



Discussion & Study Guide

Bug's Trip to the Store

Author and Illustrator: K.M. Groshek



About the Book:

In life, children and adults both face obstacles that can cause fear and anxiety. *Bug's Trip to the Store* reminds us that through hard times and difficulties we can all learn important lessons to help us become stronger in the process. It also reminds us how to make every day an adventure, while overcoming that particular day's obstacles.

Bug's Trip to the Store is told in creative rhythms and rhymes and strong imagery that entertain and teach lessons through Bug, an adventurous, energetic little car. As Bug tries to get to his final destination, he's met with one challenge after another. By overcoming each obstacle with determination and courage, Bug soon demonstrates how patience and hard work can truly make all the difference in the world!

Boys, girls, young and old alike will enjoy these delightful stories that demonstrate Bug's persistence during his journey and the inspiration that comes from never giving up.

About the Author:

Author K. M. Groshek is an executive coach, marathon runner, writer and artist. *Bug's Trip to the Store* is the first book in her *Bug's Adventure* series. She lives in Wisconsin with her husband and daughter who love the outdoors. Visit her website at <http://kmgroshek.com>



Study Guide Level: 1st-3rd Grade

Discussion and Writing Questions:

- In the beginning of the story, what do you think Bug's problem is?
- How can you tell that Bug has a problem at all?
- How does Bug react to his problem? Does he do anything about it?
- How do you think he was feeling when he found out?
- When Bug went on his way what other problems did Bug run into (or face) in the story?
- How did he deal with that problem?
- What do you think this story was about?

Writing: (Language Arts Activity)

Write the place that Bug felt safe in the story and explain why.

Poetry, write a rhyming poem like in the Bug's Trip to Store story that describes the main character Bug.

Drawing / Coloring: (Art Activity)

Draw a picture of Bug when he was happy in the story.

Make copies of Bug on Page 4 and you have the author's permission to distribute this page for kids to color as a coloring activity.

Music: (Music Activity)

Create clapping rhythm while reading the lyrics in the book. Have the children be a part of a clapping rhythm while reading the story in the book.

Pick some songs that are currently being used in class. See which songs rhythm matches the sounds of the rhythm in the story.

Make a list of your favorite scenes in the books. Make a list of songs that you like, artists, musicians on the radio. Match up your favorite scenes with the artists on your lists. Play the music while showing the scene.

