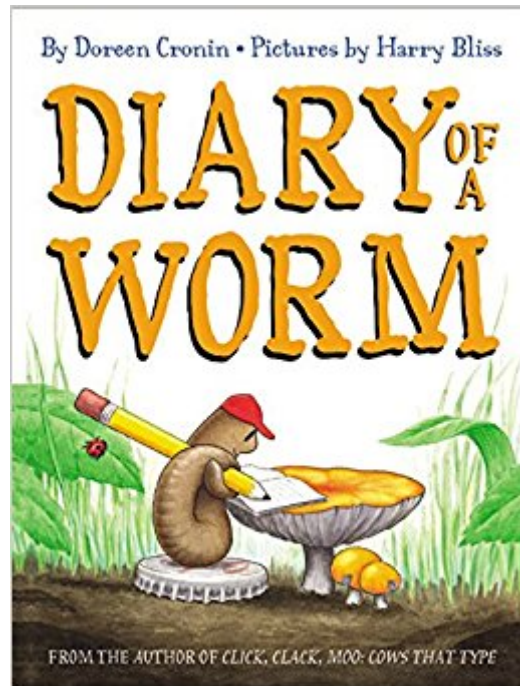




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# Diary Of A Worm



## Synopsis

#1 New York Times Bestseller! This hilarious picture book from the bestselling, acclaimed author-illustrator team of Doreen Cronin and Harry Bliss tells the adventures of a worm through his daily diary entries. This is the diary of a worm. This worm lives with his parents, plays with his friends, and even goes to school. But unlike you or me, he never has to take a bath, he gets to eat his homework, and because he doesn't have legs, he just can't do the hokey pokey—no matter how hard he tries. Read the other books in the series: *Diary of a Fly* and *Diary of a Spider*!

## Book Information

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Age Range: 4 - 8 years

Grade Level: Preschool - 3

## Customer Reviews

Doreen Cronin (*Click, Clack Moo: Cows That Type*) and cartoonist Harry Bliss (illustrator of *A Fine, Fine School*) shed a whole new light on a creature that spends most of its time underground: the earthworm. Written in diary form, this truly hilarious picture book tracks the ins and outs of a worm's life from the perspective of the worm family's young son. Take June 15's entry: "My older sister thinks she's so pretty. I told her that no matter how much time she spends looking in the mirror, her face will always look just like her rear end. Spider thought that was really funny. Mom did not." Except for the fact that he can't chew gum or have a dog, the boy likes being a worm. He never has

to go to the dentist ("No cavities--no teeth, either"), he never gets in trouble for tracking mud through the house, and he never has to take a bath. As long as he can remember Mom's rule "Never bother Daddy when he's eating the newspaper," all is well. Bliss's endearing cartoonish illustrations of anthropomorphized worms are clever visual punchlines for Cronin's delightfully deadpan humor. For example, "June 5: Today we made macaroni necklaces in art class" sounds normal enough until you see the worms wearing one piece of macaroni around their necks, taking up a good part of each worm's body. Children and adults alike will adore this worm's eye perspective on the world. (Ages 6 and older) --Karin Snelson

PreSchool-Grade 3-A baseball-capped crawler gives readers an episodic glimpse into the vicissitudes of his life in these hilarious diary entries. Difficulties such as having no arms, having a head that looks a lot like your rear end, and facing the dangers imposed by people digging for bait are balanced by a loving family and good friends. The young protagonist describes playing with his friend Spider, engaging in a variety of activities at school, and interacting with his parents and sister. Packed into these droll slice-of-worm-life vignettes are a few facts about earthworms and their behavior, all rendered with a dry sense of humor. The full-color watercolor-and-ink illustrations sprawl across the pages in lush earth tones. Bliss's cartoons give the worms lots of personality without overly anthropomorphizing them. The use of multiple perspectives will have children eagerly looking at the pictures to identify objects and locales. Primary-grade youngsters will especially appreciate the classroom scenes. This quirky worm's-eye view of the world makes these ubiquitous invertebrates a little more understandable and a lot more fun. Marge Loch-Wouters, Menasha's Public Library, WI Copyright 2003 Reed Business Information, Inc.

This book has one of the best lines of a children's book EVER! "I told my sister it doesn't matter how long she stares in the mirror, her face will always look exactly like her rear-end." (that was a paraphrase-the book is in my sleeping daughters' room!)

How we read it may interest you. The children's books we purchase include buying two of the same book. One is shipped to us and the other to our granddaughter in Seattle. I then read to her on Skype while she follows. She is jumping up and down excited! When she asks for a re-read later I know we have a winner. Diary . . . made the cut.

Found this book at the home we were visiting, and read it to my 4 year-old granddaughter. We both

enjoyed it very much. I found it extremely funny - a worm experiencing classic American schooling - and my granddaughter found a lot to talk about in the illustrations. Took the opportunity to explain about poisonous toadstools, and fungi in general, while my listener was fascinated with the new word. We found more in other books that morning - I've discovered that children's stories set among trees all feature pretty red toadstools - the extremely poisonous ones with the white spots! In fact I remember the same fungi appearing in books I read as a child.

Grandson loves it!

Like "Diary of a Spider" this book is a hit with young explorers. Any youngster who has found worms in the backyard will be pleased with the mix of worm facts and family fun in this wonderful story. The illustrations are colorful, appealing, and whimsical. A book that will be read again and again.

I love this book and so do kids! It is great for teaching about characterization, point of view, comparing and contrasting, writing, empathy and animal adaptations. Pair it with Diary of a Fly and Diary of a Spider for an even more engaging unit.

Another of the successful used book orders. This book arrived in good condition and the story is delightful. I realized that I had been smiling during the reading of the whole book. If you have to read it repeatedly to a young child, it will not be so "oh, not again", because of the humor. You may find yourself imagining new diary entries for the Diary of a Worm.

Excellent book. I had to order a new one because I had loaned my two other copies to teachers and didn't get them back. I teach at a university and integrate trade books with the science content and I needed this book. The book was new and came in a timely manner. Thank you.

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