

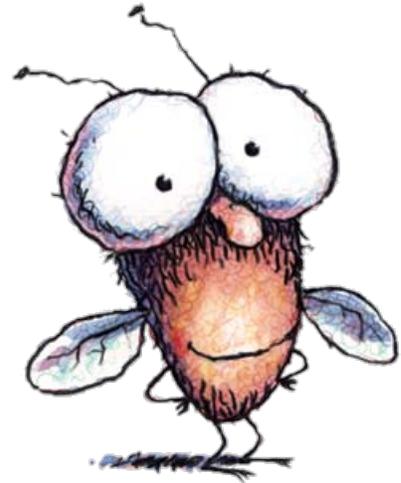
Tedd Arnold



New York Times bestselling author and illustrator Tedd Arnold was born in Elmira, New York, in 1949. At age 10, he moved with his family to Florida, where he took his first art lessons in an abandoned dentist's office.

He graduated from the University of Florida with a BFA. In the years following, he met his wife, Carol, and worked in textbook illustration, graphic design, and advertising. Before long Tedd became interested in the picture books his wife, a kindergarten teacher, read to her students. Each evening he studied them cover-to-cover. When their first son, Walter, was born, Tedd and Carol happily took turns reading him bedtime stories. Tedd eventually tried writing and illustrating his own stories, accumulating rejection slips for six years.

After a while, the family moved to New York City, where Tedd worked as a book designer for a large publisher. His debut book, *No Jumping on the Bed!*, was inspired by Walter's bed jumping in their aging Yonkers apartment building.



With the success of his first book and the birth of their second son, William, Tedd quit his day job to write full time. The family moved back to Elmira, New York, where Tedd, Carol, and three cats currently live. Both Walter and William are now grown and married.

"All my life I've been drawing and painting," says Tedd. "Yet, written words were never far away. My grade school cartoons had word balloons. College artworks often displayed lengthy titles. With each new book I write, I learn more about the magic in the words—how a few pieces of the alphabet can create, shape, or change whole story worlds. And stories are what create pictures."

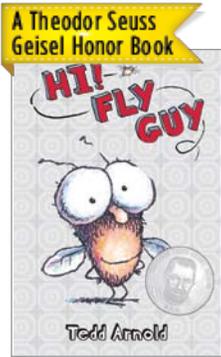
"If anyone were to ask me, 'What's the biggest surprise of your career in children's books?' I would have to answer, 'Going back to elementary school!' I never knew that visiting schools would be part of my job description. But meeting and talking with young readers in classrooms and libraries is something that I love."

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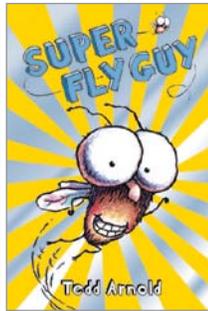
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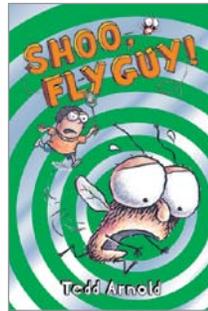
—Francie Alexander, Chief Academic Officer, Scholastic Inc.



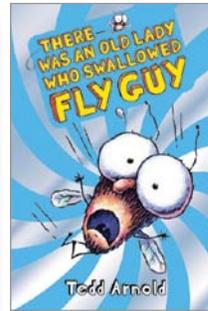
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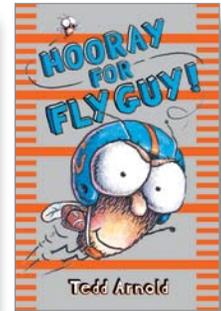
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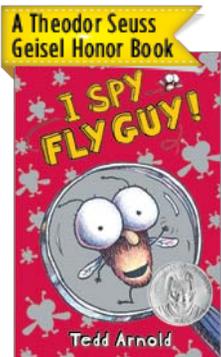
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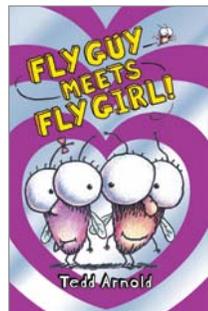
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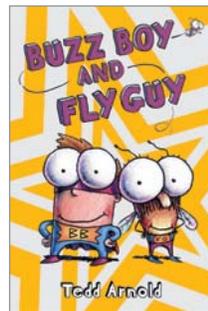
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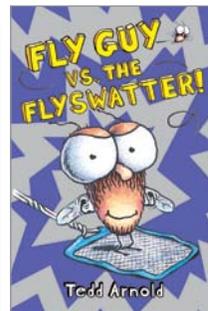
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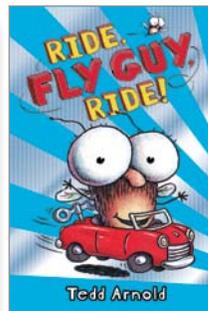
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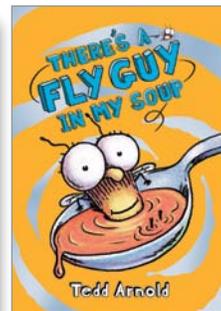
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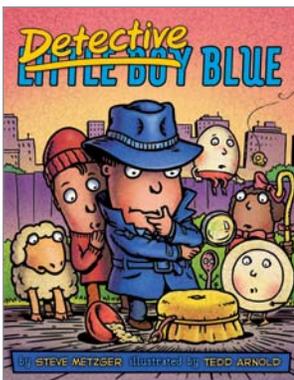


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