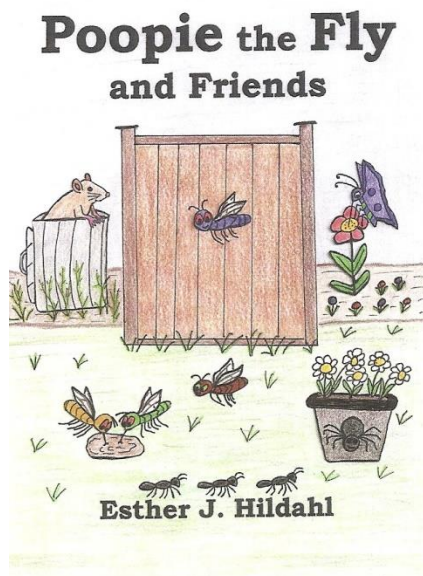


# Poopie the Fly and Friends



By Esther J. Hildahl

Reviewed by Rhonda Cordes (a fan)

I've finished reading *Poopie the Fly and Friends*. What a clever and creative book! My favorite thing about it is the way the author weaves education and life lessons throughout the story and still keeps it entertaining. I enjoyed reading it very much.

Reviewed by Linda Sonntag-Noble

I initially bought this book for my granddaughters: ages 4, 6 & 9, but I wanted to read it first. Before I knew it, I was laughing at the wonderful characters this author created from no less than flies, a spider & even a praying mantis!

It is a wonderful story of how Poopy, the bluebottle fly, survives various near-death experiences, including - but not limited to - being eaten alive to getting trapped in a dark, spooky spider-filled forest to standing up to a bully as he discovers his inherent worth. He survives because he listens raptly to his teacher to “be aware of your surroundings” always and to trust your instincts.

Not only does this story keep you on edge, wondering if Poopy will make it, it teaches many scientific facts about ants, butterflies, spiders and, of course, flies. It teaches children (and adults) that flies (and other insects) are not ALL bad, but sometimes do honorable things like help a friend, inspire others, and even

pollenate flowers! I even believe that children will love the main character so much because of their love of the word “poop” and bathroom jokes, because the author never shrinks from telling it like it is, ie., flies like poop!



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