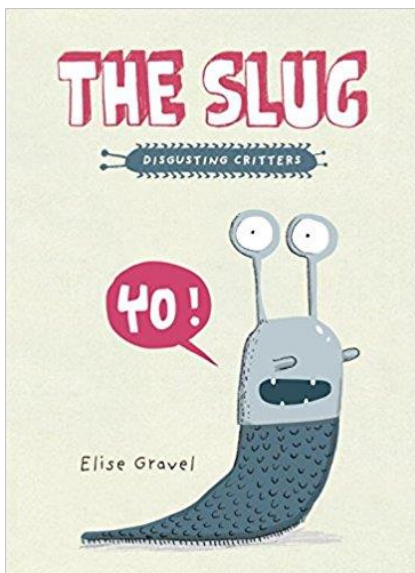


# Spotlight

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At the age of three (and a half) graphic artist Elise Gravel founded the Organization for the Defence of Disgusting Creatures. As she was both the president and only member and records do not indicate the founding or dissolution dates of the society it is probably safe to say the organization is now defunct. But in many ways it lives on in Gravel's excellent non-fiction series for kids called the Disgusting Critters series. The series currently features six titles which in brightly coloured comic form celebrate the grossest animal and insect friends among us. It is sure to please squirm-loving readers of all ages.

In *The Toad* we learn that eating its own shed skin is an important part of a toad's balanced diet. In *The Rat* we learn that this charming creature can fit through holes as small as a quarter but that it's not great at ballet. By the time we get to *The Fly* we are thoroughly and happily queasy and learn that this insect vomits a bit of digestive fluid on its meal to help soften it. All these delightfully disgusting facts are accompanied by Gravel's colourful and fun illustrations. This is a great series for kids and the Yellowknife Library is pleased (and a little grossed out) to have the complete collection.



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