



It's My Time to Fly

The Story of Caterpillar Number Five

Written by Julie Conner

Illustrated by Emily Row

Five baby caterpillars grow and grow. They hang upside down, tuck themselves into cozy chrysalises, and wake as beautiful butterflies. But Caterpillar Number Five is just a little behind the rest. When will it be his time to fly?

About the Author



Julie Conner has been a special education teacher for eighteen years. She has taught students at various age/grade levels with a wide range of abilities, in multiple school settings, including public schools, a psychiatric care facility, and a school for the deaf and the blind. She has received national recognition from the Council of Schools and Services for the Blind as an Outstanding Teacher of Students who are Blind/Multiply Impaired. Julie lives with her husband and their two children.

It's My Time to Fly: The Story of Caterpillar Number Five was inspired by a butterfly kit gifted to her son. In observing the caterpillars, Julie was amazed to notice that one caterpillar was developing exactly one day later than the others—doing things in his own time, as she had observed was often necessary for her own students and children. She truly hopes this book will be an inspiration to others, imparting the message that it is okay for metamorphosis to take place at an individual pace!



About the Illustrator

Emily Row is an illustrator and garden educator living in the Shenandoah Valley. Her work aims to highlight the beauty in everyday life and objects. Themes of nature and wit are prominent in her illustrations, which are carefully inked or digitally rendered. Her work can be found in local shops around Staunton, Virginia, as well as her online store.

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