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water in the morning... In fact, no bug is truly wicked. It is just eating.”? **New York Times**
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“This book covers many of the gross, frightening, disgusting, and awful things that bugs can do to you. And it’s COOL ... Bugs become less gross, and a lot more interesting, when put into the context of how they have changed human history.”— **Scientific American blog**
(*Knoxville News-Sentinel*)

“I should have known it would gross me out, in a deliciously creepy kind of way. It's everything you didn't know you didn't want to know about insects...” – **Knoxville News-Sentinel**
(*The Oregonian*)

“[Stewart] wrote this book to scare the bugs out of you...Stewart is not an entomologist, but she is a consummate storyteller with a curious mind.” – **The Oregonian**

About the Author

Amy Stewart is the award-winning author of six books on the perils and pleasures of the natural world. She is the cofounder of the popular blog *Garden Rant* and is a contributing editor at *Fine Gardening* magazine. She and her husband live in Eureka, California, where they own an antiquarian bookstore called Eureka Books.

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