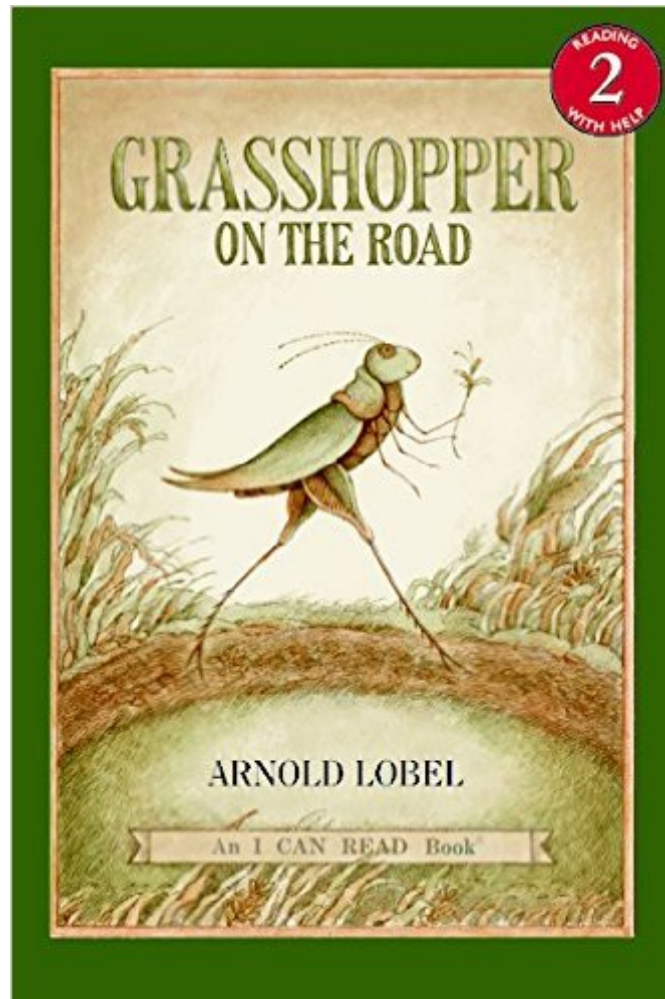


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Grasshopper On The Road (I Can Read Level 2)



Synopsis

As Grasshopper sets out to follow a road, he meets some unusual characters.

Book Information

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Age Range: 4 - 8 years

Grade Level: Kindergarten - 3

Customer Reviews

...I bought this book for my 7-year-old twins, who are home-schooled. The book's reading level is appropriate for end of first grade or beginning of second grade. They LOVED this book! Their favorite story was the Worm story, which STILL sends them into convulsions of laughter whenever they hear it. The book has also been the basis of discussion about intolerance, moving on from the face of loss, appeasing others to make them feel good, and other topics. All in all, the book was absolutely worth the price!

We originally bought this book on the way back from a road trip. My wife was reading as I was driving. My son (5) was watching my wife read it and laughing at her laughing. When we got home, he gave it to all the adults and watched for them to laugh as they read it to him. It is a cute, silly book, with a couple of good lessons. You will know someone who matches every character in this book. It's the best one I've come across so far. Right up there with Dr. Seuss.

I would recommend this book to anyone, both young and old. The grasshopper wants to go on a journey and he finds a road. On this road he encounters many insects different from himself. His meetings are funny and make you want to turn the page to see what he might encounter next. It is easy to read for early readers and is a cute and silly story that makes reading fun.

A grasshopper has six different encounters on his journey through the 57 pages of this book. In the first encounter, "The Club," he meets a group of beetles that enthusiastically rally for "morning," but become rather cross when they discover that the grasshopper loves "afternoon" and "night" too. In the second encounter, "A New House," the grasshopper comes upon a worm that lives in an apple, which suddenly begins to "roll down the road" and smashes "into a hundred pieces." The completely unfazed worm then crawls into "a new house," as if the previous home meant nothing at all. In the third encounter, "The Sweeper," the grasshopper runs into a housefly that is intent on sweeping "until the whole world is clean." In the fourth encounter, "The Voyage," the grasshopper comes in contact with a know-it-all mosquito that insists that the grasshopper use a "little boat" to cross a tiny "puddle" that the grasshopper could easily step over because "it is a rule" and "rules are rules." In the fifth encounter, "Always," the grasshopper, who does "something different every day of his life," meets three butterflies who "do the same thing at the same time each and every day." In the final encounter, "At Evening," the grasshopper comes across two dragonflies "zipping and zooming" around so rapidly that they "do not have time to look at" nature's wonders, as opposed to the grasshopper who is "happy to be walking slowly down the road" taking in everything. A child who has learned to read at age four will be able to handle this at age five and six, but will most likely not comprehend the intended satire and allegory.

I love Arnold Lobel's work and have many of his books for my 23 month old daughter. Grasshopper on the Road is more of the same simple, lovable stories you'd expect from Lobel, with one exception: In the first story, "The Club", the grasshopper runs across some beetles who are celebrating morning. When it comes out that grasshopper enjoys the afternoon and evening, too, the beetles turn on him and call him "stupid" and "dummy". I'm keeping the book, but will be covering those words and replacing them with something more suitable to young children. Other than that, the book is great.

This is a fantastic book!! Grasshopper has a strong sense of self and is not deterred or ruffled by the peer pressure or the overreaching overtures of his new "friends". He is polite and calm and friendly

throughout. Grasshopper replies to a few bossy butterflies who have decided that they want grasshopper to meet them at the same place and time every day FOREVER to talk about the same things over and over, FOREVER. "No, said grasshopper. I am sorry but I will not be here. I will be moving on. I will be doing new things. That is too bad,said the butterflies, We will miss you. Grasshopper, do you really do something different every day of your life?" "Always, said grasshopper. Always and always."

my son loves these books. it's always nice to get a series. he is on the autism spectrum and has struggled with reading so it's extra special that he was asking for the grasshopper book and enjoys reading the series!

I found Grasshopper on the Road to be a witty, slightly subversive story with ample political satire for adults as well as eing a delightful kiddy read. (My daughter is 4.) There's a bit of Animal Farm and Gulliver's Travels built in to the story - coming upon the rally of beetles who cheer Grasshopper on until they realize he doesn't accept their political beliefs - and then proceed to bash him... the Lilliputian mosquito who insists that "rules are rules" and demands to take Grasshopper across a little puddle in his tiny rowboat, while Grasshopper merely lifts up the whole boat and carries mosquito across in two steps... the butterflies who demand that mosquito vacate a particular mushroom on which he is sitting because that's where they take a dailiy rest on that particular one... the housefly with obsessive-compulsive disorder who can't stop cleaning and dusting, and so on. I've enjoyed Lobel's intelligent and ironic stories (including the misadventures of the happily gay couple, Frog & Toad), which kids love and which don't talk down to grown-ups! I'm just sorry that I discovered him as a grown-up myself.

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