

## DBP Book Review

<b>Name of Book:</b> The Very Hungry Caterpillar	<b>Author:</b> Eric Carle
<b>Publisher:</b> Philomel Books	<b>Date of Publication:</b> 1969
<b>Name of Reviewer:</b> Allan Sison	<b>Date of Review:</b> October 2006
<b>Intended Audience</b> (choose from Parents, Children, Professional, Other): Children	
<b>Purpose of the book:</b> The story entails the transformation of an egg into a caterpillar and finally into a butterfly. The story begins when a small caterpillar hatches from an egg and then spends seven days eating various foods, such as fruits, leaves, and even junk food. At the end of those seven days, the small caterpillar has grown into a large caterpillar. The caterpillar then makes a cocoon, spends two weeks inside of the cocoon, and then emerges as a beautiful butterfly.	
<b>Theoretical Basis:</b> The book also introduces the scientific concept of metamorphosis and describes the transformation of the caterpillar into a butterfly. The social concept that one cannot judge a book by its cover is also addressed, as demonstrated by the transformation of one animal into a completely different animal.	
<b>Strengths:</b> The book is illustrated with bright and contrasting colors that will appeal to children of all ages. Pages that contain pictures of food eaten by the caterpillar have holes in them to demonstrate where the caterpillar ate. These food pages also teach children how to count, as the pages have between one and five pieces of fruit on them.	
<b>Weaknesses:</b> One critique is that the text could be a little larger.	
<b>Recommendation of Reviewer</b> (please choose one and put "X" in box next to selection):	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Highly recommend for all parents
<input type="checkbox"/>	Highly recommend for parents with specific problems/issues
<input type="checkbox"/>	May be useful to some parents
<input type="checkbox"/>	Would not recommend

**Additional Comments:** Weitzman edit: This book which is about transformation and growth is also metaphoric for children growing up, changing and become more complex beings.