Modeling Concepts of Print

- Point out the front cover and back cover of the book. Read the title and the name of the author/illustrator as you track the print.
- Model for children how to turn a page to read the next page. Track the print from left to right as you read each page.
- Explain that words are made up of letters. Point to the first and last letters in a word.

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with all the love in the world
Emma xx
I Love Bugs!

Emma Dodd
I love all bugs...

big

and small bugs.
I love springy jumpy leapy bugs and slimy crawly creepy bugs.
I love hard spiky spiny bugs and pretty spotty shiny bugs.
I love fuzzy sunny honey bugs
and furry whirry funny bugs.
I love brightly-colored-wing bugs and stripy swipey sting bugs.
I love whiny-buzzy-sound bugs

and glide-across-the-ground bugs.
I love flouncy frilly flutter bugs and silly clitter-clutter bugs.
I love fly-around-the-light bugs and curl-up-tight bugs.
Yes, I love all bugs! Hop and fly and crawl bugs.
But the best bugs are hairy bugs. Eight-legged scary bugs.
The hang-from-the-ceiling bugs...
and send-me-squealing bugs!
Bugs All Around

Some bugs look alike.
Some bugs look very different.
Some bugs have six legs.
Some bugs have many more legs.

A ladybug has six legs.

A centipede has many legs.
Ants work hard.

An ant has six legs.
Ants like to work together.
They can build a nest.
Ants like to live together.
Some bugs have legs and wings. 
A butterfly has colorful wings. 
Sometimes we can see butterflies in flowers. 
Butterflies get food from flowers.
A grasshopper has wings and long legs.
But it does not fly.
It hops!
It snaps its wings to make noise.
We can observe bugs to learn more about them.
Bugs do not like to be touched.
So be careful not to touch any bugs!
Respond to Reading

Display the Big Book and prompt children to retell the story in their own words.

Ask children:
- Tell about some of the bugs that are described in this book. What do they look like? How do they move?
- What kinds of bugs can hop? What kinds of bugs are pretty and have spots?
- What kinds of bugs do you think might be scary or "send you squealing?"

About the Author/Illustrator: Emma Dodd

It is not surprising that Emma Dodd is an author and illustrator. In England, she grew up in a family of artists! She has her own family now, and when she is not writing or illustrating books, they love to surf and walk in all kinds of weather.