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Fly, Monarch, Fly

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Wallace, Nancy Elizabeth. *Fly, Monarch, Fly*. Illustrated by Nancy Elizabeth Wallace. Marshall Cavendish Corp, 2008. ISBN 9780761454250. \$16.99. 40 p.

Reviewer: Sandra L. Tidwell

Reading Level: Preschool, Primary

Rating: Outstanding

Genre: Picture books;

Subject: Monarch butterfly--Juvenile literature; Books--Reviews;

The awe-inspiring life cycle of the Monarch butterfly will capture the attention of young readers in this picture book. Mom and Dad bunny and their children, Minna and Pip, are going to Butterfly Place. There, Bert, the Butterfly Man, escorts them through the nature reserve while Bert pulls many interesting pictures out of his big blue bag and explains them. The rabbits learn what happens in the egg, larva, pupa, and adult stages of a Monarch butterfly's life.

Wallace's illustrations are vibrantly colored and very detailed. Wallace uniquely uses origami and paper cut illustrations to show the metamorphosis of this beautiful butterfly. Included within the text are funny jokes about butterflies, a tongue-twister, a recipe for butterfly sandwiches, instructions on how to make a Monarch magnet, and instructions on how to plant a butterfly garden.

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