Meet the Author

Lynn Huggins-Cooper



Translating a lifelong fascination with bugs onto the page was easy for Lynn Huggins-Cooper. Lynn grew up poking through the gardens and combing the beaches of Sussex, England looking for the bizarre and the beautiful in the form of insects. So, one could say she began researching and writing *Alien Invaders / Invasores extraterrestres* during her childhood.

Lynn graduated from the London School of Economics / Northumbria University with a BA in Criminal Justice, and has earned her postgraduate certification in education. These credentials coupled with her environmental consciousness have led her on such exciting enterprises as working with prisoners in a bail hostel and working as a wildlife ranger at a marine reserve. Her fascination with the natural world, from garden to seashore, has led her to spend her spare time building ponds and wildlife gardens for her family and local schools.

As a teacher, and even today as a full-time author, Lynn believes in the power of education through story. She has penned over 200 books on topics ranging from world festivals to, of course, bugs. Nearly 100 of her titles are home learning books through Letts Educational and are directed towards students from pre-school up. There is no pigeonholing Lynn. She writes in a variety of styles for a variety of genres on an equally large range of topics.

Also large, her family has grown to include a husband, three children, three horses, two goats, five cats, two dogs, a rabbit, and a whole horde of guinea pigs. Changing and growing daily there is certainly no lack of inspiration for Lynn on her small farm in County Durham, England.

How she manages to write as profusely as she does, run her organic farm, lecture, give interviews promoting her books, run the Children's Activities Group at her local church, and orchestrate the Ugly Bug Ball, in celebration of *Alien Invaders / Invasores extraterrestres*, is a mystery even to her.

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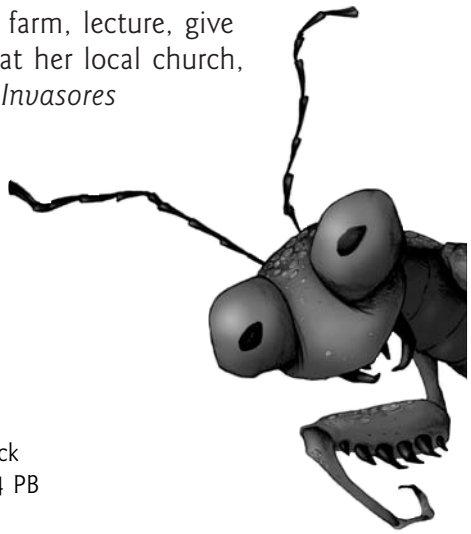

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Questions for the Author

Lynn Huggins-Cooper



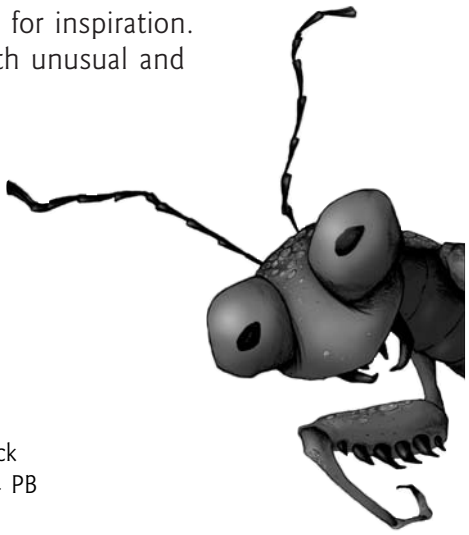
1. Who or what inspires you to write or draw?
Lynn is inspired by the natural world, the sights and sounds, the smell of the sea rolling to her doorstep. She finds inspiration in her children and the animals she hosts on her small organic farm nestled on the North Sea along the east coast of jolly old England.

2. What is your favorite writing / illustration environment? Describe your workspace.
Lynn's favorite place to write is sitting in the fields on her smallholding – especially by the pond, surrounded by clouds of dragonflies! She has wireless internet access so she can work outside.

3. Are there any special supplies you use for writing / illustrating?
Contrary to the handmade pencil and paper you may believe Lynn to use, she actually uses a laptop to write. She also writes longhand and downloads onto the computer. Lynn likes to surround herself with props for whatever she is writing – witchy stuff for magic stories and models of butterflies and bugs for *Alien Invaders / Invasores extraterrestres*!

4. Describe your creative process? What is a 'must have' when you are in the creative process? (coffee, chocolate, music?)
Fresh air, utter quiet, or meditation music are mandatory. All Lynn needs then is something to write with or on.

5. Who are your favorite authors / illustrators? What influence have they had on your work?
With a signed edition of Ray Bradbury in each hand, Lynn meditates for inspiration. Bradbury, just like *Alien Invaders / Invasores extraterrestres*, deals with unusual and extraordinary realms of the imagination.



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Questions for the Author (continued)

Lynn Huggins-Cooper



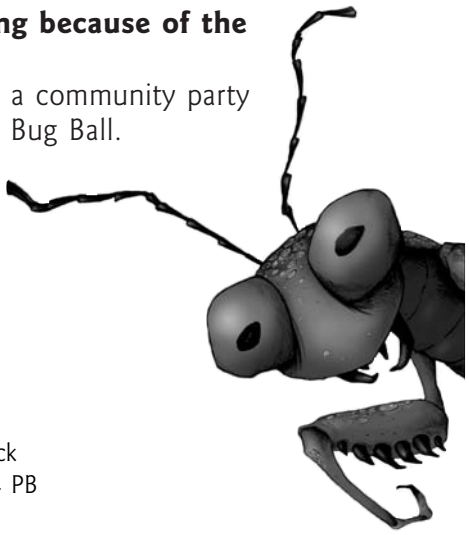
6. What specific message do you want people to get from this book and why? What experiences have you had that directly reinforce your book's message?
Lynn wants people to always look at things in a different and creative way – are bugs really bugs or tiny invaders? She is a firm believer in the power to educate through story, and sincerely hopes that when people read *Alien Invaders / Invasores extraterrestres* they will find themselves both entertained and creatively opened.

7. Do you have any interesting hobbies that other may be interested in?
Lynn is a craft worker and has written several craft books. She loves to make things. She also loves the natural world. Combining the two, she has decorated her bathroom to look like a pond! She lays in the bath dreaming stories. Her shady pool has already given her an idea for a story about a sea witch...

8. How long have you been at work on this book? Why did you write it? Why did you want to illustrate it? Where did your ideas come from?
Alien Invaders / Invasores extraterrestres has been a work in progress since Lynn was a small child. The translation of her lifetime fascination with bugs was quick and easy. She thoroughly enjoyed this opportunity to share her passion with children young and old.

9. Did the book involve special research? Please include.
A lifetime of bug hunting – and reading science fiction...and hours spent thinking 'What if...?'

10. Detail any fun things that have happened/or are happening because of the publication of this book.
In honor of *Alien Invaders / Invasores extraterrestres,* Lynn organized a community party to announce the release of the book. The event was called the Ugly Bug Ball.



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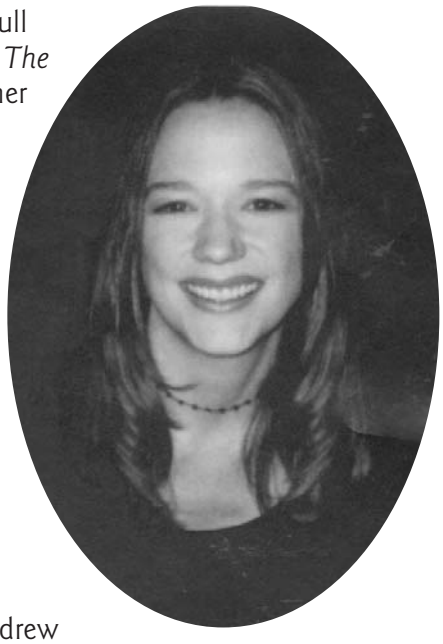


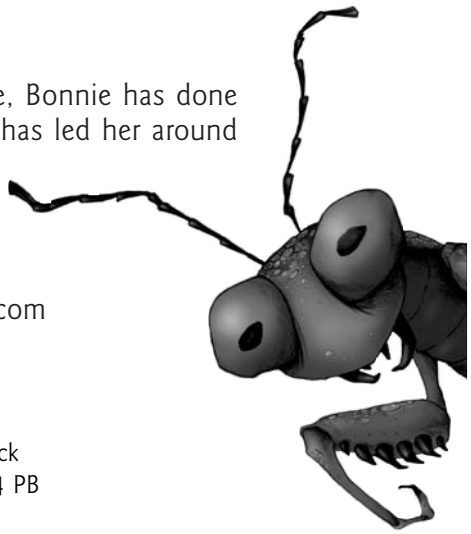
Alien Invaders / Invasores extraterrestres is Bonnie Leick's first full length children's book. Doing the cover for the children's book *The Boy Who Ate Dog Biscuits* (Random House, 2004), as well as her work with HBO / Showtime and Disney has more than prepared her for the task. Bonnie's smashing introduction to the world of children's literature in *Alien Invaders / Invasores extraterrestres* is out of this world!

Graduating from Cal Arts (California Institute of the Arts) with a BFA in Film / Video Character Animation, she began her schooling at Minneapolis College of Art and Design as a candidate for a BFA in Live Action. Her subsequent career in animation, special effects, filmmaking, and numerous other facets of the film industry has allowed her to work with some of the biggest name companies in world including Warner Brothers and Disney.

Drawing from her vast resource of knowledge and skills Bonnie drew the illustrations for *Alien Invaders / Invasores extraterrestres* on animation paper (used for wide-angle panning shots) acquired after the 1994 California earthquake. The soft tones were achieved through the use of Prismacolor® pencils in many shades of indigo blue to obtain the broad range of hues and tones. Her sketches were then scanned into Adobe PhotoShop® for 'colorizing' where a hint of iridescent sheen lends an exotic glow to the mysterious landscape.

Bonnie seems to have an unparalleled love for creating things. From growing ripe red tomatoes and basil in her garden to making a marinara delisciouso, Bonnie uses more than just her watercolor palette to enjoy life. When she is not drawing or cooking she likes to play with her husband and two stepchildren. And, if alone time is what the doctor ordered, she lovingly refinishes old furniture.

A Wisconsin native imbued with a grand sense of fun and adventure, Bonnie has done her share of travel. Between school, business, and pleasure, her life has led her around the United States and to such foreign locales as Mexico and Italy. But, as all things circle, Bonnie has found herself back in Wisconsin as the Leick in Leick Illustrations, Milwaukee.



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Questions for the Illustrator

Bonnie Leick



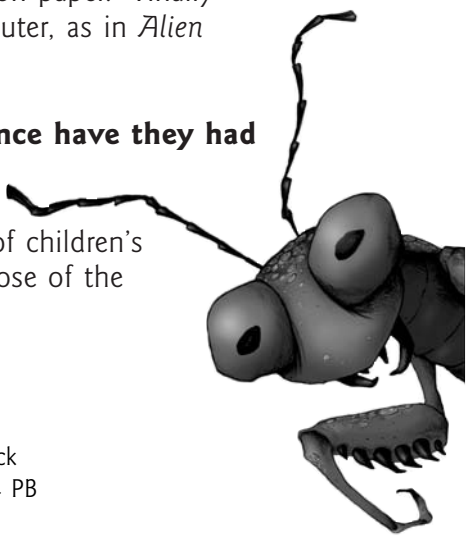
1. Who or what inspires you to write or draw?
Bonnie is highly influenced by the world around her. She notices things. Later, at her animation table, ideas almost seem to spontaneously pop into her head. Bonnie also writes. Meeting with her writing group keeps her motivated.

2. What is your favorite writing / illustration environment? Describe your workspace.
Bonnie can be found working on an old animation table in her studio. Both lighting and music have to complement her subject at the time of its creation. As for writing, she tends to write ideas on scraps of paper, eventually putting them into the computer.

3. Are there any special supplies you use for writing / illustrating?
Given a sheet of 8 1/2 x11 computer paper (for the initial sketches), Bonnie sits at her animation table and begins. Later her drawings will be finished in watercolors on watercolor paper. If it's a digital project she is working on, a scanner and PhotoShop® translate her talent into the product. In *Alien Invaders / Invasores extraterrestres,* a combination of these were used to achieve wacky and exotic illustrations.

4. Describe your creative process? What is a 'must have' when you are in the creative process? (coffee, chocolate, music?)
Bonnie thumbnails as many ideas as she can no matter how horrible or cheesy. Then, taking the best of these, she scans the chosen thumbnail into her computer and blows it up. She does a tighter rough, or if it is close enough, a final rough. Bonnie then uses her light table to trace the drawing onto either watercolor or animation paper. Finally Bonnie paints or draws, using colored pencil, and scans it into computer, as in *Alien Invaders / Invasores extraterrestres*.

5. Who are your favorite authors / illustrators? What influence have they had on your work?
Rien Poortvliet, Mark Ryden, and Michael Parks are among Bonnie's favorite illustrators. She is influenced and inspired by a wide range of children's artists. She also takes queues from the older masters, particularly those of the Renaissance.



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Questions for the Illustrator (continued)

Bonnie Leick



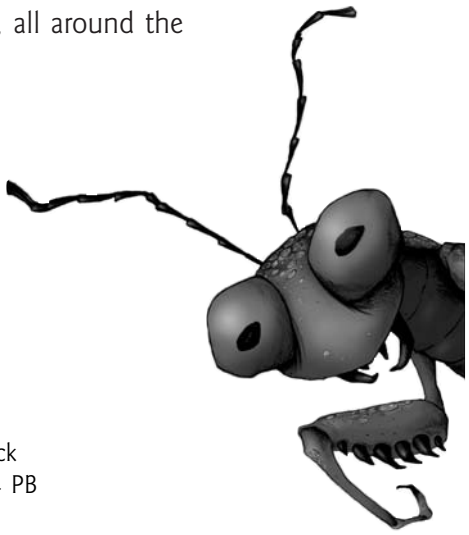
6. What specific message do you want people to get from this book and why? What experiences have you had that directly reinforce your book's message?
At times bugs may give you the chills, and may even look a little creepy but that's what makes them great! Bonnie has spent her life looking at things in new ways, and wants you to try it to.

7. Do you have any interesting hobbies that other may be interested in?
Bonnie is a film buff, and animation enthusiast. She enjoys gardening and cooking. All in all a creative artist, Bonnie likes to use her hands. One of her ventures is the restoration and refinishing of old furniture.

8. How long have you been at work on this book? Why did you write it? Why did you want to illustrate it? Where did your ideas come from?
Bonnie illustrated *Alien Invaders / Invasores extraterrestres* because she loves drawing, and bugs are fun. It was perfect for her. It allowed her the opportunity to be a little goofy.

9. Did the book involve special research? Please include.
Even though the drawings didn't necessarily have to be anatomically correct, Bonnie researched the sizes and structures of each bug as well as its behavior. Interested in not only the project, but what it could teach her, she read about their habitats, what they ate, how long they lived, what they did in the winter - everything.

10. Detail any fun things that have happened/or are happening because of the publication of this book.
Alien Invaders / Invasores extraterrestres can be found all over the web, all around the world! Bonnie loves the book signings and readings.



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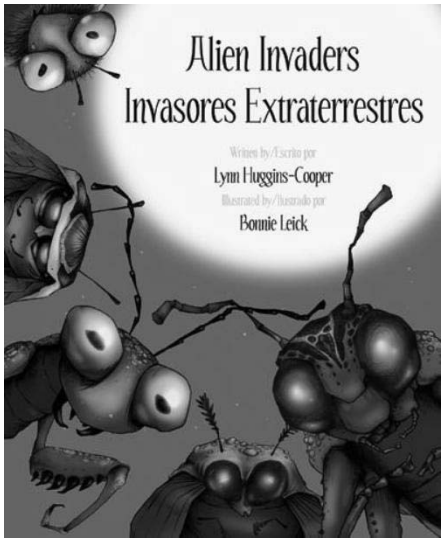
About the Book

Alien Invaders/ Invasores extraterrestres

Sneaking. Creeping. Crawling. What if the television is wrong? What if aliens aren't little green men? What if they aren't coming, but are already here? What if the bugs that you had always thought harmless were actually invaders from the furthest reaches of space? What should we do, make friends?

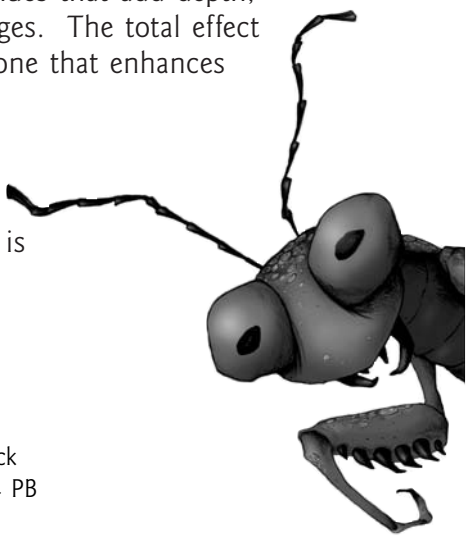


A curious boy observes that various bugs in his garden bear an eerie resemblance to the aliens he has seen on TV. He watches them as they carry off picnic food, hide beneath the shade of the onion plants, form an angry swarm ready to attack, and scurry away with their human booty of toy jacks, a ring, sugar cubes and various other treasures. He prepares to make friends with the 'invaders' by lining the inside of his coat with delectable flower tidbits for them to enjoy. He also shares his popcorn snack. Still, he dons an army helmet 'just in case' the bugs are indeed alien invaders.

Written with the insight of a true bug fanatic, *Alien Invaders / Invasores extraterrestres* is sure to capture the imagination of young and old alike. It is a story that anyone who has ever encountered a creature creeping and crawling its way around the house or through the garden can relate to. According to Lynn Huggins-Cooper, "Mom says they are just bugs... (But) they sure look like aliens to me!"

The compelling story is just the beginning of this full text Spanish/English translation. The illustrations glow eerily and the alien insects seem to dive right through the page ready to invade your home. These lively illustrations (which give a nod to the illustrator's animation background) start as soft-toned line drawings in various shades of indigo blue. They are then manipulated to obtain a broad range of hues that add depth, radiance, and the fanciful luminescence that emanates from these pages. The total effect of Leick's illustrations in *Alien Invaders / Invasores extraterrestres* is one that enhances the text and increases the humor and range of the story.

Alien Invaders / Invasores extraterrestres helps children gain an appreciation of literature, another culture/language, the extraterrestrial nature of insects, and the transforming power of the imagination. It is guaranteed to quickly become one of your children's favorite stories.



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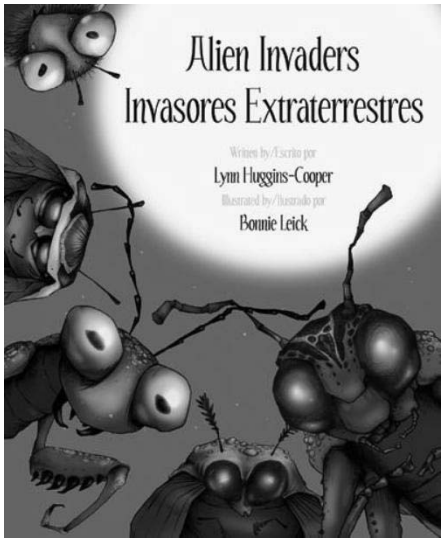
Rave Reviews

Alien Invaders/ Invasores extraterrestres

"...The narrator of this book, a jug-eared youngster whose crew cut resembles a well-mown lawn, has a different take [on aliens] and is making friends with them "just in case"...plenty of child appeal..." ***—School Library Journal***



"...A luminous sheen adds to the overall sense of menace described in the text...this engaging introduction to insects has child appeal and could also serve as a pattern for writing. A sound purchase for school and public libraries as well as bookstores." ***—Críticas***

"...The illustrator renders some really wacky insect pictures to accompany the text. Kids will be fascinated by this bilingual book." **—Heartland Reviews**

"...Alien Invaders, written in English and Spanish, is captivating, creative, and just plain fun. Children's imaginations will soar reading this wonderful book...The beautiful illustrations, by Bonnie Leick, add charm and realism to bug expert, Lynn Huggins-Cooper's bouncy, easy-to-read text..." **—Jennifer LB Leese, author**

"...wildly imaginative and beautifully illustrated. I love that it's in Spanish and English. The character designs are very appealing and fun...the bugs are alive—they really pop off the page." **—Jason Ryan, Walt Disney Pictures and Television**

"Delightfully bug-yucky!" **—Dori Chaconas, author**



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Description: A child compares garden creatures to what he knows of space invaders. Bugs and creepy crawlers abound in far-out illustrations. Full text translation. Key word bilingual (English/Spanish) vocabulary.

Selling Points:
- Kids love bugs!
- Detailed illustrations let readers find something new with each reading
- Author is a bug expert and has written many non-fiction titles regarding the insect world
- Wacky illustrations have great child (and adult) appeal

Selling Sentence: Bugs in the garden? Or are they really alien invaders? Find out the similarities and decide for yourself!

Author Bio: Lynn Huggins - Cooper grew up in Sussex, England and spent her childhood on 'small game safaris' in the garden or at the beach. Now Lynn loves to bug hunt with her own children on their small farm in County Durham, England, where she gardens organically.

Illustrator Bio: Bonnie Leick has worked on projects ranging from a commercial for HBO/Showtime, to Monty Python's Holy Grail cd-rom game, to Warner Brother's Space Jam, and Disney's The Tigger Movie. Bonnie also wrote stories for Howie Mandel's Lil' Howie series of educational cd-rom games.

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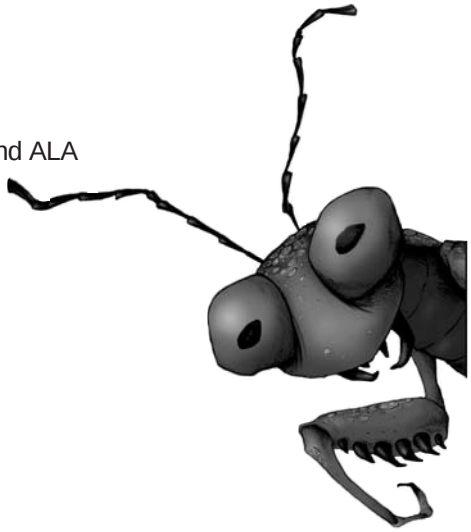

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