

*'A gorgeous blend of text and illustrations and a wonderfully successful introduction to non-fiction for younger readers'*  
Booklist

This is a story of change  
and survival ...

Resting upon speckled, freckled trees, the peppered  
moth lies hidden and safe from hungry predators.

Until the world begins to change ...

Smoke fills the air and branches are blackened with soot.  
Watch out! Now, the little moth is easy to spot.

But what happens next?  
Can moth survive in this new landscape?

Powerful and visually spectacular, this remarkable story  
of the peppered moth is the perfect introduction  
to natural selection and evolution for children.

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*'A rare pleasure... a true story of adaptation and hope'*  
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*For Merlin, who gave me wings  
– I.M.T.*

*For Elisabeth and Lars-Göran  
– D.E.*

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This is a story of light and dark.


Of change and adaptation,  
of survival and hope.



It starts with a little moth.







Look! What's that  
moving in the moonlight?  
A shiny cocoon wiggles and jiggles.  
Something is waking up from  
a long winter's sleep.



Six little legs uncurl.  
Two tiny antennae unfurl.  
And four salt and pepper wings  
stretch and quiver in the breeze.

**Watch out!** Hungry predators are nearby.



*Quick, fly away!*



The peppered moth joins its sisters,  
brothers and cousins. Most have  
speckled, freckled wings.







But sometimes a peppered moth is born  
with wings as dark as charcoal.