super sweet story, big hit in my house.

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### **Angel Lederhause says**

My son thinks these books are funny but I don't care for them too much.

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### **Jennifer Davis says**

My 6 year old son recently borrowed this book from our local library.

I Spy Fly guy is book #7 in the series, but you do not have to read them in any order to understand them. Buzz and his pet fly, Fly Guy, are playing a game of hide and seek. Fly Guy hides in a trash can is accidentally carried off to the dump. Buzz hurries to the dump to find him. He finds several flies that he think might be fly guy, only to disappointingly find out they are not. Buzz decides to finish playing the game of hiding seek to find his pal Fly Guy.

Easy text with nice illustrations to go along with the story. My son loves Fly Guy. We have read this book several times. I don't know what it is about Fly Guy books that he loves so much, but he does and that is all that matters to me. We will be reading more Fly Guy books.

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### **Alicia says**

*I Spy Fly Guy* is the most recent book in Tedd Arnold's Fly Guy early reader series. I've loved Tedd Arnold's picture books (especially *Parts* and *More Parts*) with his simple, colorful drawings and bug eyed characters, so I was excited to read Fly Guy. The Fly Guy books are stories about a boy named Buzz and his pet fly (named Fly Guy). In *I Spy Fly Guy*, Buzz and Fly Guy are playing a game of hide and seek. When Fly Guy hides in a garbage can he is accidentally taken to the garbage dump, where Buzz must find him among thousands of other flies. Of course, in the end Fly Guy and Buzz reunite. The story is both sweet and humorous. The idea of a kid having a pet fly is comical (Buzz believes that Fly Guy is saying his name when he buzzes).

Amazon.com lists the intended age for this book as 4-8. This age range seems to be a bit broad as this book is for children who are just beginning to read. The text its very simple and there are no more than four lines per page. This book would appeal to both boys and girls, but boys may be more likely to identify with a little boy who keeps an insect as a pet. *I Spy Fly Guy* is short and the illustrations are bright and large enough that it could easily be read during a storytime for preschoolers. I would also recommend this book to any child who is just starting to read.

## **Megan Reed says**

Category/Genre: Picture Book/Easy Reader/Fiction

Copyright Date: 2009

Estimate of age level of interest: K-3

Estimate of reading level: grade 2

Brief description: A hide-and-seek game between Buzz and a fly leads to an unexpected adventure.

Two characteristics of picture books/easy readers/fiction that appear in this book:

1. A large font with widely spaced lines is used for the text in this book. In addition, ample white space in the margins and around illustrations help to focus a reader's gaze on the text.
2. Colorful illustrations throughout the book closely mirror the storyline both supporting comprehension of emerging readers and enhancing engagement for read-alouds.

In what ways and how well does the book as a whole serve its intended audience?

This book is effectively written and illustrated to reach its intended audience. The dialog is written with simple vocabulary and repetitive phrasing, i.e. "Do I spy fly guy?" which can foster independence and confidence in emerging readers. In addition, the familiar favorite hide-and-seek game of children that drives the plot makes it easy to connect with the story.

Awards:

ALA Notable Children's Books, 2010

Theodor Seuss Geisel Honor, 2010

Published reviews from professional sources:

Booklist, November 2009

School Library Journal, December 2009

Horn Book Magazine, April 2010

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