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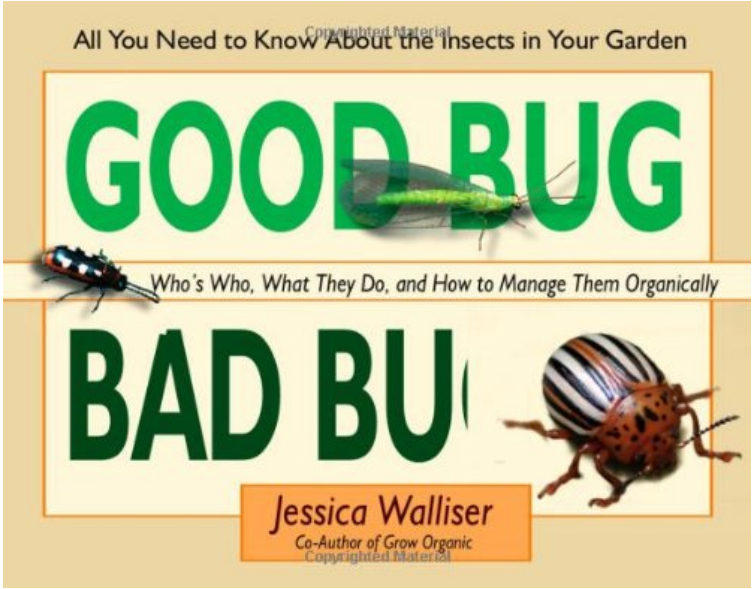

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Jessica Walliser : Good Bug Bad Bug: Who's Who, What They Do, and How to Manage Them Organically (All You Need to Know about the Insects in Your Garden) before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Good Bug Bad Bug: Who's Who, What They Do, and How to Manage Them Organically (All You Need to Know about the Insects in Your Garden):

30 of 31 people found the following review helpful. Not so good bug bookBy GloverEggsSince I do not use pesticides around our place (we raise poultry and they will eat anything), I really like to know which are the good bugs and which ones I should squish. I also have several kids that are very interested in bugs so I figured that this book would kill two birds with one stone.The book is spiral bound and very pretty. However, this book lacks significant details that one needs. Most of the pictures of the bugs are from the side and often not even zoomed in enough that you can easily make out the bug. There are many bad bugs that look very much like good bugs. This book does not explain any of the physical differences between these look a likes. In fact the book does not even mention the look a likes. The advice from the book is to sit and watch the bug and see what it does to decide if it is good or bad for your garden.What pictures are provided often only show the mature bug. In some instances, it also shows the larval stages, but not usually. To turely provide a vauable identification guide, pictures from the side and top should be provided.The book offers suggestions about what to do if you find the bugs. Most of the time, the suggestion is neem or pyrethrins. I do want to give a huge kudo for pointing out that ducks and geese offer great "biological control" with slugs. Chickens, turkeys, and guineas also offer wonderful biological controls for many bugs.Overall I was disappointed in the book. I believe that Edward Smith's "The Vegetable Gardener's Bible" offers better descriptions and pictures (though they are

drawings). My oldest son also has several general bug books that are much better in their detail and descriptions.0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Fun for the whole family whether you're a gardener or not...By JimSi don't know, what do I know about "bug books." It's layout is remarkable, I guess. Meaning, that using it as a resource and identifying bugs, the way it's laid out, make it easy to use. The information within seems pretty inclusive. I bought it because of someone else's recommendation and I'm not disappointed at all. I would buy it again. I got a used copy for what I thought was a great price, although I can't recall what I paid, but it was just a few dollars. Well worth it. I also think this would be a great book for a child and not just for a gardener type. The only criticism is, as a entomology enthusiast, or an adult that is still a big kid at heart and likes bugs, always have, and as a permaculture fan, I don't think there's a "bad" bug. All bugs have their place. That may seem weird to many, but that is nature. No, I'm not some "tree hugger, hippy, all of Gods creatures are beautiful..."...well, maybe a little. ;)Anyway...if you're into gardening, but don't know much about the bugs that want to eat your veggies, get the book. If you want to know more about permaculture and why there are no bad bugs, use google and educate yourself.1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Terrific bookBy Sharon LynneThis book was recommended to me as a must-read for the organic gardener. It certainly is that. Since I received it, I keep it close at hand, referring to it often. It's a very handy size and format(sturdy, spiral-bound,washable cover). So far, I've concentrated on the pests, since that's what I've been dealing with in this my first organic gardening venture (after 40 years of gardening with chemicals). On two pages is the DESCRIPTION of the pest, PHOTOS showing both the insect (in its adult and sometimes larval stages) as well as the damage it does,how to SPOT THE DAMAGE, PLANTS THEY ATTACK,PREVENTIVE ACTIONS you can take,ORGANIC PRODUCT CONTROLS and LIVE BIOLOGICAL CONTROLS you can use,as well as other helpful information. I haven't looked into the beneficial insects yet, but they give information about the LIFE CYCLE, PESTS THEY CONTROL, HOW TO ATTRACT AND KEEP THEM, as well as other pertinent information.

Good Bug Bad Bug lets you quickly identify the most common invasive and beneficial insects (and other tiny critters) in your garden, and gives the best organic advice on how to attract the good guys and manage the bad guyswithout reaching for the toxic chemicals. Garden expert Jessica Walliser also offers strategies for dealing with the new bugs in town, those worrisome strangers that are starting to show up as a result of climate change. Thirty-six bugs, presented in full color on laminated stock, with concealed wire binding. Sturdy enough to take into the garden for easy reference.

Garden writer Jessica Walliser has put together a book that begs to be taken into the backyard. -- Pittsburgh Tribune, May 24, 2008 (By Bob Karlovitz)About the AuthorJessica Wallliser is an ornamental horticultrist and the co-host of two weekly live radio shows heard on KDKA in Pittsburgh and a national show heard on Sirius/Lime radio. She is also the co-author of Grow Organic, Over 250 Tips for Growing Flowers, Veggies, Lawns and More.