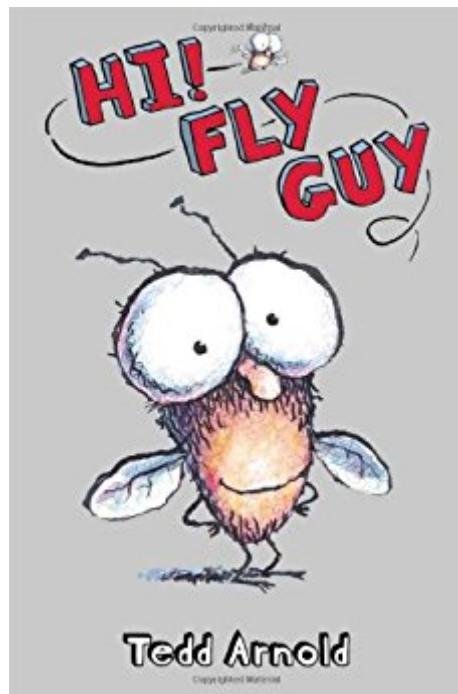


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# Hi! Fly Guy



## **Synopsis**

Tedd Arnold's hilarious HII! FLY GUY, originally published in 2005, is now available in paperback with foil on the cover! Boy and fly meet and so begins a beautiful friendship. Er, and so begins a very funny friendship. Using hyperbole, puns, slapstick, and silly drawings, bestselling author/illustrator Tedd Arnold creates an easy reader that is full of fun. This book is a Theodor Seuss Geisel Honor book!

## **Book Information**

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Age Range: 4 - 8 years

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## **Customer Reviews**

Kindergarten-Grade 2  
A boy goes out searching for a smart animal to take to The Amazing Pet Show and bumps into a fly that is intelligent enough to say the child's name, Buzz. Although his parents and the judges feel at first that a fly is only a pest, not a pet, the insect puts on a performance that astounds them all and wins an award. The cartoon illustrations showing characters with exaggerated wide eyes are delightful, but the text is somewhat weak and disjointed.  
Anne Knickerbocker, formerly at Cedar Brook Elementary School, Houston, TX  
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PWH! FLY GUYAuthor: Arnold, Tedd Review Date: JULY 15, 2005Publisher:Cartwheel/Scholastic Pages: 32 Price (hardback): \$5.99 Publication Date: 9/1/2005 0:00:00ISBN: 0-439-63903-4ISBN (hardback): 0-439-63903-4 Category: CHILDREN'SPestâor Pet? A fly changes some minds in this diminutive taleâfirst, by astounding the lad who captures him in a jar ("BUZZ!" "You know my name! You are the smartest pet in the world!"), then, thanks to some fancy flying, by convincing the lad's parents and ultimately even the judges of the Amazing Pet Show that he's more than just a nuisance. A pop-eyed, self-confident mite in Arnold's droll cartoon illustrations, Fly Guy's up to any challenge, whether it be eating a hot dog (well, most of it, anyway), or performing amazing aerial acrobatics; readers drawn by the flashy foil cover will stick around to applaud this unusually capable critter. Any similarity to Ezra Jack Keats's Pet Show! (1972) is surely coincidental. (Picture book. 6-8) KirkusHi! Fly GuyTedd Arnold. Scholastic/Cartwheel, \$5.99 (32p) ISBN 0-439-63903-4A fly went flying," opens Arnold's (Parts) brief, playful tale, structured in three chapters. At the same time, "A boy went walking." The winged fellow is looking for food and the boy is searching for a critter for the upcoming Amazing Pet Show. The two equally and comically bug-eyed beings meet when the fly collides with the human hero's nose ("boink") and the lad captures it in a glass jar. After the infuriated insect stomps his foot and says, "Buzz!" the amazed boy replies, "You know my name! You are the smartest pet in the world!" Buzz shows his new pet, which he names Fly Guy, to his parents; his father announces that flies are pests and grabs a swatterâuntil the sly fly lands on Buzz's nose and calls him by name. In one of the book's funniest pictures, Fly Guy is dwarfed by the hot dog Buzz places in his jar, most of which he happily consumes. Though the pet show judges tell Buzz that flies don't qualify as pets, Fly Guy rises to the occasion and wows the judges with various feats, clinching the prize for smartest pet. Suitably wacky cartoon art accompanies the text, which is simple enough for beginning readers ready to soar to a chapter-book format. Ages 4-8. (Sept.)BCCBA fly out flying encounters a boy out looking for a pet, and it's a match made in early-reader heaven. The fly apparently knows the boy's name-Buzz-which endears the insect to his new master (and his skeptical parents). Buzz takes Fly Guy, as he's named his new pet, to the Amazing Pet Show, where clever Fly Guy wins over doubting judges with his ability to say his master's name and perform tricks. The story ends pretty abruptly, but this is aimed squarely at an audience with only slightly more reading stamina than the common housefly anyway; the controlled vocabulary (with a few more challenging words thrown in) and frequent repetition add to the ease of access. The look is edgy, especially the cover's motion-effect iridescent graphics, with the interior art sporting Arnold's trademark bulbous-eyed caricatures textured with hairy squiggles; Buzz, who has the stocky solidity of a trash can, is actually rather more taciturn than the

hyper-expressive Fly Guy, whose antics steal the show. Novice readers, particularly those unmoved by cuddlier stories, will welcome the dory wit of this oddball-pet saga. DSSLJ ARNOLD, Tedd. *Hi! Fly Guy!* illus. by author. 30p. CIP. Scholastic/Cartwheel. 2005. Tr \$5.99. ISBN 0-439-63903-4. LC 2004020553. K-Gr 2-3 A boy goes out searching for a smart animal to take to the "The Amazing Pet Show" and bumps into a fly that is intelligent enough to say the child's name, "Buzz." Although his parents and the judge --This text refers to the Audible Audio Edition edition.

My 6 year old son has been struggling to read and I have been looking everywhere for a series of books that will make him want to read. He loves these Fly Guy stories and he laughs every time he reads them. This is the first in the series and I gave it to him for Christmas. It is really nice to see him find a book that he actually likes to read. He can read the whole story without troubles, he had to ask what a few words were the first time through but now reads it to himself. These are really short chapter books and are best for kids that either have short attention spans (like mine) or like to feel an immediate sense of accomplishment. The chapters each have about 15-25 words and there are 3-5 chapters in each story. This means that he can read a whole book in 10 -15 minutes and then move on to something else. I am really hoping that these will be the gateway books to a love of reading for my son and so far they seem to be working as intended.

My son is in 2nd grade and a pretty good reader, but it is still work for him. You can feel that he's putting forth effort. I have been trying to find some books that he can read "for fun". These are below his reading level in the sense that he can read much harder words, but it is perfect because he can just relax and enjoy the book. It is the kind of book he takes to his bed to read by himself and really enjoy the words and pictures. This is good because I've been wanting him to find reading to be a treat and not just work.

My child was able to read with ease on the kindle. We were able to make up a very detailed exam for comprehension from this small book.

Clever books for beginning readers, just enough grossness to appeal to my grandson, but younger siblings loved hearing him read it.

I bought this for my 4-year-old grandson who is a beginning reader. I know he'll love the humor and

the wonderful illustrations. I went to the library and checked out most of the books in the series and I found this (I believe it is the first in the series) to be the best of the bunch. It has a nice story that makes sense and will be fun for a beginning reader. Some of the other stories seem sort of slapped together in terms of the text, the storyline and selection of vocabulary. This particular book rates up there with Dr. Seuss for being attractive to a beginning reader in terms of the use of simple words with repetition as well as an engaging story line and hilarious illustrations. All the books include the great illustrations, I just wouldn't purchase them to keep for reading many times over. This one is worth owning.

My son loves all the Fly Guy books. They are a great alternative to an electronic screen.

I love the Fly Guy series. My son struggles to find stories he's interested in reading as he's still learning, but he always loves to get a new Fly Guy book.

My son loves all the books about Fly Guy

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