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Tiny Creatures

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The background of the cover is a close-up photograph of two pinkish-red water penny larvae (amphipods) on a green leaf. The larvae are positioned in the lower half of the frame, one slightly above and to the right of the other. They have a segmented, rounded body with a lighter-colored head and several pairs of legs. The leaf they are on has a prominent vein pattern and a slightly serrated edge. The overall lighting is bright, highlighting the texture of the larvae and the leaf.

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Little Lives

Enormous creatures like whales and lions get lots of attention. But there are billions of unseen creatures on our planet. Their numbers are large. And so are their effects!

Being tiny has its advantages. These creatures need fewer resources to survive and reproduce. Some of the tiniest creatures are the toughest. And they can survive conditions that would kill any human. Dive into this strange, invisible world, and find out just how tiny these tiny creatures can get!




dust mite

The images in this book have been magnified—BIG time! Some are shown at 100 times bigger than their natural size.



flea



human head louse



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- 1 What are the smallest creatures on Earth?
- 2 What are the advantages of being small?
- 3 Why are tiny creatures so important?

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