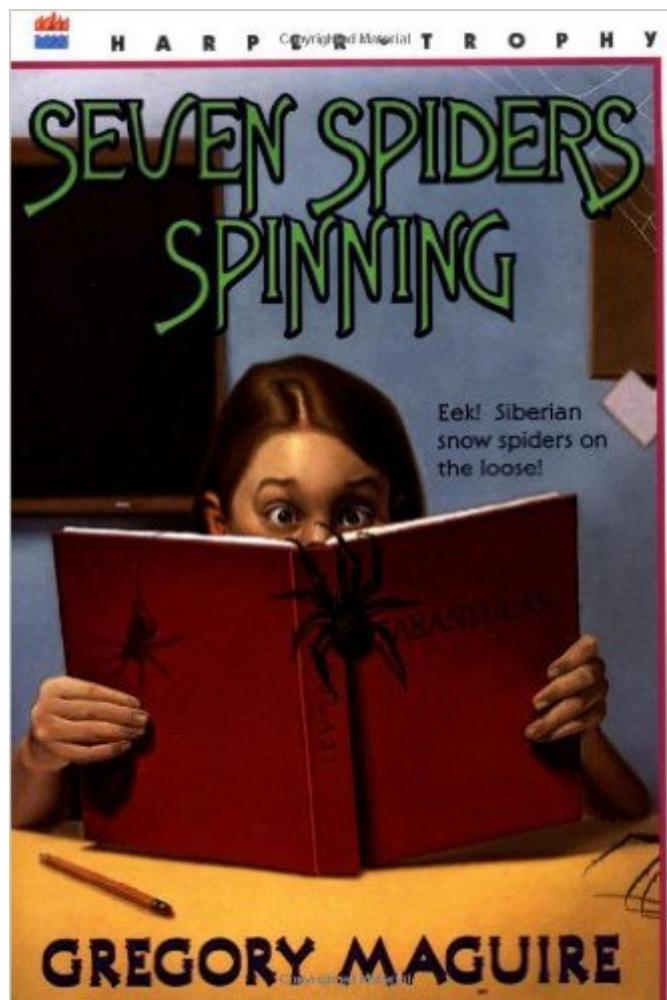


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# Seven Spiders Spinning (The Hamlet Chronicles)



## 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. A fast, delightfully entertaining romp.

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Age Range: 8 - 12 years

Grade Level: 3 - 7

## Customer Reviews

At first I didn't know how to feel about the VERY high level of suspense, and melodrama pushed into every minute detail of this book from the children answering rollcall to some healthcare staff who would be over the top even for General Hospital. However, the style really grew on me and I found the whole story very endearing. I especially admire the way Maguire portrayed the children as high thinking individuals who enjoyed school and participating in life. Too often children are looked

down on as one dimensional and too snotty and superior to care about things. My favorite scene in the book was Lois Kennedy the third and her nonchalant responses to Meg Snoople in her town square 'interview'.

Seve siberian spiders on the loose makes Pearl's life even worse! As the spiders watch the seven girls gathering they fall in love. They want to be loved by someone. Though, as they get bigger and meaner it becomes more dangerous for the girls. The spiders start to follow them everywhere. It is also very exciting when someone gets bitten and everyone rushes her to the hospital. They try their hardest to comfort her while she is in pain. Soon there aren't anymore spiders of that rare kind to live anymore. That will be a good thing for humans but sad for the spiders who really just wanted to be loved.

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!

I enjoyed reading this book because it was interesting and it was weird in a way because the spiders had fallen in love with humans but in a way the spiders were mad because the humans had killed their siblings. The spiders wanted revenge but didn't want to hurt the humans because they had fallen deeply in love of them. Besides that, the book was good it kept on getting better each time I read it. The book was good and I know why because reading is not my thing and I read the whole book without getting bored.

This is one of my favorite stories ever! It has an interesting plot, and is highly amusing. I think it isn't as widely recognized as it should be, but perhaps that makes it even better. A must 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.

We think that the book was great. Our favorite part is when Miss Earth gets bitten by a Siberian Snow Spider and the Copycats and the Tattletales try to save her. The characters were really funny and dramatic. The characters are the Tattletales, the Copycats, Meg Snoople(the newsreporter) and her cameraman, Head Nurse Crisp, Nurse Prudence, Pierre Montrose, Professor Williams, Dr. Sternbaum, Mrs. Cobble, Widow Wendell, Mrs. Brill and the wonderful teacher, Miss Earth of course!

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