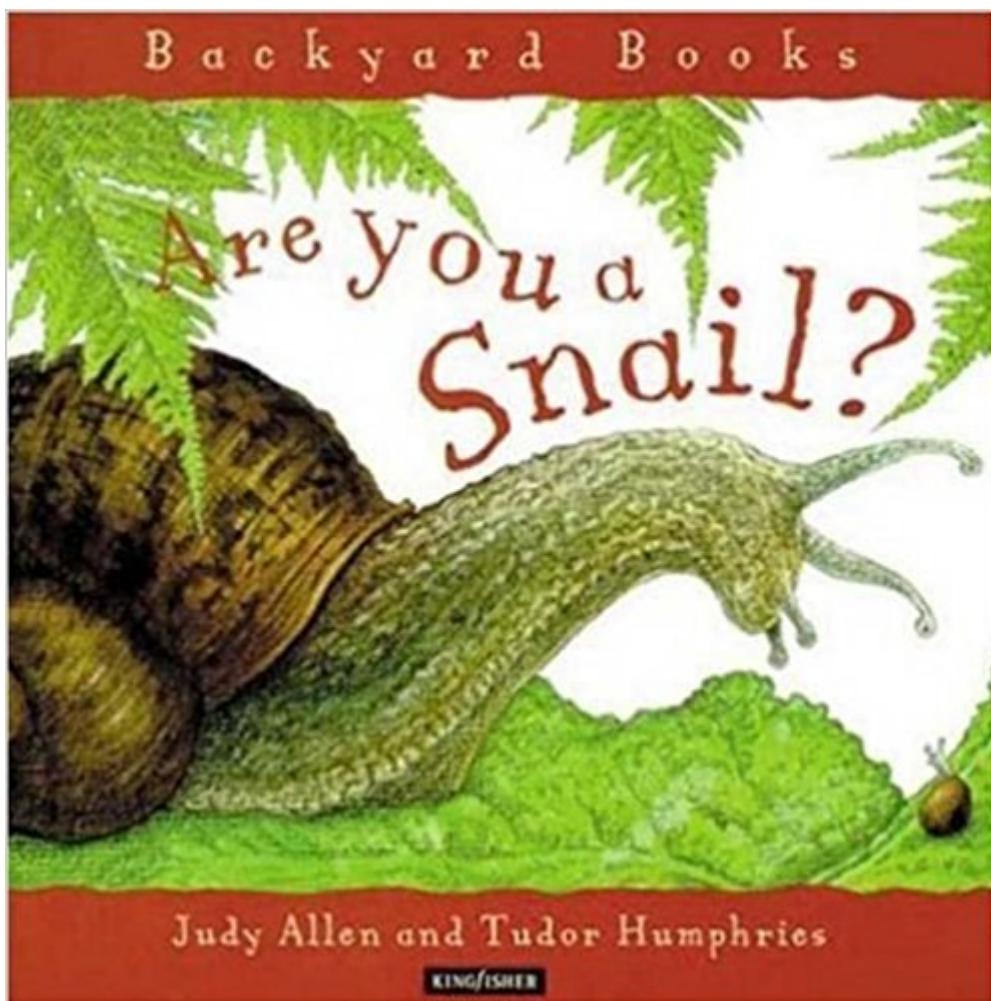


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# Are You A Snail? (Backyard Books)



## **Synopsis**

A young snail faces many challenges as it tries to grow safely into an adult. All the facts a young child needs to understand the life of this intriguing backyard creature are packed into Backyard Books: Are You a Snail? by Judy Allen with illustrations by Tudor Humphries.

## **Book Information**

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Age Range: 5 - 8 years

Grade Level: Kindergarten - 3

## **Customer Reviews**

PreSchool-Grade 2-Short sentences in large print are juxtaposed against colorful, close-up, watercolor-and-pencil illustrations. Each accessible book begins with its title question and tells readers how they would experience life as that creature, keeping the familiar form of address throughout, e.g., "If you are [a ladybug], your parents look like this, and they eat-." The books briefly describe their subjects' birth, growth and development, a few outstanding physical and behavioral characteristics, diet, habitat, and natural enemies. The narratives then segue into a reality check, stating, "However, if your parents look a little like this-You are-a human child." Each title ends with a list of miscellaneous facts about the invertebrate discussed. While the texts are simply and clearly written, there are a couple of minor flaws. Ladybug fails to define the word aphid, although the soft-bodied insect is referred to several times, and Snail defines poison as "poisonous." Joanne Ryder's beautifully illustrated, lyrical The Snail's Spell (Puffin, 1988) serves as an excellent

introduction for preschoolers, but Allen's titles will attract young nature lovers. Kären Wehner, San Francisco Public Library Copyright 2000 Reed Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

Ã¢ "This book is an excellent read-aloud and with the help of an adult, a nice early reader for K-1 students. It would be a wonderful addition to an invertebrate, backyard animals or other animal science curriculum. Ã¢ •Ã¢ "Children's Literature

I used this book for a science unit in my first grade classroom. My students spent several days observing real snails and doing research by reading and watching videos on the topic of snails. This book was perfect for our project. Students were able to record the similarities and differences between snails and humans. The author's creative play with imagery was particularly interesting to my students. I highly recommend this book..

Well, when was the first or last time you said Good Day, Snail, How are you? --- After our reading of multitudes of books like this one, we now more reliably greet our garden buddies like Snail and take time to observe first hand the many pieces of information we have garnished from reading books like this one. And, now, when we see Snail, and jokingly say, Are You A Snail? Really? We also answer, well, of course, You are in a Snail Suit, and how is Your Snail Day going for You, and we delight in reflecting back on all our good reads like this book, which educated us to know better these loving little giant beings with whom we share our lives and spaces. May all your journeys be happy ones. Blessings.

Just what I wanted.

Very cute story. Talks about the lifecycle of snails and how they live in a very entertaining way. Illustrations are really nice, too. Book came in excellent, crisp condition. Must have for all snail lovers!

My four year old loves this book. we found two garden snails and adopted them as pets. He loves to learn about them and likes to read this book over and over. Nice illustrations and better than "Snails Up Close" for our purposes because it focuses on garden snails rather than sea snails or other varieties.

My son is 17 months old, and he loves 'nails-- as he calls 'em. So when we went to our local library to find another book on the subject, (He loves Ruth Brown's "Snail Trail") we were coming up empty-handed. Fortunately, this Backyard Book came to the rescue. A good children's author almost makes you feel like they are in the room chatting with you. Judy Allen's story of snail life is gently witty, informative, and beatiful to look at. My husband's interest was piqued, too. My son just kept murmuring "Nail!" as he looked at the pictures. He will definitely grow well into this one, and I intend to scout out the whole series. Bravo!

Love this whole series of books. Informative and fun with some silly comparisons to humans at the end.

We have ordered the majority of the Backyard books for our daughter who loves science. Good explanation, fair illustrations. Has been great for preschooler, early elementary age child regarding understanding material and encouraging interest in science. Our favorites are "Are you a Ladybug" and "Are you a Butterfly" but all books have been informative and fun to read! We have even learned quite a bit as parents and one of us actually has a science background.

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