



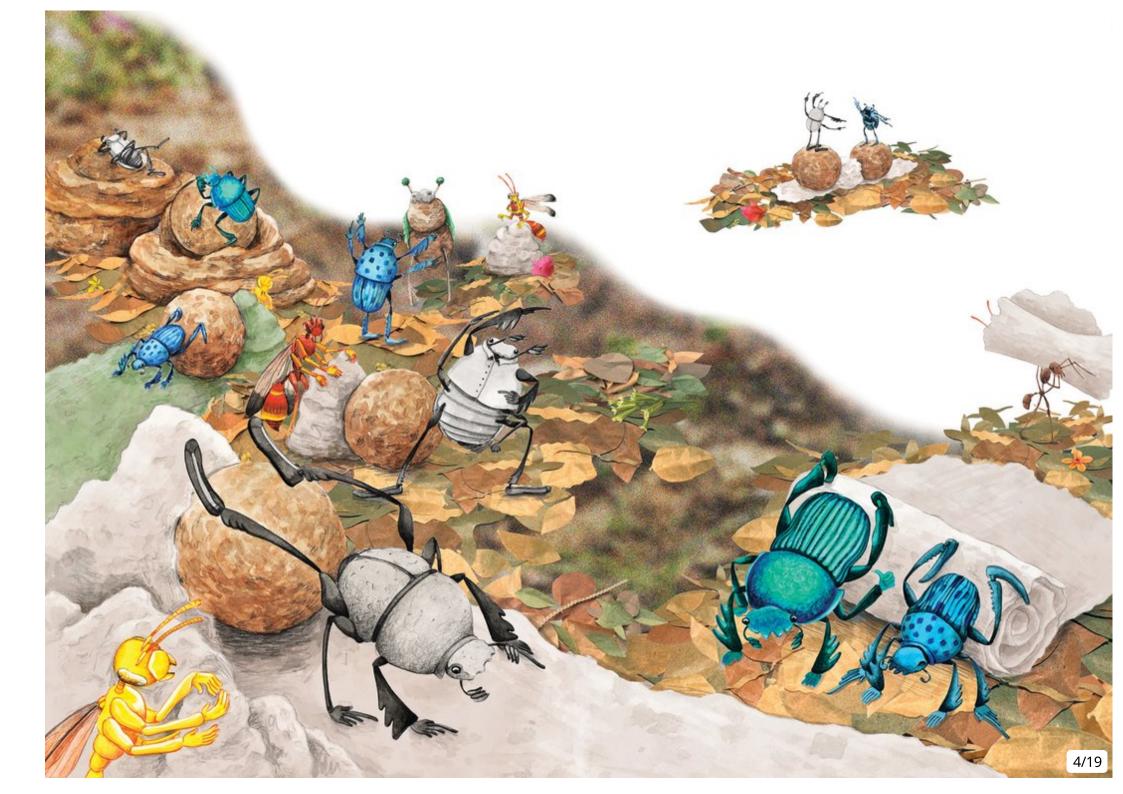
## We Are Making a Book

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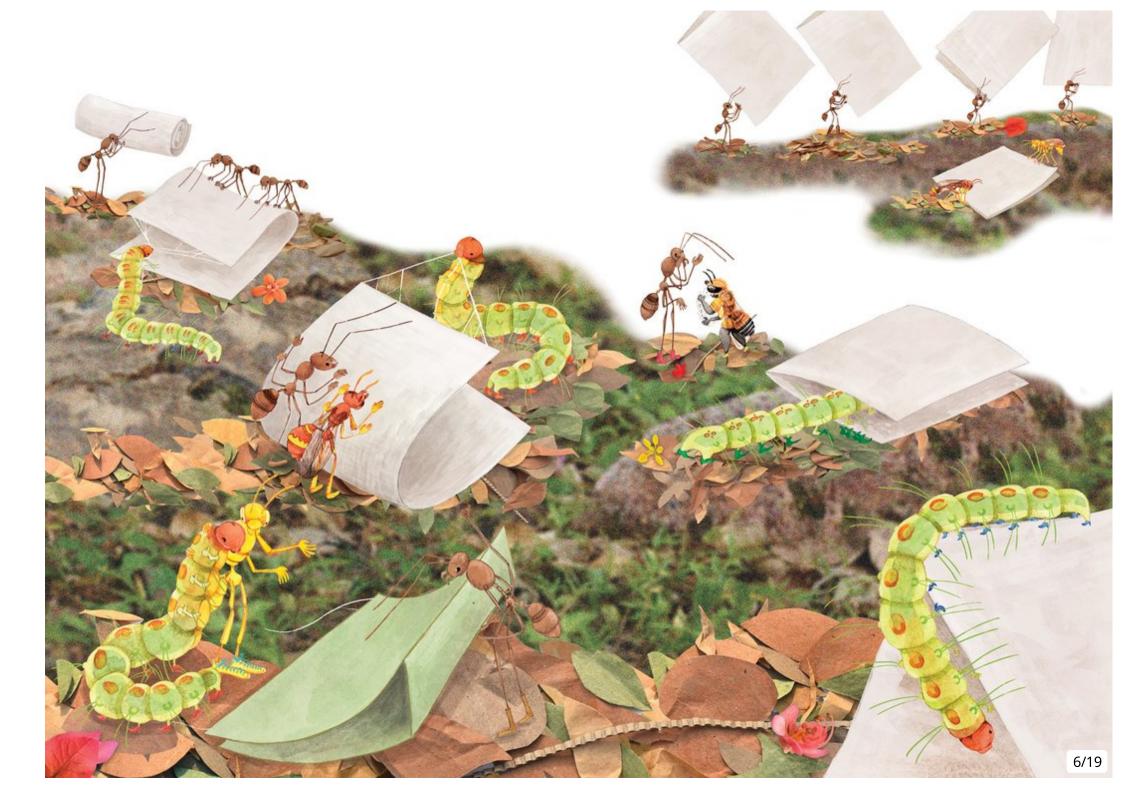
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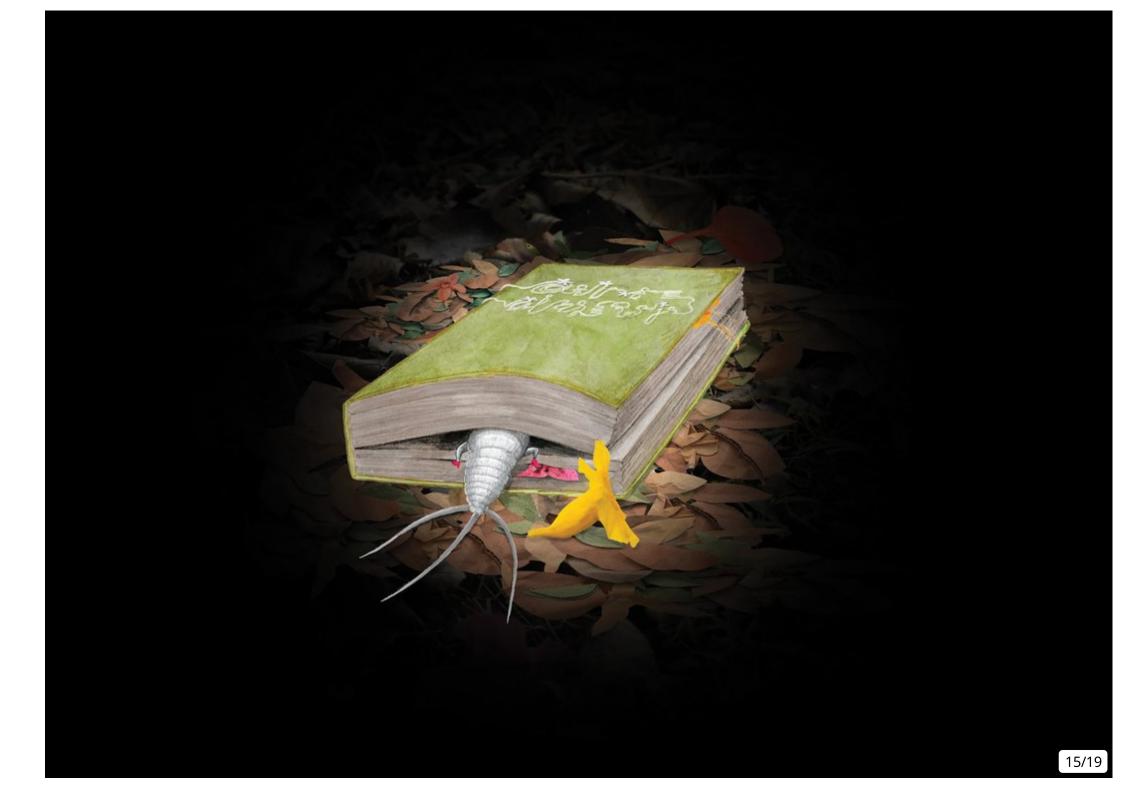












### **The Book Makers**



**Paper wasps** build their nests out of wood pulp. They chew wood into a paste which hardens as it dries, making the nest solid and waterproof.

A fresh pile of animal dung is both a home and a meal for **dung beetles**! Some dung beetles, also called rollers, shape the dung into a ball, roll it to a safe place, and lay their eggs in it.





Ants may be tiny, but they can carry things that are 50 times their own weight, or more! They tap their antennae to communicate, and work so well together that they are often called a 'superorganism'.

**Leafcutter bees** cut semicircular pieces out of leaves, which they chew up and use as nesting material for their eggs.





**Leaf rollers** are moth caterpillars that live on plants. When disturbed, they drop down from the plant on a silk thread. They also use this silk to make a tent out of a rolled leaf, inside which they transform into adult moths.



**Signature spiders** build large webs with a characteristic X-shaped 'signature' in the centre. The signature may attract insects towards the web, or warn birds and other animals to stay away.

**Tailorbirds** use their sharp, needle-like beak to make nests by stitching leaves together with strands of grass, spider silk and plant fibres.





**Snails** and **slugs** have soft, moist bodies and secrete a sticky slime. This helps them stick to vertical surfaces, and even move while upside down!

**Fireflies** talk to each other using flashes of light from their behinds! They come out in the dark, when their light glows the brightest.





**Silverfish** are small, fast-moving insects that are most active at night. They often hide in old books to eat their favourite meal: paper and book-binding glue.



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Chew, cut, roll, stitch — these creatures are busy making a book!

This is a Level 2 book for children who recognize familiar words and can read new words with help.



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