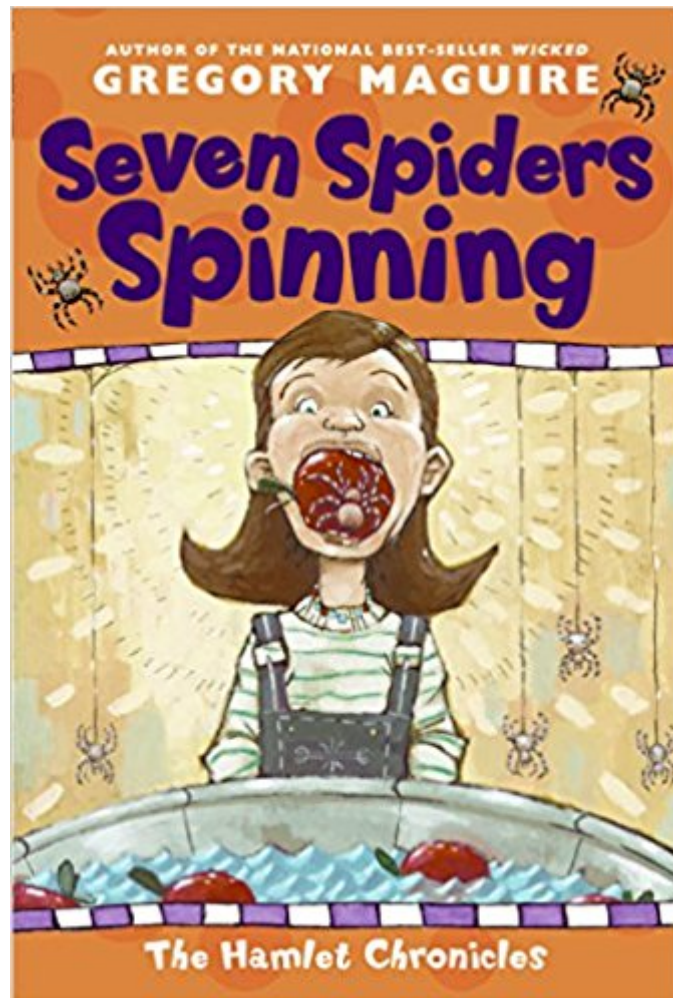




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# Seven Spiders Spinning (Hamlet Chronicles)



## Synopsis

What happens when seven deadly Siberian Snow Spiders from before the dawn of time invade a contemporary classroom in rural Vermont? Bedlam, and one of the funniest, creepiest, ickiest middle-grade Halloween books ever written!  Demon spiders, lover spiders, greedy spiders, sensitive spiders;they all go on heroic quests that get entangled in classroom rivalries and local soap operas. . . . Everything is part of the comic brew, from the nightly news and Spidergate to Dracula, The Wizard of Oz, Charlottes Web and Little Miss Muffet.;;BL. ;A fast, delightfully entertaining romp.;;K. Notable Childrens Books of 1995 (ALA)

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## Customer Reviews

Among the ingredients of this high-camp fantasy-mystery (besides the eponymous arachnids) are a club of seven elementary school girls, a meddlesome reporter named Meg Snoople and a romance between an ill truck driver and his nurse. Ages 8-12. Copyright 1995 Reed Business Information, Inc.

Grade 3-6-Seven tarantulas preserved in a glacier since prehistoric times are discovered, fall out of their refrigerated crate on their way to Harvard scientists, and thaw in rural, present-day Vermont. Given this premise, readers follow the rather intelligent creatures' trail of poisonous love and revenge. The objects of their affection (and later their hate) are The Tattletales, a group of girls whose school rivals are the Copycats (boys). The two groups finally call a truce and combine forces to rescue their beloved teacher, Miss Earth, when she receives a deadly bite. As the tale progresses and each of the arachnids approaches its potential victim, the suspense builds. However, there is quite a bit of tongue-in-cheek humor here, as well. Characters are almost caricatures-the standard bossy girl, studious boy, motherly school aide, and too-good-to-be-true pretty teacher. Yet, somehow it all comes together to create a funny, shivery story of ancient Siberian snow spiders and the problems they cause in a peaceful New England village. The book is a bit long, but would make a great read-aloud and a satisfying choice for fans of humorous horror. Beth Tegar, Oneida City Schools, NYCopyright 1994 Reed Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

I have used this delightful little book with middle school and older elementary students for many years. It is a fun read.

The book itself is an enjoyable book. However, it was advertised as hardcover and I received a paperback. The book also looks nothing like this picture and has a large tear on the back cover. This is not a book in good shape! So I guess you should remember that looks can be deceiving.

Good book

Right Book, Fast Shipping Thank you!

Received before delivery date. Like it.

I purchased this as a replacement book for my library. The students love this book and I go through them many times over.

I read this book in sixth grade and for me it was the book that the magic happened. You have to understand I was the shyest kid in the world. I remember reading this book in R&R in my homeroom

and there was a point that I became so enthralled in the story that I completely forgot that I was actually in a classroom full of other kids that were very silently reading. There was something that happened in that part that was very funny and I laughed out loud totally not on purpose and suddenly was very embarrassed that everyone was looking at me. Thus started my love of reading, this one book. I highly encourage kids in this age group to read this, especially if they have not experienced the magic of how a story can transport you to a magical world in which anything can happen. After that my Dad didn't have to force me to go to the library and check out books, I went willingly on a treasure hunt for those books that suck you in.

For this 9 weeks, I read Seven Spiders Spinning, by Gregory Maguire. The book is so funny! I love it! There are seven books in this series. Gregory Maguire is a great writer. Seven Spider Spinning is a humorous book. Like I said before this book is really funny! The book of course is a story ; it's not true. It's about seven baby Siberian spiders who got frozen in a big block of ice during the ice age. When the spiders unfroze, they each saw seven girls who they felt in love with. The older the spiders became the more dangerous they became. The seven spiders followed the seven girls everywhere. When the seven girls teacher got bitten by one of these mean spiders she got sick, so sick she could have died... The books strengths is it's so funny, that most people would want to keep on reading it. The books weaknesses is it is so short. If he made it longer than the story would last longer, and more people will want to read it. I think the author did a great job of writing this book. He made it funny so more people would want to read his books. Also I would recommend this book to people who likes to read books about spiders, and people who like funny books. I hope people will enjoy this book as much as I did!

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