Bug Patrol

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Book Review

Title: Bug Patrol
Author: Denise Dowling Mortensen
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Reviewer: Ariel Woodbury
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Interest Level: Preschool
Rating: Excellent

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Captain Bob is on Bug Patrol right at 9 AM. He gets a call about a swarm of ants on a doughnut and rushes off to make the ants show some manners and share. Then Captain Bob gets called in to help some beetles who are fighting over a parking space to be more patient. Next, Captain Bob chases some speeding spiders and gives them speeding tickets. His whole day is filled driving from one place to another helping the bugs of the city in anyway he can until, finally, its 8 PM and he gets to go home to his family.

This book’s short rhyming stanzas are fun to read and keep the story fast paced. Children will enjoy the onomatopoeia of Captain Bob’s Bug Patrol siren throughout the book. The repetition throughout the book will appeal to younger children as well. Each of Captain Bob’s calls has a different positive message from sharing and being safe to helping people. The full page illustrations are brightly colored and follow the text perfectly.