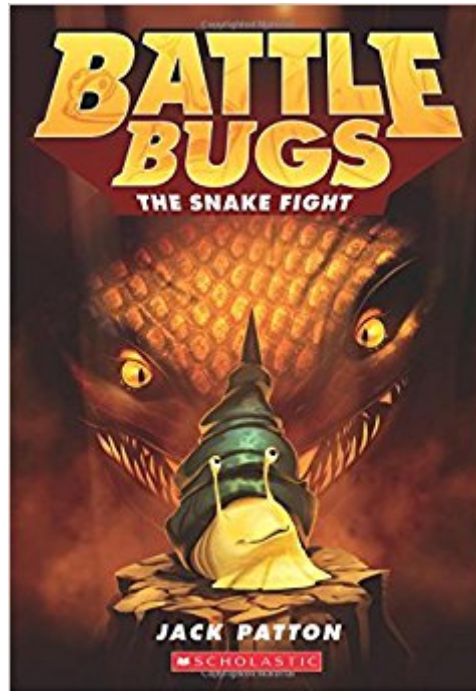




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The Snake Fight (Battle Bugs #8)



Synopsis

Ancient warriors! The Battle Bugs have discovered a tunnel that leads directly from Reptile Island to Bug Island. Max must plug it before the Battle Bugs' defenses fall! The tunnels connecting the islands hold more than either side bargained for -- prehistoric creatures ready to battle! The fate of Bug Island rests on the sturdy shell of an ancient snail. Can one bug turn the tide of war?

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Age Range: 7 - 10 years

Grade Level: 2 - 5

Customer Reviews

Jack Patton is an insect aficionado. He loves nothing more than observing creepy crawlies in his backyard. Jack lives in England with his wife, their two dogs, and a bustling ant farm.

Keeping a series for young readers fresh and engaging is not easy, but Jack Patton has done so in his latest book *Battle Bugs: The Snake Fight*. Max Darwin, the main human character, is growing up and is participating in activities beyond academics. As this book begins, Max and his father are designing and building a car for the Soapbox Derby. When Max goes to his room to retrieve something for his car, he notices *The Complete Encyclopedia of Arthropods* glowing. Thus begins his latest adventure on Bug Island. Landing in the Misty

Marshes, an unfamiliar locale on Bug Island, Max saves Glower “ head of the big intelligence network “ from a Mexican worm lizard. Returning to the Battle Bugs camp, Max learns Glower and other bugs have disappeared. Along with Roxy, a millipede and Cadet in the bug army, Max sets out to find and rescue the missing bugs. Slimer, a giant snail and Webster, the trap door spider join forces with Max and Roxy in the search. An underground encounter with two Mexican worm lizards and their commander Lieutenant Titan, a titanoboa, culminates in an exciting and satisfying conclusion. “The Snake Fight” brings new characters into Max’s adventures and expands the locales on Bug Island in which the action takes place. Additionally, Jack Patton continues to slip facts about the various non-human characters into the story. He does this in a manner that seamlessly incorporates the knowledge-building through characters talking about their species or their surroundings as part of the narrative. Because readers of the Bug Battles are growing older, the vocabulary of the story is becoming more sophisticated. However, Jack Patton defines the new words and terms as part of the narrative and does not leave young readers frustrated because they may be unfamiliar with the words. Once again, Brett Bean provides the illustrations. These are a valuable addition to the story because some young readers or those to whom you may be reading the book like “pictures” to accompany a story. My grandson loves the Battle Bugs and “The Snake Fight” is sure to be a welcome addition to library and to his evening reading.

A while ago my son and husband were mesmerized by a show on the smithsonian channel about the prehistoric titanaboa. I’ve had to hear every detail about the atrocious creature ever since. If only Jack Patton could’ve seen the look on my son’s face when he realized who the villain in the latest Battle Bug book was! I’m sure I’ve written a glowing review for at least one of the other books but had to do so again for this one because it was just so perfect for one little reader. If I were reviewing from my point of view, I might knock off a star for similarities in the story lines of all the books but I’m not the target audience and my 4 and 6 year old boys seem to love every one of them. Also, if Magic Treehouse can keep the attention of it’s young reader for 55 books then I think Mr. Patton might be able to do the same!!

I bought this along with all the other books in the series for my 8-year-old son, and he loves all of them. We read a chapter together almost every night at bedtime, and he reads them on his own when I make him read. I think the books are perfectly targeted for 8 to 10-year-old kids with medium-length chapters, uncomplicated writing and dialog, and engaging storylines. SPOILER

ALERT: Each book in the series follows a standard pattern: Max is doing something in the regular human world (like participating in a science fair or camping with his family) when the bug encyclopedia summons him. He gets shrunk down to bug size and sucked into the book and taken to Bug Island, where he helps lead the battle bugs in a fight against their reptile enemies. Max and the bugs are always victorious, and there is always a happy ending before Max gets returned to the human world only a few minutes after he left. The end of each book always contains a couple nonfiction pages about the real-world versions of the bugs talked about in the story, such as fire ants, centipedes, etc. The books are never overly graphic or violent or sad, and there is no adult material or inappropriate language. I highly recommend this series for boys and girls between the ages of 7 and 10.

Great books keep them coming.

My son has the entire series and he just waits for the next one to release. He just loves it. Great read!!

All of these books were ordered for my grandson for his birthday. He loves them!!

My son loved this series...sat down and read the whole book in one day!

My son loves the series

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