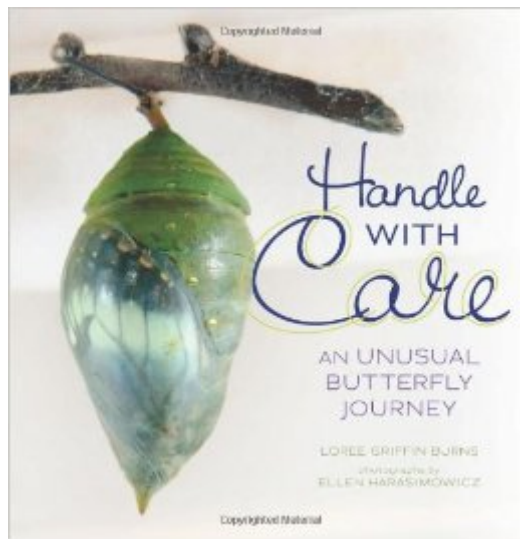


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# Handle With Care: An Unusual Butterfly Journey (Nonfiction - Grades Prek-4) (Junior Library Guild Selection)



## Synopsis

"Some farms grow vegetables or grains, and some raise cows, sheep, chickens, or pigs. But have you ever heard of a butterfly farm? How do you raise a butterfly? On a farm in Costa Rica, workers care for these delicate, winged creatures as they change from eggs to caterpillars to pupae. Like any other crop, the butterflies will eventually leave the farm. But where will they go? And just how do you ship a butterfly? Very carefully! To discover how it works, follow these butterflies on a remarkable journey!"

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It's a very unusual, mysterious package that arrived in Boston from Miriposario del Bosque. What was a silver package from Central America doing in a museum? When a museum worker opened the package, anyone who didn't know what butterfly pupae were would be mesmerized. The long journey began 2,000 miles (3,200 kilometers) away, in the country of Costa Rica. A blue morpho butterfly carefully laid her eggs on a pea plant. Not just any plant would do, it had to be a very particular one. Eventually each egg would hatch a single tiny blue morpho caterpillar. The morpho's surroundings were very unusual. Instead of laying her eggs

in the wild, she was moved from the nearby forest so that she could lay her eggs inside the greenhouse's tall, screened walls. It was there that the long journey to a Boston began. El Bosque Nuevo was a farm that grows butterfly pupae that they eventually sold to museums so that people around the world could learn about them. A most unusual farm indeed, but with the money they earn they would protect the forest around their farm. The larvae would chomp, chomp, chomp, eating day in and day out as they began their metamorphosis. The farmers worked hard to help them as they began their journey. The adult butterflies were provided a plate of crushed bananas and cups of sugar water. Ah, but how and why did those pupae get in that box? The workers scurried around, checking the plants. Watch out! There's a grasshopper that would like to eat the greenhouse plants. That would never do. The workers would also have to make sure there were no critters that wanted to eat the larvae as well. The caterpillars continue to eat and grow and molt, eat and grow and molt. El Bosque Nuevo was a very busy farm with a lot to do.

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