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Living With Bugs: Least-Toxic Solutions To Everyday Bug Problems

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Synopsis

Living with Bugs answers every homeowner’s questions about the insects and related critters that share our homes and living spaces. Jack DeAngelis examines more than fifty of the most commonly encountered household pests, from ants to scabies to vinegar flies, and offers environmentally friendly solutions for managing them. With more than ninety color and black-and-white photographs and drawings of all fifty species, Living with Bugs includes a guide to identification of the common pests, information about life history, and advice about control. DeAngelis distinguishes pest situations that may need immediate attention from those that require simply watchful waiting. Living with Bugs explores a variety of related topics, including entomophobia and delusions, the dangers of using mothballs, Internet resources, electronic pest control, biorational (“eco-friendly”) pesticides, buying pest control services, simple “keys” to identification of an unknown bug, and local resources. An essential guide, Living with Bugs belongs on the shelves of every homeowner, local library, master gardener, and cooperative extension agent.

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Bought this book to learn more about controlling ants. It contained little useful information. Much better info can be obtained on the web. For instance the Integrated Pest Management program at UCDavis (search UCD IPM) has much more specific and helpful info. Save your money

I highly recommend 'Living with Bugs' to those who think they may have a household insect problem or are simply curious about those animals that have managed to live so closely to us so successfully. Dr. DeAngelis is a well known extension entomologist and this book represents the distillation of a lifetime of experience in urban entomology. The style is easy to read, that is, non-academic, and aimed at the homeowner. The book clearly addresses both pests and innocuous insects, interjecting specific cases and personal experiences. Most of all, the advice is sound and tempered. The discussion of head lice, in particular, should be a must-read for both parents and school administrators around the country.

This book is very helpful and gives information on many different insects and how to deal with them in a more environmentally friendly manner. I got it to deal with an ant problem and his solutions work. Our pest control service wanted to spray to get rid of the ants, but the book advises against spraying.I'm glad I got the book and would recommend it to anyone who has insect problems to deal with.

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