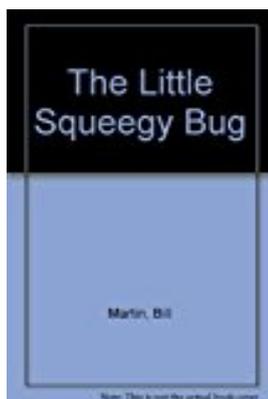


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Description:

From Publishers Weekly Bill Martin Jr. pairs up with Michael Sampson to create a sparkling, shorter version of Martin's first book, *The Little Squeegy Bug*, a warm story about identity and belonging, published 51 years ago. Newcomer Patrick Corrigan contributes appealingly stylized, digitally prepared art in which luminous hues light up the pages. After the earnest title character meets a brazen bumblebee, he longs for similar silver wings and a stinger in his tail. But a wise spider bequeaths him with his own identity as a firefly. Inventively designed, the volume features type of various sizes, often mimicking the movement of the likable bug.

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From School Library Journal reS-Gr 1-A very old-fashioned story (first self-published by Martin in 1945) gets modern yet retro treatment in this snazzy book. A nondescript squeegee bug meets Buzzer the Bumblebee and says, "I'd like to be a bumblebee and carry a stinger in my tail, too." Buzzer tells him he first has to "-climb to the sky" to get silver wings. Squeegee climbs to the top of a cattail, meets a helpful caterpillar and, when he meets Haunchy the Spider, gets his wings-and something better than a stinger for his tail. Like Munro Leaf's *The Story of Ferdinand* (Viking, 1936) and many other classics, this story has a definite message. It's about nonviolence, persistence, and the importance of having an identity and a purpose. But the didacticism probably won't get in the way of children's enjoyment of the somewhat rambling story, which has the tone of an impromptu bedtime tale told by a clever and loving parent. And the pictures (all produced digitally) are wonderful. Picture Daniel Kirk's "Miss Spider" a little cooler, calmer, more surreal, and you get an idea of the look. Children will be fascinated by bits of shiny-coated paper, unusual perspectives, and imaginative details (the picture in the caterpillar's house, for example, shows a proud butterfly holding a little caterpillar's hand). The publisher has set up a corresponding interactive Web site for this title. The book may not have enough originality or heart to be an essential purchase, but it will find an audience in public libraries.

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