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allows children of all ages to

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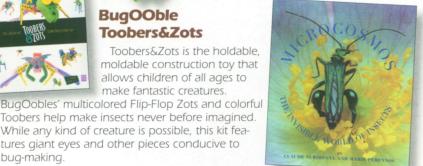
Microcosmos: The Invisible World of Insects

Though infinitesimal in size, the world of insects is a universe unto itself with vast frontiers virtually hidden from the naked eye. Through the wonders of macrophotography and macrocinematography, creators Claude Nuridsany and Marie Pérennou reveal the wonder and magic that can be found in our own backyard.

Observe a praying mantis poised at the top of a twiq

- Witness the amazing metamorphosis of a ladybug on a curled-up leaf
- Watch an ant replenish itself from a single drop of water on a rose leaf

Packed with over 90 full-color photographs and cinematic sequences, Microcosmos is sure to captivate and delight. —from Stewart Tabori & Chang Stewart Tabori & Chang, 1996, 159 pages, 10" x 11½", hardcover



Contains 65 pieces. Recommended for age 3 and up. \$19.95

Toobers help make insects never before imagined. While any kind of creature is possible, this kit features giant eyes and other pieces conducive to

Don't Bug Me T-shirt

Not for the faint of heart, this creepy T-shirt features a wide assortment of insects commonly found around the yard. The design repeats on the back of this 100 percent cotton T-shirt.

Available in adult sizes large and X-large, \$14.95.

Furtive Fauna

We've all been bitten by mosquitoes, annoyed by buzzing flies, and perhaps had an embarrassing encounter with head lice back in grammar school. But there are many even stranger creatures that thrive on humans, living out their entire lives on or around

our heads, bodies, bedsheets, and carpets. In this oddly charming wildlife guide, biology professor Roger Knutson introduces us to a roques' gallery of visitors, guests, and permanent residents, including:

- Ticks: They can lie in wait for years hoping for something tasty to wander by.
- Fleas: They have incredibly elaborate sex lives and can jump really far.
 - Face Mites: They're microscopically small, but you may never feel the same way about your eyebrows again.

-from Ten Speed Press

Ten Speed Press, 1996, 148 pages, 5" x 8 1/2"



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- Make your own pesticides and repellents from common ingredients like ammonia and
- Fight the fleas that torment your pets
- Keep four-legged intruders—including dogs, deer, gophers, and skunks—away from your prized vegetables
- Distinguish harmful insects from helpful ones —from Ten Speed Press

Ten Speed Press, 148 pages, 6" x 9", paperback, \$11.95



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