Insects

My Bug Box by Pat Blanchard and Joanne Suhr
Collecting bugs is interesting and fun, but not for the bugs when they share a space with a toad.

Ants:
Effie by Beverley Allinson
Effie the ant wants someone to talk to, but her voice is SO LOUD. All the bugs run when they see her coming. But one creature doesn’t see her at all. Only Effie’s LOUD voice can save everyone from being squashed!

Sloan & Philamina: Or, How to Make Friends With Your Lunch by Patti Stren
The anteaters pressure Sloan to give up his friend Philamina, an ant. He has no intention of doing so and must resort to drastic measures.

Strongest Animal by Jane Boland
At the zoo a boy sees elephants, giraffes, monkeys, lions, and the strongest animal of all.

Butterflies & Caterpillars:
Marigold’s Wings by Vlasta van Kampen
Although she’s still a caterpillar, Marigold loves to imagine what life will be like when she finally grows up and gets her wings. Only then will she be ready to make the journey to Mexico.

Caterpillar Dreams by Jeanne Willis and Tony Ross.
Two curly caterpillars dream of all the things they will do when they become butterflies. But nature has a different dream, a different plan for them.

Changing Caterpillar by Sherry Shahan
A caterpillar becomes a butterfly.

Who’s in Rabbit’s House?: A Masai Tale by Verna Aardema
Rabbit has a problem—someone is inside her house and won’t let her in.

Cockroaches:
Crickwing by Janell Cannon
A lonely cockroach named Crickwing has a creative idea that saves the day for the leaf-cutter ants when their fierce forest enemies attack them.

Crickets:
Christmas Cricket by Eve Bunting
On Christmas Eve, a little cricket finds its way into a house where its singing is thought to be the voice of an angel.

I Wish I Were A Butterfly by James Howe
The littlest cricket of Swampsallow Pond is convinced only by the Wise Old One that being special has nothing to do with physical metamorphosis, flashy colors, or shimmering wings.

Dragonflies:
Dragonflies by R. Hugh Rice
Describes these unusual insects who use their special eyes to find their dinner.
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Fireflies:
Night the Stars Flew by Jo Ellen Bogart
PZ 7 .B64 NI 2001
From her bedroom on the third floor, Millie can see lots of things in her favourite tree: branches swaying in the wind, squirrels searching for pinecones, tiny black-eyed birds. One warm summer night Millie sees something she's never seen before: a strange spot of pale bluish light. Millie tells her busy parents, who say it must be a star and send her back to bed, but Millie knows it can't be a star.

Ladybugs:
Ladybug, Ladybug by Ruth Brown
PZ 8.3 .B8155 Lad 1992
Ladybug flies away home through richly detailed country scenes in this beautifully illustrated version of the favourite nursery rhyme.

Find More in Salmon Arm:
Step Gently Out by Helen Frost
PZ 7 .F767 Ste 2012
Close-up photos and lightly-rhymed declarative verse capture a bug’s-eye view of nature and encourage children to experience the world outside their doors with care and openness.

Beetles:
Beetle Bedlam by Vlasta van Kampen
PZ 7 .V35 BE 1996
All the beetles in the kingdom gather for the trial of the bark beetle, accused of killing the forest's trees.

Butterflies & Caterpillars:
Inch By Inch by Leo Lionni
PZ 7 .L6634 Ip 2010
To keep from being eaten, an inchworm measures a robin's tail, a flamingo's neck, a toucan's beak, a heron's legs, and a nightingale's song.

Mog's Box by Helen Nicoll and Jan Pienkowski
PZ 7 .N5596 Mm 1987
When Meg casts a spell to make a lunch box for Mog, the box contains a caterpillar which eventually turns into a butterfly.

Prince of Butterflies by Bruce Coville
PZ 7 .C8344 PR 2002
When surrounded by thousands of butterflies, eleven-year-old John becomes transformed into one of them and finds his entire life altered because of this experience.

Very Hungry Caterpillar by Eric Carle
PZ 7 .C21476 VE 1987
Follows the progress of a hungry little caterpillar as he eats his way through varied and very large quantity of food until, full at last, he forms a cocoon around himself and goes to sleep.

Mosquitoes:
Why Mosquitoes Buzz In People's Ears : A West African Tale by Verna Aardema
PZ 8.1 .A215 WA 1978
Reveals the meaning of the mosquito's buzz.