

# **Butterflies Are Pretty Gross**

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**Synopsis:** Butterflies are beautiful and quiet and gentle and sparkly . . . but that's not the whole truth. Butterflies can be GROSS. And one butterfly in particular is here to let everyone know! Talking directly to the reader, a monarch butterfly reveals how its kind is so much more than what we think.

**Suggested Reading Date:** National Butterfly Day is March 14<sup>th</sup> or pair this nicely with a Science unit if it is part of your student's curriculum.

### **Activity Descriptions:**

- In the book the author lists some gross things that butterflies do. Find out if other creatures out there have a series of gross habits utilizing books, websites, and databases from your school or public library.
- Take a pole to see what is the worst gross thing that a butterfly can do.
- Premade Activities from Tundra Time: <https://tundrabooks.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/04/Butterflies-Are-Pretty-Gross-TundraTime.pdf>
- Design and decorate your library with butterflies despite their new reputation. Free downloads: <https://onelittleproject.com/butterfly-template/>
- Make an origami butterfly: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cZdO2e8K29o>
- How to draw a butterfly: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NLWNOafqfh0>
- How does a caterpillar become a butterfly:  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=V5RSpMQQOpw>
- Paper butterfly craft: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aMmqBznjV8o>

### **Related Websites:**

- Author's Website: <https://rosemarymosco.com/>
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### **Text to Text Connections:**

*Out of Nowhere* by Chris Naylor-Ballesteros

*The Very Impatient Caterpillar* by Ross Burach

*The Little Butterfly that Could* by Ross Burach

*The Very Hungry Caterpillar* by Eric Carle

*Velma Gratch & the Way Cool Butterfly* by Alan Madison

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