

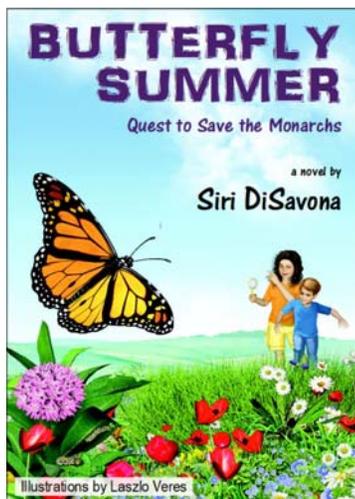
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# BUTTERFLY SUMMER

## Quest to Save the Monarchs

by Siri DiSavona

11 year old **Skylar Maroni**'s parents said inheriting great-grandpa's house, and leaving the big city to live in the countryside, would be a **life-changer**. Sky agreed, just not quite the way her parents hoped, making her realize something important – **kids' opinions don't count**. Because kids aren't doing important things that make a difference, nobody really listens to them.

In her new home, Sky fights loneliness by exploring the fields and meadows, with only her pesky little brother Scout, for company. There, she discovers the **plight of the vanishing monarch butterflies**. Their numbers are going down so fast that experts fear within a few years monarchs could be wiped out of North America – forever. Deciding she can't let that happen, Sky enlists Scout to join her **quest to save the monarchs and make a difference in the world**. But, they soon find saving the monarchs is harder than they ever expected...



*BUTTERFLY SUMMER Quest to Save the Monarchs* weaves together the beauty and science of butterflies. Following Sky and Scout on their quest will touch readers' hearts, and make them smile, even as the story delivers fascinating, scientifically accurate information about these iconic creatures. An Appendix of Fun Facts, drawings and a glossary, encourage additional learning. Fun complementary classroom materials are also available FREE at [www.SiriDiSavona.com](http://www.SiriDiSavona.com).

#### About the author

I live in Wisconsin, but love to travel the U.S. in an RV with my husband John, a Shetland sheepdog named Smokey, and Puddie Tat, a calico cat with too many toes.



Because the plight of the vanishing monarch butterflies is true, I also hand-raise monarchs from eggs. When the butterflies are ready for release, I enlist other people to share the experience. This is where the real fun starts. As they touch and interact with the butterflies, adults and kids alike respond with such excitement, sense of wonder and sometimes tears, that it makes each butterfly release a truly amazing, almost magical, experience that never gets old. *BUTTERFLY SUMMER Quest to Save the Monarchs* embodies that feeling.



(Over for Reviews)

For more information, please feel free to contact me by email or phone.

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### REVIEWS

★★★★★ *From M. K. (parent of 11 year old, and monarch butterfly raiser)* - Excellent read for kids of all ages, including the kids-at-heart!! My daughter and I were given an advanced copy of BUTTERFLY SUMMER which we read together and were both highly impressed! It's often difficult to get her to read but this was a book she couldn't put down, and neither could I! The author artfully described the rich landscape so well, I could almost feel the warm sun on my face and hear the bees buzzing around Lilliput meadow. All of the characters were very relatable and by the end of the book, we felt like we knew them personally. The scientific elements were very accurate; it's obvious the author did thorough research before writing this book. It'd make a great addition to any classroom and library and would be an excellent supplement to a school's butterfly program. I would highly recommend this book and I'm thrilled to give it 5 stars, it earned them by the end of the first chapter!

*From A. K. (11 year old monarch butterfly raiser)* - A few months ago I was asked to read a book to before it was released to review it. That book is called Butterfly Summer and it's about a kid who moves to a new house and finds a meadow full of flowers and learns all about monarchs. Here's the review I wrote about it:

I was given an advanced copy of Butterfly Summer to read and review and it did not feel like a chore. I am 11 years old and only like to read books that I think are good and I sure did love to read this. I know it was not because I raise and release Monarchs myself like Sky and Scout, it was because it was just that good. Butterfly Summer is just the right mix of fun-to-read fiction and cool-to-read science!

★★★★★ *From K. J. (elementary school Interventionist)* - Kids can make a difference and their feelings are real. I loved this story and I learned so much about monarch butterflies! I bought a few other books about butterflies mentioned in the appendix because I was hooked. Highly recommend!

★★★★★ *From D. G. (former elementary school teacher)* - Wonderful kids novel! A wonderful book about two kids adjusting to their move from city to country. Plenty of mischief and adventure ensues in their new bucolic surroundings. What really elevates this book are the fun lessons about the environment and the Monarch butterfly. I think the book would be a lovely addition to a school library or science class.

★★★★★ *From C. L. (children's book author)* - What a delightful book about growing up and being mindful of the environment. This is a great book for educators who want to teach their students about preserving butterflies in a more interesting way than just through science. I learned a lot in the book and loved the characters.

*From K. L. (former science teacher and monarch butterfly raiser)* - As a former science teacher I would have totally loved having a book like this in my classroom.

