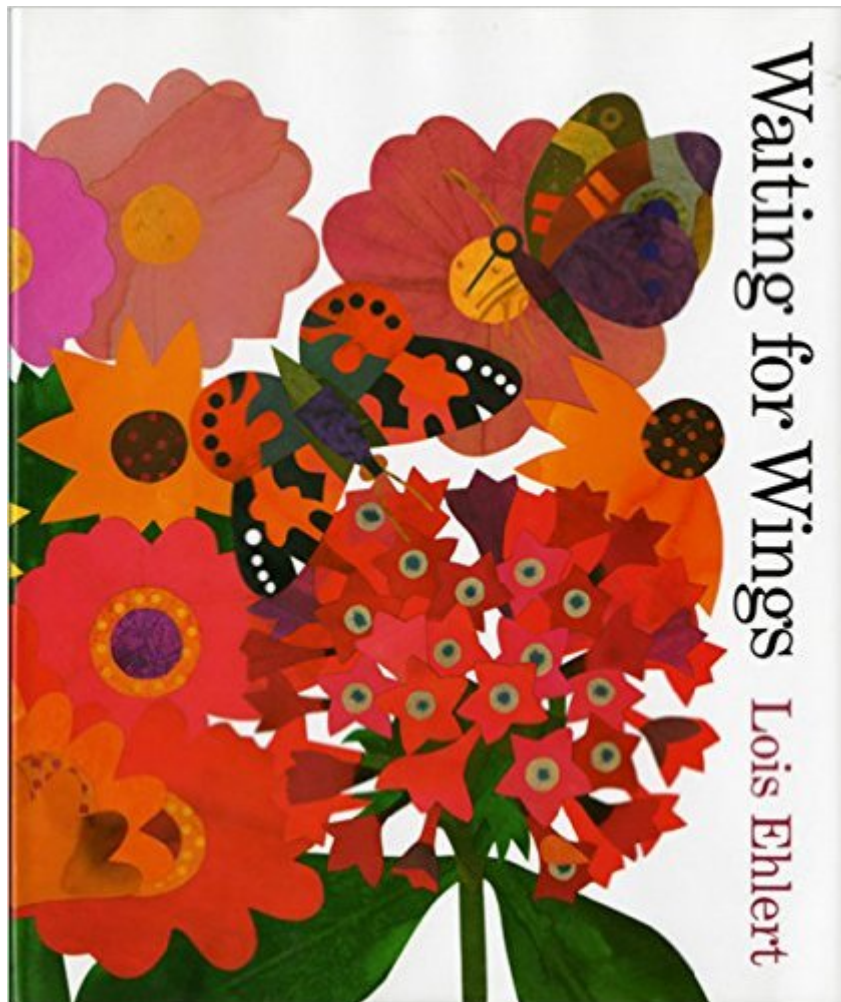


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# Waiting For Wings



## Synopsis

Every spring, butterflies emerge and dazzle the world with their vibrant beauty. But where do butterflies come from? How are they born? What do they eat--and how? With a simple, rhyming text and glorious color-drenched collage, Lois Ehlert provides clear answers to these and other questions as she follows the life cycle of four common butterflies, from their beginnings as tiny hidden eggs and hungry caterpillars to their transformation into full-grown butterflies. Complete with butterfly and flower facts and identification tips, as well as a guide to planting a butterfly garden, this butterfly book is like no other.

## Book Information

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Age Range: 4 - 7 years

Grade Level: Preschool - 3

## Customer Reviews

This delightful story explains the life cycle of the butterfly in a clear, enjoyable way that young children will understand. The rich language with many action verbs and the author's clever use of rhyme make this book appealing to young children. The size of the illustrations are consistent with the story grammar as the pictures are largest at the point of climax in the story- when the butterflies are ready to fly. The illustrations are very brilliant in color which will appeal to young children. The end papers and title page are illustrated and a part of the story. The cover opens up to a large flower garden with the title on the right side. Descriptions of butterflies, flowers and how to grow a

butterfly garden are included. This book will help young children gain a better understanding of nature and enhance their early literacy skills at the same time.

Lois Ehlert has authored a spectacular picture book that shows and tells the life cycle of the butterfly, from tiny eggs hidden in leaves to hatching caterpillars and cocoons to hungry butterflies in search of nectar in your flower gardens. Told in a gentle rhyming pattern, her simple text is chock full of information and fun facts that is easily understood by children as young as three. But the real strength of this book are Ms Ehlert's fabulous, vivid and brilliant illustrations that grow ever larger and more colorful with each page turn. With additional information at the end of the book about different kinds of butterflies and their favorite flowers and even growing a butterfly garden of your own, *Waiting for Wings* is a visual and intellectual feast for inquisitive little minds and their eyes.

I am using this book with students in my teaching practicum and they are absolutely fascinated. The illustrations are wonderful and the story is "simply" beautiful. Easy to understand information about the life-cycle of the butterfly with illustrations that hold interest and stimulate creativity in students. I have also thought of several activities to use with the book in the classroom.

This is not a storybook, but it is a book to be loved. With interesting art in vibrant colors, the book describes the life cycle of the butterfly in poetry and then presents more detailed information on moths and butterflies -- and about which flowers will attract them. The inventive art, on odd-size pages, is outstanding. Some of the art is geometrical, some looks like paper cutouts layered to look three-dimensional. And don't worry about the dust jacket -- if it rips, just pitch it -- the gorgeous art is repeated on the book cover itself.

*Waiting for Wings* by Lois Ehlert is a brilliant, glorious, joyful celebration of all things "butterfly." The book is essentially a review of the life cycle of a butterfly. The text is in rhyme and is delightful. The book starts with smaller, more sedate illustrations and expands and blossoms to giant, dazzling, brilliantly colored illustrations as the butterfly develops, escapes its cocoon and takes flight. The final pages identify the illustrated butterflies and the flowers shown in the text and gives advice to readers on how to start a "butterfly garden". The information provided is accurate and informative for the pre-school/young elementary reader. The illustrations are among the best I've ever seen in a nature book, using bright, warm colors and a wide variety of artistic styles that maintain interest and dazzle the eye. The text is rhythmic and entertaining. This book is pure joy from beginning to end.

You'll enjoy it as much as your kids will!

This book will draw in the entire family, with its exciting splashy colours and poetic language, its easy, unforced gentle rhymes and true-to-life attention to detail. There's even a section at the back listing butterfly facts and instructions for growing a butterfly garden so your kids, too, can spend time "waiting for wings"! My kids, at 6 and 7, are technically too old for this book...but even they got caught up in its delights. Highly recommended as a read-aloud for any age from 3 to 6, and beyond...

I've recently become a big fan of Lois Ehlert. *Waiting for Wings* is a particularly lovely book -- and very cleverly constructed. The illustrations are just saturated with rich, vibrant color -- perfect for a book about flowers and butterflies! At the end of the book Ehlert takes care to identify all of the butterflies and flowers in the book. And she tells how to plant your own butterfly garden.

My 3 year old daughter loves this book! Beautiful drawings of flowers and butterflies. The drawback was that for a couple months after getting this book, we had to read it every night, and we had to name every butterfly on every page. "What kind of butterfly is this?" "That's a Monarch butterfly." "What kind of butterfly is this?" "That's a Tiger swallowtail butterfly." I'm sure that's good in the long run, but holy cow, she was obsessed with this book! :) Thankfully, the obsession dwindled a bit, and now we can enjoy our occasional readings of the book together. I do recommend this book!

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