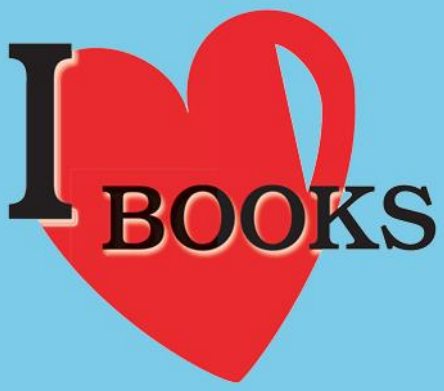


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To everyone I've ever known
who's had a bugbear of their own.
From queue-jumpers to summer rain,
to standing-room only on the train. ~ PH

To Angel, for being there ~ CS



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Down in the forest,
as Bear had a doze,
A small stripy bug
came and sat on his nose.



"Good day to you, Bear, I'm just passing through,
Looking for lodgings...
and I've chosen **YOU!**"

Bear lifted his head and opened one eye,
Then closed it again with a world-weary sigh.