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The first hardcover picture book in the *New York Times* bestselling *Ladybug Girl* series, which encourages independence and creative play, and celebrates imagination for every preschool child!

When Lulu puts on her ladybug costume, she becomes Ladybug Girl, a superhero who uses her imagination to have adventures right in her own backyard. Her dog, Bingo the basset hound, is always by her side and the two prove that they are not too little to explore nature, build forts, and make their own big fun.

For fans of *Fancy Nancy* and *Toot and Puddle*, the *Ladybug Girl* series honors individuality, creativity, and a love of the outdoors!

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Amber says

The ladybug girl looks a lot like my niece it was an ok story. The story didn't really go anywhere. My niece pointed that out and she's (5)

Terry says

Wanna play with me? Mom and Dad are too busy. Her brother says she's too small. So Lulu and Bingo (her dog) need to find something to do. When she finds some ants being blocked by a rock, Ladybug Girl springs into action. Ladybug Girl realizes that the world needs her, and she is off to do some exploring. This is a classic glass-half-empty/glass-half-full story written for young readers to understand.

There is one page, where Lulu is standing in the middle of a room full of toys. She has this priceless now-what-can-I-do-I'm-bored look that captivates my daughter. She always makes us stop at this page and offers something along the lines "that's not true," or "why does she say that?" which is when Ladybug Girl rescues Mom and Dad! You can be sure I will remember the "I'm bored" page the next time we hear that it in our house!

This is a nice story for preschoolers and Kindergarteners, because Lulu thinks like they do.

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Carolynne says

I decided to read this book based on Abigail A's comments, and sadly I found I agreed with them. The watercolor and ink illustrations are delightful, but the endpapers with Lulu dressed in the stereotypical Indian costume, marking her face with war paint, do seem oddly insensitive. The story I found undistinguished in any case.

Lisa Vegan says

I love the illustrations, including the ones on the inside front and back covers. The facial expressions on Lulu (AKA Ladybug girl) and the expressiveness of her dog Bingo are just wonderful. The illustrations are most of what make this book appealing.

I also appreciated how the story showed how a young child can use her imagination to have a terrific time playing by herself.

The funniest page (probably because I remember this so well from my childhood and from many children that I've known over the years) is the "There's nothing to do." page; Lulu is in her room surrounded by a

large number of toys. There's also a cute scene where Lulu looks at her older brother and his friends from a perspective that makes them, not her, look small.

Little girls who have older siblings are likely to enjoy this book, as are little girls who love dogs.

Marie says

Ladybug Girl (Lulu) and her sidekick Bingo go on many adventures together in this series. Lulu is a courageous, imaginative girl. When cloaked in her ladybug girl costume she feels capable of taking on new adventures and solving problems. Beautifully written, sweet stories with charming illustrations to enjoy time and time again.

Suzanne says

I really thought I would love this one, but it was ho-hum. My daughter was really excited by the cover, the story didn't really hold her attention.

Tasha says

First, let me just applaud this book for not being PINK and SPARKLY. Instead it is red and sparkly and has a girl who is a spunky individual. Lulu's parents are busy and her big brother is playing baseball with his friends, so that leaves her to find her own fun along with her dog Bingo. Lulu spends the day outside in the backyard, running, saving ants from boulders, crossing puddles that could contain sharks, and building a fort of her own.

Captured in the illustrations are her sense of self and freedom. Lovely to see in a book for girls, Lulu is not squeamish and has a vivid imagination that keeps her more than busy enough while everyone is busy. The illustrations are full of movement, breeze and joy. They capture a day spent outside alone and the fun that can be found there.

Highly recommended as an antidote to pink sparkly books. This book could serve as a primer for modern children finding good old-fashioned fun in their own backyards. Recommended for ages 5-7.

Jennifer says

Glancing at my daughter's bookshelf, I realize we have a lot of precocious girl books. Let's see...there's Olivia, Lilly, Madeline, Eloise, Fancy Nancy, and Pinkalicious. And we haven't even gotten into Junie B. yet.

And then there's Lulu, a.k.a. Ladybug Girl. Like the others, she needs to rely on her imagination and self-reliance to make things right (although one might argue that things just sort of happen to Fancy Nancy and she just goes with it). And she's definitely a strong female character. In a world of Batmans and Spidermans,

Ladybug Girl is a superhero in her own right. A good imagination is powerful, after all.

The story itself is ok. It's the illustrations I love most. The page where Lulu stands in her room with "nothing to do" makes me crack up everytime. And how refreshing that she doesn't wear a smidgen of pink.

Looking forward to Ladybug Girl at the Beach!

Lacey Ellison says

Annotation:

Ladybug Girl is a realistic fiction children's picture book about a little girl named Lulu who calls herself Ladybug Girl. After her brother told her she was too little to play with him, she becomes frustrated and can't find anything to do. She then went in her backyard and used her imagination to keep herself occupied. She helped move a rock for some ants, crosses a pond, fixes a stone wall to use as a fort, and runs all the way across a fallen tree without falling. In the end of the story, Lulu runs down the hill with her wings flying behind her "feeling as big as the whole outdoors"(n.p.). The illustrator's use of impressionism through watercolor paintings included beautiful vibrant colors that reflect on the imagination of Lulu and complement the story nicely.

Response:

I gave this book 5 stars, because I truly enjoyed it. The story was cute and fun to read. The illustrations worked well to complement the story, because they help the reader see Lulu's exaggeration as she pretended to be Ladybug Girl. The pages are filled with lots of beautiful color that helps the reader connect to Lulu's imagination. The straightforward storyline would be easy for young students to connect to. The story shows how kids can have fun just by using their imagination.

This book reminds me of my childhood a lot, because I was always outside playing. I used to go exploring in the forest and my own backyard. Her little endeavors over rocks and trees are similar to things I would do to have fun as a little girl. As a child, an older cousin lived with me, and Lulu's brother reminds me of him. He wouldn't let me play, because I was too little, and I'd have to go outside and use my imagination, just like Lulu. I think it's a good message for students, because it's important for children to have an imagination.

Classroom Connections:

After reading this book as a class, I would have my students explore their own backyards at home. I would ask them to find different types of plants and bugs and have them identify each. After identifying as many as they can at home, they could then work together in class to help each other identify any unknown bugs or plants that were found. This activity would allow students to learn more about bugs and plants in their own backyard while exploring and discovering things on their own and working together in groups in the classroom.

Text Complexity:

The Lexile for this book is 600, and there is no information about its guided reading level. It would be

appropriate as a read aloud for grades K-2, and a student would be able to read the text independently in the fourth month of second grade.

Emilie says

This is my youngest daughter's favorite book (she even dressed up like Ladybug Girl for Storybook Character Day at school). I decided to review it because I read it to a class of kindergarteners yesterday. Some of them had never heard it, and they loved it, too.

Ladybug Girl is a young girl who is faced with a day of trying to find something to do all by herself (well, she also has her trusty sidekick, Bingo the dog...). Her older brother won't let her play baseball with him, and since she cannot read yet, she goes outside and finds herself completing various "heroic" tasks. By the end of the day she has discovered that she can do anything, because she is Ladybug Girl.

I think this is a great book for young kids because it encourages creativity, using the imagination, and inspires confidence. It is better as a read-aloud than a book for K-2 to read themselves, because the words can be a bit challenging and the font can be confusing for emerging readers. I would encourage anyone to buy this book for a young child they know, however. The whole Ladybug Girl series is great!

Kathryn says

First, let me say that I LOVE the illustrations. They are SO adorable and completely convey Ladybug Girl's spunky, creative personality. And, yet... the story just feels flat for me. I would have almost rather there been no words so I could create my own. A few passages were quite pretty and fun, but overall, I felt annoyed that none of the characters really worked through their interpersonal problems. Ladybug Girl finds an adventurous, imaginative way to resolve her boredom, but her squabble with her brother is not handled in "role model" way and there is no satisfying resolution.

Rossy says

Superb illustrations, so adorable, but the story didn't grab my attention.

Cindi says

Lulu's costume collection must be the envy of all small girls (my poor girls have no dress ups!). Make sure and pay close attention to the dog's funny expressions.

This had a great message that I can use as an adult. Sometimes you want to be doing something else. Sometimes you envy someone for what they've got or haven't got. Great is the moment when you suddenly realize that your lot in life is just as it should be, you sink back and relax into it. Gone is the angst, the fretting. Life is good.

Kiera Turner says

This book is one of my favorites! I think this book is the definition of imagination and creativity! This book reminds me of the Fancy Nancy books because of the imagination, independence and creativity of both characters. Great book to introduce to four or five year olds because they are really independent and imaginative at that age!

Lisa B. says

A nice little book for young girls.
