



*A light-hearted tale about how a child catches “a bug”*

**I**n this delightful and amusing story, little Tess doesn't feel well. When her Mom says she has “a bug”, Tess becomes concerned, believing that she may have an actual insect inside her body. Mom goes on to clarify that Tess's type of bug is a “sick bug” and she gives fun and imaginative descriptions of the creatures, explains how they affect a little one's body, and most importantly, advises how to get rid of them.

*“[Sick bugs are] silly – fuzzy furry and cute. They giggle and wiggle and wear cowboy boots.”*

This is a timeless story that will appeal to children and adults alike. The clever rhyming dialogue between a mother and daughter captures a child's wide-eyed innocence and endless imagination as well as the patience and empathy of a parent comforting a sick one. “The Sick Bug” is a whimsical tale complete with vivid and captivating illustrations that bring the “sick bugs” and their bug world to life. At the same time, it leaves readers with a simple but true message for how to get better. Sure to bring a smile even when under the weather!



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## About the Author and the Illustrator

After enduring a few too many Minnesota cold and flu seasons as a mother of three, Susie Bazil conceived a story based upon a conversation with her three-year old about catching “a bug”. Exploring the precious imagination of a child, Susie created an entertaining and imaginative tale about the “sick bugs” that are responsible for the sneezes, sniffles and colds that so often get children down. She is a part-time attorney, part-time chauffeur and full-time “nurse”; especially between the months of November and February!

Shawn McCann is an award winning illustrator and fine artist whose work embraces bold use of color, form, and energy. Educated at the Minneapolis College of Art of Design, Shawn studied under some of the leading artists in the fields of illustration and painting. Since then, Shawn's work has been published and exhibited around the country.

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