

Writing to Get Every Child Ready to Read

Books for Fun with Letters



***A to Z* written and illustrated by Sandra Boynton. Little Simon, 1984.**

Using fun animal characters, Boynton introduces the alphabet to young children in this board book.

***ABC, I Like Me!* written and illustrated by Nancy L. Carlson. Viking, 1997.**

From the author of *I Like Me!* comes a book about a group of animal friends who encourage themselves and each other by using words from each letter of the alphabet.

***ABC T-Rex* written and illustrated by Bernard Most. Harcourt, 2000.**

T-Rex expresses his love for the alphabet as he eats his way through the letters in various settings.

***Alphabatics* written and illustrated by Suse MacDonald. Aladdin, 1992.**

A creative look at the alphabet where an A can become an Ark or a C becomes the smile of a Clown.

***Alphabeasties and Other Amazing Types* written by Sharon Werner and Sarah Forss. Blue Apple Books, 2009.**

Using different fonts and typefaces this amazing book features animals created from letters.

***Alphabet Rescue* written by Audrey Wood; illustrated by Bruce Wood. Blue Sky Press, 2006.**

Bright and bold pictures illustrate the story of the little letters of the alphabet and their big adventure.

***Alphabet Under Construction* written and illustrated by Denise Fleming. Henry Holt, 2006.**

A mouse starts up the big construction project of building the alphabet and uses all sorts of fun methods like airbrushing, buttoning, and carving until all the letters are done.

***Animal Antics: A to Z* written and illustrated by Anita Lobel. Greenwillow Books, 2005.**

This richly illustrated book explores a circus theme, with each page featuring an animal name and an adjective (adoring alligators, charming camels).

Chicka Chicka Boom Boom

written by Bill

Martin Jr. and John Archambault; illustrated by Lois Ehlert. Little Simon, 2006.

Fun rhyming book in which the whole alphabet family decides to climb up a coconut tree.

***Creature ABC* written and photographed by Andrew Zuckerman. Chronicle Books, 2009.**

Zuckerman uses his gorgeous animal photography to introduce the alphabet.

***Curious George Learns the Alphabet* written and illustrated by H.A. Rey. HMH Books, 1973.**

The Man With the Yellow Hat shows Curious George how to read the letters of the alphabet.

***Eating the Alphabet: Fruits and Vegetables From A to Z* written and illustrated by Lois Ehlert. Harcourt, 1989.**

Readers are introduced to fruits and vegetables in this bright, bold alphabet book.

***Into the A, B, Sea: An Ocean Alphabet Book* written by Deborah Lee Rose; illustrated by Steve Jenkins. Scholastic, 2000.**

This beautiful book of collages captures curiosities of the sea and using a rhyming text, introduces various sea creatures in alphabetical order.

***Kipper's A to Z: An Alphabet Adventure* written and illustrated by Mick Inkpen. Harcourt, 2001.**

Playful puppy Kipper and his pig friend, Arnold, go on an adventure to collect items from every letter of the alphabet.

***Old Black Fly* written by Jim Aylesworth; illustrated by Stephen Gammell. Henry Holt, 1992.**

An old black fly gets into all sorts of trouble while encountering things in alphabetical order, causing a fuss until he meets his fate in the hands of a fly swatter.

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Ox, House, Stick: The History of our Alphabet written by Don Robb; illustrated by Anne Smith. Charlesbridge, 2007. Vibrant illustrations and clear prose show young readers the origins of the Roman alphabet.

Read Anything Good Lately? written by Susan Allen and Jane Lindaman; illustrated by Vicky Enright. Milbrook Press, 2003.

Readers will relate to the protagonist as she tries to get her hands on reading materials because she loves to read. Everything is listed in alphabetical order, from atlas and biographies to the zodiac.

The Turn-Around, Upside-Down Alphabet

Book written and illustrated by Lisa Campbell Ernst. Simon & Schuster, 2004.

This innovative alphabet book encourages readers to examine each letter very closely, as the letters transform into different objects depending on how the book is held.

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