



**TITLE: Beetle Boy**

**AUTHOR: M.G Leonard**

**INTEREST AGE: 9-13 Years**

**BOOKBAND: Dark Blue and Black (G+T)**

**OUR REVIEW:** Compelling mystery & well-written creepy villain with capable children to root for. A strong debut set for sequel. Anyone not squeamish about bugs will enjoy reading this.

**DISCUSS:**

Lucretia Cutter's evil fashion house makes jewellery out of real beetles encrusted with jewels.

Is it OK to make jewellery out of beetles?

Why should we look after living creatures?

How can we look after living creatures?

**TASK:**

Design and make some jewellery for the fashion house using beetle-friendly alternatives.

**TASK:**

Find out about beetle's habitats. Build a 'Beetle Hotel' for insects to live in.

## The Billion Bug Road

As your airplane climbs into the sky

Think about all the other things up there that fly

Between the earth and the clouds are hundreds of roads,

In cake like layers, linked by invisible nodes

These roads are full of travelling bugs

Off to new places and looking for love.

Up one thousand, two thousand, three thousand feet

Are butterflies, houseflies and things with six feet.

Up four thousand, five thousand, six thousand, more

You'll meet ladybirds, aphids and beetles galore

At ten thousand feet are millions of moths

At twelve thousand feet, silk holds spiders aloft.

The highest bug you're likely to meet

Is a termite, at nineteen thousand feet

But humans in airplanes travel much higher

Than insects or spiders on their high wires

So wave at the bugs as you fly over their heads

And look for the ladybirds in polka dot red.

**M. G Leonard**

Look at the poem called 'The Billion Bug Road' on the right. It is by M.G Leonard.

- What do you think it's about?
- Why do you think the author wrote this poem?
- Can you write your own version of this poem?

If you enjoyed reading Beetle Boy, you will also enjoy its sequel, 'Beetle Queen'.



The final book in the trilogy, **Battle of the Beetles**, will be published on 1<sup>st</sup> February 2018.



**Peters**