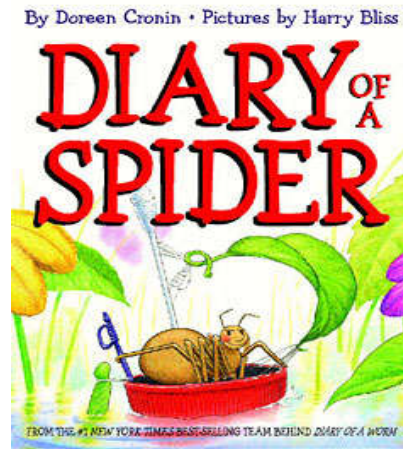


Resource for *Diary of a Spider*



Author- Doreen Cronin



Illustrator-Harry Bliss

Title:	<i>Diary of a Spider</i>
Publisher:	Joanna Colter Books/Harper Collins Publishers
Date:	2005
Author	Doreen Cronin
About the Author: (Interesting facts, etc)	Doreen Cronin was born in New York and lived there with her family. She has two brothers and a sister. Her father was a police officer and was "very, very funny". Even with all the dangerous things he saw and did, he always had a funny story to tell. She decided that she was not brave enough to follow in her father's footsteps, so she became a publisher for a while, and then went to law school.
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Connection to the Book: After her father passed away, she became very sad and could not finish law school. She woke up in the middle of the night and wrote, "Click, clack moo, cows that type". It made her happy again because it reminded her of her father and made her laugh like he used to.

Other books by this author:

Illustrated by Betsy Lewin
[Click Clack Moo, Cows that Type](#)
[Giggle Giggle Quack](#)
[Duck for President](#)
[Click Clack Quackity Quack](#)
[Click Clack Splish Splash](#)
[Dooby Dooby Moo](#)

Illustrated by Harry Bliss

[Diary of a Spider](#)

[Diary of a Worm](#)

[Diary of a Fly](#)

Coming Soon! **Fall 2007**

Illustrated by Scott Menchin

[Wiggle](#)

Illustrator Harry Bliss

About the Illustrator Harry Bliss works for New Yorker Magazine as a cartoonist and Cover Artist. He also grew up in New York and has a whole family of illustrators and painters. The very first children's book he illustrated was "A Fine, Fine School" by Sharon Creech and it was a New York Times Best Seller. He has illustrated many books by many different authors.

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I could not find an actual e-mail address, but there is a contact Harry section under the news and store tab on his website. It will bring up a form that you fill put and send from there. I tried harrybliss2harrybliss.com and it did not come back as undeliverable, but I cannot confirm that is the actual address.

Connections to the book Harry Bliss has illustrated other books for Doreen Cronin, including Diary of a Worm, and the upcoming Diary of a Fly. They are known as the "New York Times Best Selling Team".

Other books by this illustrator

A Fine, Fine School by Sharon Creech
Which would you rather be by William Steig
Countdown to Kindergarten by Alison McGhee
Mrs. Watson wants your teeth by Alison McGhee

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Don't forget to come back by Robie H Harris
Diary of a Worm by Doreen Cronin
Diary of a Fly by Doreen Cronin

Annotation: People use diaries as a way of bringing closure to the day and to document our daily life and adventures. Who knew spiders were so smart? In this entertaining story about the life and adventures of a spider, children will be able to relate to the troubles and stresses of this young spider and the difficulties of growing up. We also learn that even the most unlikely characters can become friends. Come along on this witty, hilarious and all too real adventure about growing up and making friends.

Book talk: What would you say if you kept a diary? How would you explain your daily experiences and adventures? What if you were a spider? What adventures would you have and how would you tell us about them? Who would your best friend be? Come along in my diary and I'll share my adventures with you. Be careful of the vacuum, and don't let fly's mom scare you!

Characters:	<i>Relationship to other characters:</i>	<i>Personality traits:</i>
Spider	Main character- keeps the diary	Caring, open minded, funny, determined, a good friend,
Fly	Spider's best friend	A good friend, self conscious, open minded
Grandpa	Spider's grandpa	Trickster, funny, set in his ways, closed minded

Conflict: Getting along not making judgments

Conflict Resolution: Spider and fly get along because they took the time to get to know each other.

Genre: Fantasy/ Animals and Nature

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