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# Book Review

**Title:** The Fly  
**Author:** Petr Horacek  
**Reviewer:** Liz Kazandzhy  
**Publisher:** Candlewick  
**Publication Year:** 2015  
**ISBN:** 9780763674809  
**Number of Pages:** 32  
**Interest Level:** Toddler, Preschool  
**Rating:** Excellent



## Review

This poor housefly doesn't seem to understand why nobody likes him. First, the boy in the story tries to swat him just for wanting some of his breakfast. Then, even animals can't seem to get along with him—cows are annoyed with him, frogs try to eat him, and birds try to catch him. When the fly returns home for another meal, the boy yet again flaps his swatter with the hopes of swatting the poor fly.

*The Fly* is a very cute, creative, and fun read. The story really lets you imagine life from the fly's perspective, especially by using certain effects like having the text follow the fly's line of flight and turning some of the pages into fly swatters as you flip them. Also, the way the fly is portrayed transforms him from a pesky creature into an adorable and lovable little character. Young readers will surely enjoy this short story that is presented in simple, easy-to-read sentences and accompanied by interesting and beautiful illustrations.