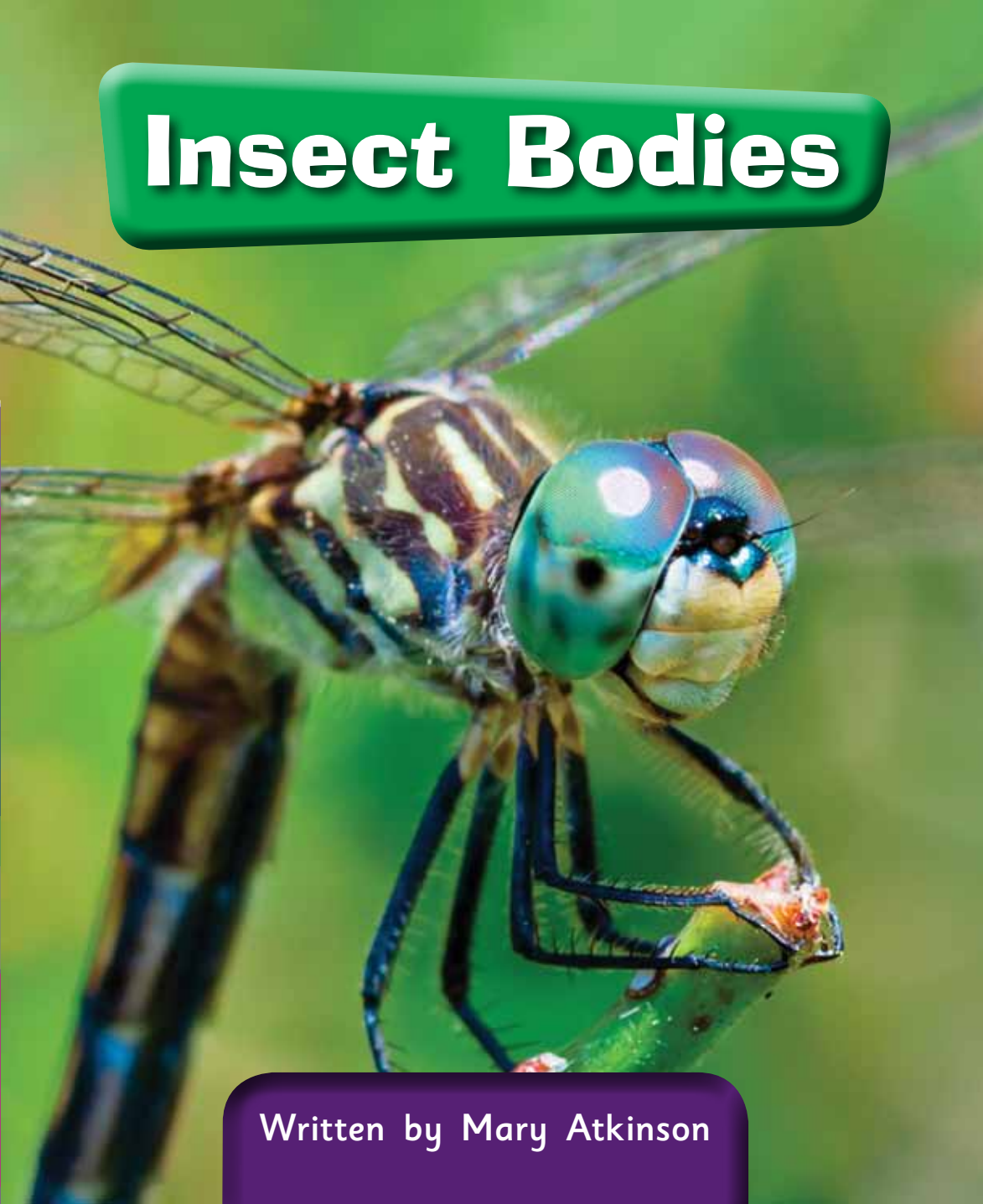
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# Insects

There are about one million kinds of insects.
They all have some things in common.

Insects have six legs.
They have three body parts.
They have a hard outer body.
They do not have bones.

The beetle is an insect.




The bee is an insect.



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# Eyes

The eyes of insects
are on the first body part
called the head.
All insects have two big eyes
that are made up of many tiny eyes
on their head.
These big eyes are called
compound eyes.
Some insects have other eyes
on their head as well.
Bees and wasps have
five eyes on their head.




This wasp has five eyes.



This fly has two
compound eyes.

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# Mouth Parts

All kinds of insects
have mouth parts to eat.
Some kinds eat plants,
and some kinds eat meat.
Many insects have jaws,
called mandibles,
on the outside of their head.
Beetles have jaws for chewing.
Butterflies have a tube
on their head for sucking.



This beetle has
big jaws on its head.



This butterfly sucks nectar
with its tube.

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