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Editorial Review

From School Library Journal

K-Gr 3—A little bug is on top of the world (literally sitting on a globe), when tragedy strikes. His world goes dark as he gets sucked into a vacuum. Bug goes through the Kübler-Ross stages of grief with dramatic humor. At the same time, the household pet—a dog—loses its knitted toy buddy to the same vacuum. Dog also experiences a canine version of the same five stages, before all's well that ends well. The double-page artwork cleverly illustrates these traumatic events with a muted palette and cute, cartoony characters. Much of the humor is tongue-in-cheek. There is plenty of detail in the illustrations that will evoke adult chuckles and encourage children to look closer. **VERDICT** The award-winning author of the "Scaredy Squirrel" series (Kids Can) is back with an equally engaging, if a bit more sophisticated, picture book to delight audiences.—Mindy Whipple, West Jordan Library, UT

Review

"A bug flies indoors, is sucked into a vacuum, and experiences the five stages of grief while entrapped. The narrative plays it straight, but the double-page spreads—over 40 of them—tell a far livelier story [Watt] includes a clever, visually parallel story about the household's dachshund, whose favorite toy, a knitted, button-eyed dog, suffers the same fate as the bug Another funny, visually rollicking work from the creator of *Chester* and *Scaredy Squirrel*." - **Kirkus Reviews**

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"Mélanie Watt's retro-styled illustrations are kitschy, cool, mid-modern masterpieces . . . *Bug in a Vacuum* is original, witty, and moving." - **Quill & Quire**

"In a story heady and intellectually ambitious enough for a jaded adult, yet suited to a child's down-to-earth appetites, a wide-eyed fly gets vacuumed up There's a journey, yes, into the light, but it's a happy ending that may just prompt sheer joy at the simple fact of being alive." - **The New York Times**

"This book is so eloquently written and illustrated, so carefully and tenderly crafted. . . Highly recommended." - **The Globe and Mail**

About the Author

Mélanie Watt is the bestselling creative genius behind many beloved picture books for children, including the Scaredy Squirrel series, the Chester series, *You're Finally Here!*, *Have I Got a Book for You!* and

Augustine. Mélanie's books have received numerous starred reviews from journals such as *PW* and *Kirkus* and have won many state awards in the US, including the Virginia Readers' Choice Award, North Carolina's Children's Book Award and Maryland's Black-Eyed Susan Award. In Canada, she is a multiple winner of the OLA's Blue Spruce Award and the Ruth & Sylvia Schwartz Children's Book Award. The Scaredy Squirrel animated television series based on her books airs on the Cartoon Network in the US and YTV in Canada. Mélanie lives in Montreal, Quebec.

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