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From the dazzling bestselling duo Jane O'Connor and Robin Preiss Glasser, a picture book with a nonfiction twist for the fancy girl who loves the outdoors!

For the fanciest girl around, the outdoors are out of this world. Fancy Nancy and her best friend, Bree, set out to explore the fascinating world of wildflowers, trees, leaves, birds, and, of course, butterflies in their exclusively glamorous Explorers' Club.

With recipes for pinecone bird feeders and extra-fancy lemonade, an official club bird, and an exclusive map of the territory, this popular book shows Fancy Nancy as one explorer extraordinaire!

Take a look at Nancy's very own enlightening discoveries and find out just how fancy the outdoors can be!

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Nicola says

Miss 2 loves the Fancy Nancy books. I like the vocabulary building and Nancy is fabulous. I like that this one takes a change from boas & sparkles to explore the outdoors.

Danette says

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Alexis Fillmore says

Children would love, fun story with lots of educational vocab and learning for children.

Kristen says

I loved this book! It was quite long for a bedtime book, but I LOVED the information in it. My daughter learned SO much from this book about nature (trees, birds, insects, etc). I feel like I could read this to my daughter several times until she comprehends ALL the information contained in this book.

This would be a great book to read with your kids before you head out on a camping trip. I wished I had read this with my daughter before we went camping a month ago; you could even create crafts and scavenger hunts related to info found in this book. I will remember this book going forward. It's fantastic. It might be too much higher level info for my 2.5 year old, but it's something we can keep learning from in to her early elementary years.

Highly recommend, especially for fans of Fancy Nancy.

Alyssa Haverfield says

This was so adorable. The illustrations are so so cute and the text is fun, even for an adult. Loved it!

Lisa Vegan says

This book gets an extra star from me because fancy Nancy not only doesn't feel repulsed or disgusted by insects, and she is not frightened of them at all; she likes studying them and is fascinated by them.

This is a Fancy Nancy book where fancy takes a bit of a backseat and nature (birds, insects, flowers, etc.) and the great outdoors are of more importance.

Nancy and her friend spend the day exploring (the backyards of Nancy's house, her friend's house to one side, and another neighbor's house to the other side.) It's a rather small territory but there is so much to discover.

Many very useful and interesting science & nature facts are included within the story. The baby robin out of its nest is my very favorite part of the book. There is some humor that I didn't find that amusing but I think kids will, including in the form of two younger siblings who want to join their older sisters' explorer club. For fans that like the Fancy Nancy books primarily for the fancy aspect, some may be a bit disappointed by this book, because while there are some fancy things here, mostly the fancy comes in the forms of words and their less fancy synonyms. Kids who like words should appreciate all of the words though, and enjoy the way the story incorporates them.

The illustrations are a lot of fun and the real photographs add quite a bit to the story. I love the illustrated map of the three backyards. There are also a handful of art projects that kids can mimic, and it's noted when adult supervision is required.

This is one Fancy Nancy book that may be enjoyed even by adults who are not usually fans.

Lynda says

Great book about the Explorers Club vivacious Fancy Nancy formed with her BFF Bree and their younger siblings. A little drama and of course fun fashion and accessories but also some facts about birds and insects and butterflies. The Preschooler and her Mama both enjoyed this one.

Jasmine says

Cute, but somewhat less interesting/likeable than the other Fancy Nancy books we have read so far...

babyhippoface says

I am pleasantly surprised by Fancy Nancy. She's not just about all things pinkish, glittery, and girly. She's about being pinkish, glittery, girly, and *smart and responsible*. And to top it off, she slips the *educational* in while readers are enjoying the pinkish, glittery, and girly. *Bravo*.

Nancy and her friend Bree are the only members (for now) of their explorers club. They have a sensible set of rules for safety and respecting nature (no picking leaves off trees because the trees need them for food, stay in the designated exploring area, never catch butterflies because they're fragile, etc.). When they find interesting things in the backyard, they research them (that's a fancy word for reading about what they've found), and readers get to learn right alongside the girls. As in the other Fancy Nancy books, difficult words are explained in simpler terms, making them more accessible for kids. They're really quite clever. Had Nancy been around when my girlie girls were still among the under-9 set, Nancy would've lived in our

house, I'm sure.

The only problem I have with the books is not a problem with the books themselves as with those who label them with a reading level. Some of these books are labeled "Level 1" or "Level 2" and they are most definitely written at a higher reading level.

SJ Loria says

Some good stuff, lots of garbage.

Good stuff – Nice science facts, girls are explorers (albeit colorful ones who care about the way they dress). Good fact per page ratio.

Garbage - Assumes kids are too dumb to infer the meaning of vocabulary, promotes being mean to younger siblings and a blind allegiance to the cult of progress.

Brittany says

My daughter has an outdoor exploration bag filled with great things so she enjoyed this book immensely. We love exploring and this book is just as fun as the rest of the series. As always the illustrations are a home run.

Jo says

I always get such a kick out of each Fancy Nancy book I read and this addition doesn't disappoint! It might just be my favourite one yet!

Nancy and her best friend Bree have created an Explorer Extraordinaire club and they set out to explore the fascinating world of nature in their own backyards. The reader learns right along with them as they discover new things to study, including leaves, flowers, insects and birds. As the girls research their findings, little facts and pictures about each accompany the text. There's even a recipe for Nancy's extra-fancy lemonade since exploring in the wild makes a person thirsty!

Mini science lessons are scattered throughout, like how a caterpillar becomes a butterfly and the differences between a butterfly and a moth. We also learn about the different kinds of wildflowers when they visit Mrs. DeVine's garden. There are a few craft projects included as well: a Cookie-cutter Bird Feeder using stale bread, a Pine Cone Bird Feeder using peanut butter and pine cones and one for a Lavish Leaf Crown.

There are real pictures of birds in the form of polaroids and a great page dedicated entirely to fun facts about hummingbirds. <3

And of course, the illustrations are just as amazing as ever. So much colour and detail included in each and every drawing. I love the outfits and accessories the girls wear. :)

I absolutely loved this and I imagine this would be a favourite among nature loving kids as well!

Abigail says

Fancy Nancy and her best friend Bree return in this small picture-book, which is part fiction and part non-fiction. The fictional framing device involves the Explorer Extraordinaire club that the girls have formed, in order to observe and study the natural world around them, from insects (including butterflies!) to birds. Naturally, their younger siblings also want to join, and the process whereby that eventually happens forms the crux of the fictional narrative. The bulk of the text, however, is informative, giving lots of details about the insects and birds the girls are studying. Photographs are intermingled with the watercolor artwork, adding to the feeling that this is a half-and-half book...

Having read and enjoyed all of the full-sized *Fancy Nancy* picture-books, which are exclusively fictional (although very informative, as it concerns vocabulary), I was curious to pick up Fancy Nancy: Explorer Extraordinaire!, the first of a number of smaller-sized picture-books that use Nancy and her friends to explore non-fiction topics. All in all, I found this a pleasant and educational book, one which introduces quite a bit of natural history, while also telling an entertaining fictional tale featuring that popular figure, Fancy Nancy. The artwork by Robin Preiss Glasser was as appealing as ever, with the added bonus of photographs. Recommended to Fancy Nancy fans, and to anyone looking for "girly" books that also take a positive approach to things like insects and the outdoors.

Amy says

Really loved this newest addition to the Fancy Nancy series! This book gives children a close look at the fascinating world that exists in their backyards. It explores plants, trees, flowers, insects, bugs, birds, etc. while also teaching children "safety" tips for enjoying nature all with typical Fancy Nancy "flair"! My daughter and I loved it!

Nancy Roach says

FANCY NANCY!! I have never read a Fancy Nancy book before there were after my childhood time, I like the title because my name is Nancy. The book is about Nancy and Bree going exploring and their going to collect leaves, watch birds, and inspect insects. Throughout she goes over the rules, like no touching: just looking, crying is not allowed. Nancy's sister and Freddy want to go exploring with them but Nancy did not know if they are mature enough. They really want to join the club! The pages are very busy and a lot was going on but enjoyed the overall story. This would be good to have in the class when you read for fun!!
