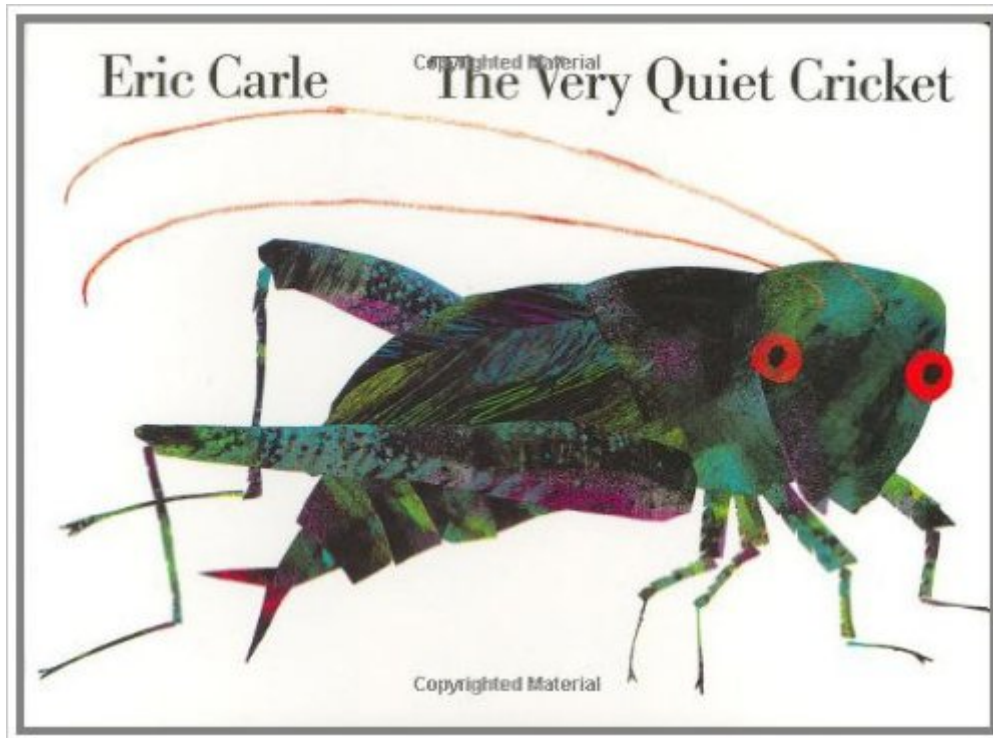


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# The Very Quiet Cricket Board Book



## Synopsis

A VERY classic from Eric Carle, creator of The Very Hungry Caterpillar! One day a tiny cricket is born and meets a big cricket who chirps his welcome. The tiny cricket tries to respond, but there is no sound. The quiet cricket then makes his way into the world, meeting one insect after another, each of whom greets the little cricket with a cheery hello--the hum of a bee, the whirr of a dragonfly, the whisper of a praying mantis. The cricket rubs his wings together each time, but nothing happens, not a sound. Until the day he meets another cricket, a female, and something different happens . . . As children turn the page on this wonderful moment, they are greeted with a surprise--an actual chirp! Full of Eric Carle's gorgeous and lush collage art, a gentle rhythmic text for read-alouds, and a wonder-inducing surprise at the end, The Very Quiet Cricket remains an all-time favorite from one of the true masters of picture-book making. Batteries are replaceable. Please use two 1.5 volt L1131 button cell batteries.

## Book Information

Age Range: 1 - 3 years

Lexile Measure: AD430L (What's this?)

Board book: 24 pages

Publisher: Philomel Books; Brdbk edition (May 19, 1997)

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Product Dimensions: 5 x 0.9 x 7.1 inches

Shipping Weight: 11.2 ounces (View shipping rates and policies)

Average Customer Review: 4.1 out of 5 stars [See all reviews](#) (215 customer reviews)

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## Customer Reviews

This is a wonderful book for children. The illustrations are colorful, and Carle's unique technique of introducing new vocabulary into the young child's mind is extraordinary! The various insects in their own individual portrait, create a distinct mood all of their own. The repetition makes it easy for children to interact and respond with the reader, which builds and develops in the child not only a sense of accomplishment, but also a personal identification with the written literature. Most of all, children are always fascinated by the "surprise" ending!

This was one of my first Eric Carle books. It's a very friendly book featuring a baby cricket, new to the world being greeted by a variety of friendly insects. It's also a wonderful way to introduce children to many different kinds of insects, all wonderfully illustrated. The story is written in a way where a poetic rhythm can be created easily that's carried from page to page to help with certain emphasis that builds expectation. That's seems to be the case with most of Eric's books. Simple stories and repetition for emphasis. Through this story "the very quiet cricket wants to say hello so he rubs his legs together and nothing happens not a sound!" It ends with the very quiet cricket meeting another cricket who is also very quiet. This time when he rubs his legs together you turn the page and here an actual cricket chirp which is sampled or synthesized onto a little chip with replaceable batteries inserted into the back cover controlled by a simple attachment that's activated when you turn the last page. Pretty cool! I love it and so do my kids!

Next to the Hungry Caterpillar this is one of our favourite books in the house, and a favourite Carle book. We have this in board book as we have had this book since my kids were babies. It is still popular as it is really also an early reader - recognising various animals in the garden (although not all are relevant) This is about a cricket who makes no sound, he meets various other insects in his quest to find out what sound he makes, but he can't do anything. Finally on the last page he meets another cricket, and makes a sound. The nice surprise is that there is a sensor and when you open that page the sensor sets off a lovely cricket sound (doesn't it remind you of summer nights) Lovely illustrations, a bit of a quizzical looking cricket, but cute and appealing. Nice use of language and a simple idea which is easily followed through.

I read the book the Very Quiet Cricket upon the prodding of my sister who happens to be a pre-school teacher. She was preparing several synopses on Eric Carle books which would be printed in the programme of her school's forthcoming Reading Recital. My sister asked me to help her write the synopsis to this book as well as 3 other books. Eric Carle's storytelling in the Very Quiet Cricket caught my curiosity as different insects interacted with our hero page after colorful page. The story ended in a way which delighted me and gave me such respect for the lowly cricket. I discovered a beautiful love story in the book, a story of how awesome nature really is. For me, the chirping sound in the last page really became "the most beautiful sound I had ever heard".

This is a great book! I was reading some of the reviews. Yes the bugs are difficult to say but this is

how the child learns. My children love this story and the illustrations are every bit as good as all of Eric Carle books! My son loves bugs and this book!!! The ending is the best part so you will have to read and reread it many, many times. This book would make a wonderful addition to any child's library!

The Very Quiet Cricket is a great book, and while difficult, I suspect most children will like this much more than their parents suspect. Like all of Eric Carle's books, my son (2 1/2 ) loves The Very Quiet Cricket. The art is, as always, amazing, and he really enjoys repeating the phrases on each page. The formula seems to draw out his inquisitiveness; this book nearly always stimulates more enjoyment than others do. In particular, he enjoys the chirping sound the book makes when you turn to the last page. He'll ask to have the book read to him as many as four times in a row. This is a challenging book for young kids, more so than many of Carle's others. I think the interesting insects and provocative words and sounds are part of why my son likes it so much. It may be some time before he really masters that vocabulary, but I love that Carle challenges his young readers in this way. I can unconditionally recommend this book.

As an elementary school teacher I have relied on The Very Quiet Cricket to help my students, from grades Pre-K to Grade 3, quiet down. Eric Carle is simply the best children's book author ever and I have read thousands of children's books throughout my career. Another reviewer stated this particular book would not be good for children past Kindergarten age and I strongly disagree. This is one of those books that when read with a calm animation has never ceased to capture the attention of a child, even a that of a third grader!

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