



The Caterpillar's Friend

Kate, the caterpillar, has no friends since everyone is busy. Read this book to find out how she will find a friend in the end.



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One beautiful, sunny morning, a tiny egg resting on a leaf cracked open. Out came a tiny caterpillar!



The tiny caterpillar was very hungry. She ate leaves and berries and grew quickly. But her branch was lonely. So she decided to go in search of a friend to play with.



In the garden near her tree, Caterpillar saw a bee. He was very busy collecting pollen to turn into honey.



"Hello, there!" she said. "Would you like to be my friend?" "I am too busy to play," the bee buzzed. "I have to make a lot of honey today!"



Next, Caterpillar met a dung beetle. He was busy rolling a giant ball of manure, and singing as he worked, "Rolling, rolling, rolling, I've got to keep on rolling!" "Hello! Would you like to play ball with me?" Caterpillar asked.



But the dung beetle did not even stop. "Rolling, rolling. I've got to keep rolling. No time to play!" After the beetle rolled past with his stinky ball, Kate decided she would not mind looking for a different friend.



She soon heard someone crying. She found a young spider crying so many tears, he had made a lake of sadness around him. "What is wrong?" Caterpillar asked.



"I fell out of my web, and can't get back," he cried. "I want my mommy!" Caterpillar comforted the little spider. "Climb on my back and I will take you home."



Mama Spider was so happy to see Little Spider again and gave him a big eight-legged hug. "I am so glad you are OK!" she said. "Who is your new friend?" Caterpillar was so delighted to realize she had found a friend at last.



The two new friends had a wonderful time playing together. But soon, it was time for Caterpillar to make a cocoon.



After working hard to make her cocoon, she said goodnight to her friend. Spider promised to watch over her as she slept and keep other insects away.



Little Spider and Mama Spider even spun extra web to protect Caterpillar.



For several days, Caterpillar slept. Finally, the cocoon began to shiver and shake. "Caterpillar, is that you?" Spider yelled in surprise.



His friend had become a butterfly! She may have changed, but their friendship was still the same.



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