

# BOOK SUGGESTIONS



**ALEX'S FIRST SEED**  
By Vivid Communications  
(Published by AITC)  
In this book about a worm who grows his first plant, readers learn about the role worms play in maintaining soil to grow healthy food.  
Grades: K-3  
Free download: [www.bcaitc.ca/resources](http://www.bcaitc.ca/resources).



**BLOSSOM'S BIG JOB**  
By Vivid Communications  
(Published by AITC)  
In this storybook, a hard working bee encourages trust and perseverance while readers learn about pollination and honey.  
Grades: K-3  
Free download: [www.bcaitc.ca/resources](http://www.bcaitc.ca/resources).



**REGGIE'S TECHNOLOGY ADVENTURE**  
By Vivid Communications  
(Published by AITC)  
Explore technology in agriculture and food production through this fun story.  
Grades: K-3.  
Free download: [www.bcaitc.ca/resources](http://www.bcaitc.ca/resources).

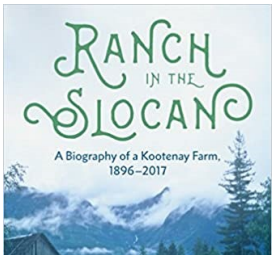


**ALFALFABET A TO Z**  
By Carol Watterson  
(Published by AITC)  
Read this alphabetical tour of food and farming. Meet lively characters, and along the way learn more about the foods we eat.  
Grades: K-5  
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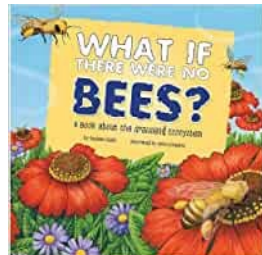


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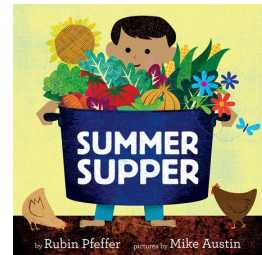
## Other Great Agriculture Reads



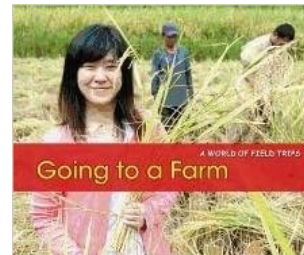
**RANCH IN THE SLOCAN**  
By Cole Harris  
Grades 9-11.



**WHAT IF THERE WERE NO BEES?**  
By Suzanne Slade  
Grades: 4-7.



**SUMMER SUPPER**  
By Rubin Pfeffer  
Grades: K-3.



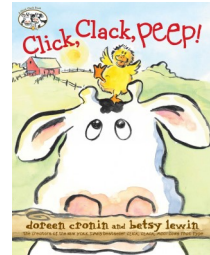
**GOING TO A FARM**  
By Rebecca Rissman  
Grades: K-3



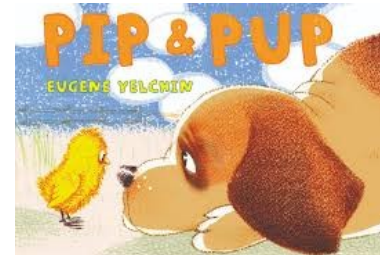
**WHEN THE RAIN COMES**  
by Alma Fullerton  
Grades: K-5

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Visit the resource page at [www.bcaitc.ca](http://www.bcaitc.ca) to download the Read-Aloud-Books for Topics Related To Agriculture.



**CLICK, CLACK, PEEP**  
By Doreen Cronin  
Grades: K-3



**PIP AND PUP**  
by Eugene Yelchin  
Grades: K-3



**SUMMER SUN RISIN'**  
by W. Nikola-Lisa  
Grades: K-1



BC Agriculture in the Classroom Foundation

## AG-READING CHALLENGES

Calling all BC students! To celebrate the 10<sup>th</sup> annual Canadian Agriculture Literacy Month (CALM) this March, K-12 BC students are invited to join [BCAITC's Ag-Reading Challenges](http://www.bcaitc.ca/resources/ag-reading-challenges). Dig into some great books, have fun, and learn about agriculture - and win prizes!

There are two reading challenges to choose from. Sign up for one or both!

- 20 for 20 Bookworms Ag-Reading Challenge:** Read 20 minutes for 20 days in the month of March and log your reading in our [web portal](http://www.bcaitc.ca/resources/web-portal).
- Ten to Try Ag-Reading Challenge:** Read books in each of 10 agriculture-themed categories, and share your favorite discoveries with your fellow readers through reviews.

### Prizes

- Early-Bird Prize Draws:** [Pre-register](http://www.bcaitc.ca/resources/pre-register) by February 28 for a chance to win 1 of 2 \$50 Amazon gift cards.
- 20 for 20 Bookworms:** Two weekly draws of \$50 Amazon gift cards throughout March.
- Ten to Try:** Two weekly draws of \$50 Amazon gift cards throughout March.
- 2 Grand Prize Draws:** \$200 Amazon gift cards will be drawn from all participants March 31.

Register now! Learn how to sign up and find more details inside.



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# GET READING!



## Two Fun Reading Challenges to Choose From

There are two reading challenges to choose from. Sign up for one or both!

- 20 for 20 Bookworms Ag-Reading Challenge:** Every bookworm needs their brain food! Feed your mind by tracking the agriculture themed books you read to earn new badges! Read 20 minutes for 20 days in the month of March.
- Ten to Try Ag-Reading Challenge:** Explore the world of agriculture through books to earn badges. Read books in each of 10 categories below, and share your favorite discoveries with your fellow readers by writing a review.
  - A book about an animal you would see on a farm.
  - A book about composting.
  - A book about bugs.
  - A recent book about food or sustainable food practices.
  - A book about a BC agricultural commodity.
  - A book with the word "food" in the title.
  - A book about taking care of animals.
  - A book about a career in farming/agriculture.
  - A book published by AITC.
  - A book about gardening.

## To Register for the Challenges

- Go to <https://aitc.beanstack.org> or download the Beanstack Tracker app from the app store (Apple or Google).
- Choose to sign up for one or both of our reading challenges.
- Register an Individual/Family or a Class/Group.

Need assistance? Contact [teacher@aitc.ca](mailto:teacher@aitc.ca).

# LAUNCH #CALM2021



**INTRODUCING THE BUG GIRL (A TRUE STORY)**

★★★★★  
**BCAITC 5-STAR REVIEW**  
Grades: K-4  
By Sophia Spencer and Margaret McNamara

7-year-old Canadian Sophia Spencer was bullied for loving bugs until hundreds of women scientists rallied around her. Now, Sophia tells her inspiring story in this picture book that celebrates women in science, bugs of all kinds and the importance of staying true to yourself.

Be sure to check out a profile of The Bug Girl's author, Sophia Spencer, at [www.bcaitc.ca](http://www.bcaitc.ca). It features a Q&A and a fun video introduction to the book!

Thank you to our friends in learning for donating 500 units of The Bug Girl to BC classrooms participating in BCAITC's Spuds in Tubs program.



# HOW TO LOG YOUR READING



## To Complete the Reading Challenges

- Go to <https://aitc.beanstack.org> or use your Beanstack Tracker app.
- Login with your unique username and password.
- Select the challenge you would like to view. Explore the Challenge Overview, and the badges you can earn in the Challenge Badges, Activity Badges, and Review Badges sections.
- To log your activities or minutes of reading click on the button on the top left corner of your screen when you are ready to log reading or activities.
- To write a review, simply click on the "Add a Review" button located at the top left corner of the webpage.

## To Win Prizes

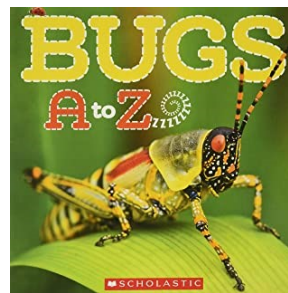
- As you log your activities, minutes, or write reviews, you will earn badges along the way (1 badge = 1 ticket). These will be automatically entered in our weekly and grand prize draws.
- To check the number of ticket entries you have, simply select the challenge you would like to view and explore the Review Badges tab.
- Winners will be posted on [www.bcaitc.ca](http://www.bcaitc.ca) and contacted via email to claim their prize.



Need assistance? Contact [teacher@aitc.ca](mailto:teacher@aitc.ca).

# FAVOURITE BUG BOOKS

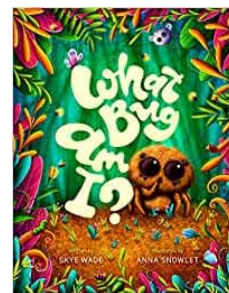
Recommended by our BCAITC Education Specialist.



**BUGS A TO Z**  
By Caroline Lawton  
Grades: K-2



**THE BACKYARD BUG BOOK FOR KIDS**  
By Lauren Davidson  
Grades: K-1



**WHAT BUG AM I?**  
By Sky Wade  
Grades: K-7



**ULTIMATE BUG-OPEDIA**  
by Nancy Honovich  
Grades: K-12



**LITTLE KIDS FIRST BIG BOOK OF BUGS**  
By Catherine D. Hughes  
Grades: K-2

## Come Explore With Us!

Pair these bug related books with the BCAITC lesson plan 'Invent a Bug' (for grades K-3 and 4-7) to extend learnings to Science, Art, and other classroom subjects; find it at [www.bcaitc.ca](http://www.bcaitc.ca).