



# Quit Bugging Me

KAREN LAVEN

## BUGS, EMAILS, AND LOTS OF ADVENTURE!

Think you know what horrifying is? Think you know what unbearable would be if you came face to face with it? Thirteen-year-old Emily Lockhardt thought she knew – until she had to write a book report about bugs. She knew it would be literary torture. She didn't know her mischievous brother, Bud, and a cursed bug book could team up to make her life a real living nightmare. Be careful as you turn these pages. Because just like Emily, Bud, and their friends, you never know what you might find scurrying inside. Or what might find you.

**“Award-winning poet Karen Laven presents *Quit Bugging Me*, a novel for young adults about thirteen-year-old Emily, who has to write a book report about bugs. Repulsed by the thought, she doesn't realize that her mischievous brother Bud and a cursed bug book could turn her life into a disaster! *Quit Bugging Me* is told entirely through a series of email correspondence, lending it a contemporary vibe. An enjoyable and original adventure”**

—Midwest Book Review

**“Karen Laven's new book, *Quit Bugging Me*, is one that children 8-12 years old will easily get caught up in. Narrated solely by a series of emails, Laven has created a unique and modern way to spin a story from different perspectives without disrupting the flow of the story.**

**Readers will feel the terror of Emily and the worry of her best friend Joel. While not wanting to admit to being creeped out they, like Joel, will never look at a book in the same manner again. They will be swift to put away any book with the potential to become hazardous. Who knows what book might come alive next!”**

--Bookpleasures.com

Karen Laven was born in St. Paul, Minnesota, but spent the first six years of her life in Santa Monica, California. (Her most vivid memories of this time are the briny smell of the ocean and the terror of traversing up a wickedly skinny mountain road (in a tippy motor home). Grateful that her dreams of being a writer didn't plummet down a rocky mountainside, Karen and her family returned to their Minnesota roots in the late sixties, which is where she finished her schooling and married her husband, Doug. She worked as the feature writer for *The Drummer Newspaper* (in Wright County, MN) for seven years. She has also had her articles, poetry, essays and other fiction and nonfiction works published in a variety of magazines across the country. The Laven's recently moved to Kentucky with their two children (Jacob, 15 & Lucas, 10). Kentuckians have been very warm to these uninitiated northern folk (ya, you betcha!) and although the Laven's miss Minnesota and its people greatly, they do not miss the head-to-toe freezing winters, y'all.

You can read more about Karen and her works on her website: [www.karen-laven.com](http://www.karen-laven.com)

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