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Poppy Ann Fields liked bugs. They were her friends.





She sat among the wildflowers, listening
patiently to the cicadas' newest symphony.

She coaxed the shy
roly poly out of her shell.

When the ants marched over her,
Poppy let them, even though she was ticklish.

She recognized the spider mama's weaving
for what it was—magnificent art.



And she spent long afternoons talking with the ladybugs about shapes and colors and the heights of flowers.



But when people came around, Poppy preferred to disappear into the background.



At parties she hid in stripes . . .

. . . and in big bright florals.

