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## **Jitterbug**

Kai Lüftner Wiebke Rauers, Illustrator NorthSouth Books (Apr 4, 2023) Hardcover \$19.95 (32pp) 978-0-7358-4499-5

With illustrations that evoke animated films, this picture book encourages children to dance to the beat of their own drums. Lady B. Marie, known as Jitterbug, is a ladybug who lives and breathes rock 'n' roll; the other meadow-dwellers have more tranquil sensibilities. A traveling band of beetles recognizes her talent and gives Jitterbug a chance to prove herself. The colorful illustrations include nods to rock 'n' roll, including a beetle's spiked cloak and the lightning bolt streaking down Lady B's face.

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