



Adult Books

Miller, J. C. ***100 Butterflies and Moths: Portraits from the Tropical Forests of Costa Rica***. Cambridge, MA: Belknap Press of Harvard University Press, 2007.

100 Butterflies and Moths presents portraits of some of the 10,000 species estimated to inhabit the Guanacaste conservation area in northwestern Costa Rica. The photographs, taken by Jeffery Miller, and the accompanying, informative descriptions could serve as a field guide for a visit to the Costa Rican forest or be equally appealing to the armchair naturalist.

Schappert, Phillip Joseph. ***A World for Butterflies: Their Lives, Behavior and Future***. Buffalo, NY: Firefly Books, 2000.

With over 300 color photographs and drawings, *A World For Butterflies* is a lavishly illustrated guide to the world of butterflies providing a wide range of information about this colorful and graceful insect.

Cassie, Brian. ***A World of Butterflies***. New York: Bulfinch Press, 2004.

This small format book features exquisite full-page pictures of 200 butterflies from around the world, accompanied by text that is informative and engaging, including essays on butterfly migration, butterflies and the environment, gardening, and watching and collecting butterflies.

Xerces Society. ***Butterfly gardening: creating summer magic in your garden***. San Francisco, CA: Sierra Club Books, 1990.

Butterfly Gardening presents everything the gardener needs to know to create intricate, small-scale ecosystems in an urban or suburban setting that can substitute for the rapidly vanishing habitats that are essential to the survival of butterflies.

Hunt, Joni Phelps. ***A Shimmer of Butterflies: The Brief, Brilliant Life of a Magical Insect***. Montrose, CA: London Town Press, 2005.

A Shimmer of Butterflies is a photographic trove for readers; with 43 gorgeous color photos, it shows the process of metamorphosis; the incredible migration of the monarch which spans generations; the threats posed from the loss of habitat; and more.

Young Adult Books

Cole, Joanna. ***Magic School Bus: Butterfly and the Bog Beast***. NY: Scholastic, 1996.

Join the class on an exciting field trip to a real live bog, where they learn all about bog beasts and butterflies.

Edwards, Pamela Duncan. ***Clara Caterpillar***. New York: HarperCollins Publishers, 2001.

By camouflaging herself, Clara Caterpillar, who becomes a cream-colored butterfly, courageously saves Catisha the crimson-colored butterfly from a hungry crow.

Llewellyn, Claire. ***Butterfly***. Chanhassen, MN: NorthWord Press, 2003.

Describes the physical characteristics and behavior of butterflies, including their development from egg to caterpillar to adult.

Parker, Victoria ***Life as a Butterfly***. Chicago, IL: Raintree, 2004.

Takes a comprehensive look at the life cycle of the butterfly.

Whalley, Paul Ernest Sutton. ***Eyewitness: Butterfly & Moth***. New York: Knopf, 1988.

Photographs and text explore the behavior and life cycles of butterflies and moths, examining mating rituals, camouflage, habitat, growth from pupa to larva to adult, and other aspects.

Media

Butterflies: Explore the Fascinating World of These Beautiful Insects! [VHS]. 15 min. Ida Cason Callaway Foundation, 1990.

Discover the differences between butterflies and moths, learn how colorful patterns on butterfly wings are created, and follow the action as a zebra longwing butterfly develops from a tiny egg into an adult.

Geo Kids: Tadpoles, Dragonflies, and Caterpillar's Big Change [VHS]. 35 min. Columbia Tristar Home Video, 1994.

When Sunny finds a weird-looking pod hanging from a branch, Uncle Balzac de Chameleon explains it's a pupa--a sort of "sleeping bag" where a caterpillar becomes a butterfly in a big change called "metamorphosis."

The Magic School Bus: Butterflies! [VHS]. 30 min. Scholastic, 1999.

The class is off to the swamp in search of a mysterious creature Ms. Frizzle calls the Bog Beast! But, when the port-a-shrinker zaps the kids to bug-size, they discover the bog's most truly exciting beast, as they learn there's no surprise...like butterflies!

Eyewitness: Butterfly and Moth [DVD & VHS]. 35 min. Dorling Kindersley, 2007.

Butterfly and Moth takes a flight of fancy with nature's most beguiling creatures. See their miraculous transformation from lowly caterpillar to airborne adult, and learn why these delicate insects have long inspired and entranced us.