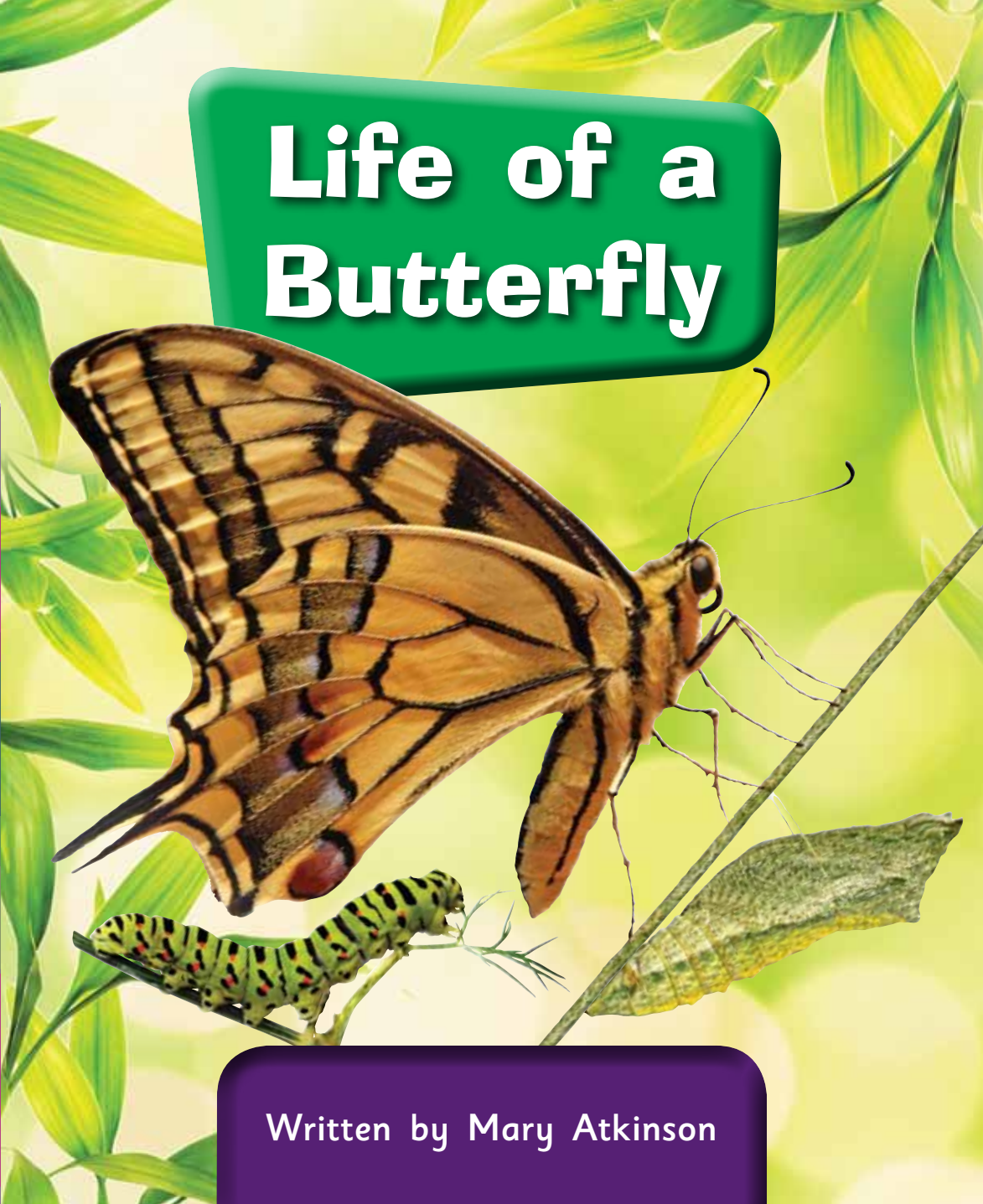
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Growing and Changing

All living things grow.
They change as they grow.
Tiny seeds open and
soon grow into plants.
People grow from babies into adults.
Some living things make big changes.
A swallowtail butterfly
makes big changes as it grows.

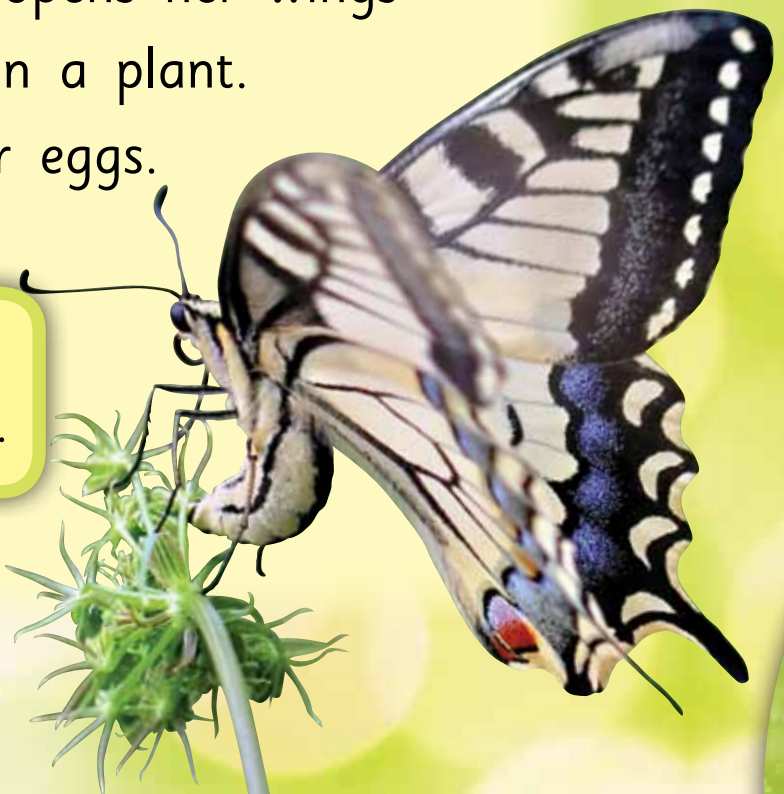


This is a swallowtail butterfly.

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Stages of Life

A butterfly has four stages
in its life cycle.
The first stage is the egg.
A butterfly opens her wings
and lands on a plant.
She lays her eggs.



A butterfly lays eggs on a plant.

Soon, a caterpillar begins to grow
inside an egg.
The egg changes colour
in the next few days.
It goes from yellow to black.
At last, the caterpillar fills
the whole egg.

The egg of a swallowtail is tiny, black, and round.



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A Tiny Caterpillar

Next, a tiny caterpillar
opens its egg and starts
to come out.
It bites the egg case to open it.
Then, it eats its egg case.
Soon, it eats a leaf.
It eats and eats.



A caterpillar eats its egg case.

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The caterpillar can be hard to see.
It looks just like a bird's dropping.

The caterpillar looks like a bird's dropping to help it hide.

