



# Alphabet Books

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Grade Level	Title Information	Call Number
<b>EASY</b>		
PreK - 1	Baker, Keith. <i>LMNO Peas</i> . New York: Beach Lane Books, 2010.  Busy little peas introduce their favorite occupations, from astronaut to zoologist.	E B1747LM
K - 4	Beccia, Carlyn. <i>Who Put the B in the Ballyhoo?</i> Boston: Houghton Mifflin, 2007.  A rhyming alphabetical description of Big Top life and attractions, interspersed with facts about particular circus acts and personalities of the past.	E B3868W
PreK - 2	Bingham, Kelly. <i>Z is for Moose</i> . New York: Greenwillow Books, 2012.  Moose, terribly eager to play his part in the alphabet book his friend Zebra is putting together, then awfully disappointed when his letter passes, behaves rather badly until Zebra finds a spot for him.	E B5136Z
PreK - 1	Bottner, Barbara. <i>An Annoying ABC</i> . New York: Alfred A. Knopf, 2011.	E B659A

When Adelaide annoys Bailey, their entire preschool class gets upset, one child after another, until Zelda zaps Adelaide and a round of apologies begins.

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| K        | Brown, Margaret Wise. <i>Sleepy ABC</i> . New York: Harper, 2010.  | E<br>B81418S  |
|          | Simple rhymes for each letter of the alphabet are illustrated with an array of toddlers and babies saying goodnight.   |               |
| PreK - 4 | Cabatingan, Eric. <i>A is For Musk Ox</i> . New York: Roaring Brook Press, 2012.   | E<br>C1116A   |
|          | Musk Ox takes over an alphabet book, explaining to his friend Zebra why almost every letter can be used to describe musk oxen.   |               |
| PreK - 1 | Cleary, Brian P. <i>Peanut Butter and Jellyfishes: A Very Silly Alphabet Book</i> . Minneapolis, MN: Millbrook Press, 2007.  | E<br>C58075P  |
|          | Rhyming, nonsensical verses introduce the alphabet. Readers are asked to find hidden letters in the illustrations.   |               |
| PreK - 2 | Cronin, Doreen. <i>Click, Clack, Quackity-Quack: An Alphabetical Adventure</i> . New York: Atheneum Books for Young Readers, 2005.   | E<br>C8816CQ  |
|          | The cows on Farmer Brown's farm are typing again. Duck can't wait to show everyone their latest note. Just what are they up to this time? Duck's not telling, but if you follow the alphabet one letter at a time, you'll find out. And you'll have as much fun as the animals are going to have, and learn your letters, too! |               |
| PreK     | Cousins, Lucy. <i>Maisy's ABC: A Maisy Lift-The-Flap Classic</i> . Cambridge, MA: Candlewick Press, 2008.  | E<br>C8367MZA |
|          | Explore the alphabet with Maisy! Interactive fun on every page.  |               |
| 1 - 4    | Czekaj, Jef. <i>A Call for a New Alphabet</i> . Watertown, MA: Charlesbridge, 2011.  | E<br>C996CAL  |
|          | Tired of being near the end of the alphabet, starting few words, and being governed by grammar rules, X calls for a vote on a new Alphabet Constitution, then dreams of how life would be if he became a different letter.   |               |
| PreK     | Doyle, Charlotte. <i>The Bouncing, Dancing, Galloping ABC</i> . New York: G.P. Putnam's Sons, 2006.  | E<br>D772B    |
|          | Presents an ABC of action words starring energetic children who climb, hop, and zoom their way through the alphabet.   |               |

PreK	Doyle, Elizabeth. <i>A B See</i> . New York: Little Simon, 2015.	E D773A
	An illustrated alphabet book in which each letter is formed by objects beginning with that letter.	
PreK	Ehlert, Lois. <i>Eating the Alphabet: Fruits &amp; Vegetables from A to Z</i> . San Diego, CA: Harcourt, 1989.	E EH56E
	While teaching upper- and lowercase letters to preschoolers, Ehlert introduces fruits and vegetables from around the world. A glossary at the end provides interesting facts about each food.	
1 - 3	Escoffier, Michaël. <i>Take Away the A: An Alphabeast of a Book!</i> New York: Enchanted Lion Books, 2014.	E ES18T
	What happens when you subtract just one letter from a word? Beginning with "without the A the beast is the best" a pack of silly creatures work their way through the alphabet, subtracting each letter from a different word to alter its meaning and tell a story.	
PreK - K	Fleming, Denise. <i>Alphabet Under Construction</i> . New York: Henry Holt, 2006.	E F62927A
	A mouse works his way through the alphabet as he folds the "F," measures the "M," and rolls the "R."	
K - 6	Frasier, Debra. <i>A Fabulous Fair Alphabet</i> . New York: Beach Lane Books, 2010.	E F864F
	Letters of the alphabet in various graphic styles accompany words associated with fairs.	
3 - 5	Gaiman, Neil. <i>The Dangerous Alphabet</i> . New York: HarperCollinsPublishers, 2008.	E G127DAN
	As two children and their pet gazelle sneak out of the house in search of treasure, they come across a world beneath the city that is inhabited with monsters and pirates.	
PreK - 2	Heder, Thyra. <i>Fraidyzoos</i> . New York: Abrams Books for Young Readers, 2013.	E H3583F
	Little T remembers that she was frightened last time her family visited the zoo but not why, so her creative family helps by imitating animals from A to Z until she recalls exactly what caused her fear.	

K - 2	<p>Hudes, Quiara Alegría. <b><i>Welcome to My Neighborhood! A Barrio ABC.</i></b> New York: Arthur A. Levine books, 2010.</p> <p>A young girl takes a walk through her urban neighborhood, observing items representing every letter of the alphabet, from her abuela to loud, zooming cars.</p>	E H8665W
K	<p>Ipcizade, Catherine. <b><i>H is for Honk! A Transportation Alphabet.</i></b> Mankato, MN: Capstone Press, 2011. (Also by author: <i>T is for Tiara: A Princess Alphabet</i>)</p> <p>Introduces transportation themes through photographs and brief text that uses one word relating to the subject for each letter of the alphabet.</p>	E IP15H
1 - 4	<p>Jeffers, Oliver. <b><i>Once Upon an Alphabet.</i></b> New York: Philomel Books, 2014.</p> <p>From an Astronaut who's afraid of heights, to a Bridge that ends up burned between friends, to a Cup stuck in a cupboard and longing for freedom, this series of interconnected stories and characters explores the alphabet.</p>	E J3555O
1 - 2	<p>Kontis, Alethea. <b><i>Alpha Oops! The Day Z Went First.</i></b> Somerville, MA: Candlewick Press, 2006. (Also by author: <i>Alpha Oops! H is for Halloween</i>)</p> <p>Chaos ensues when Z thinks that it's time for him to go first in the alphabet for a change.</p>	E K8374AL
PreK - 2	<p>Krans, Kim. <b><i>ABC Dream.</i></b> New York: Random House, 2016.</p> <p>Drawings of creatures and natural wonders introduce the letters of the alphabet.</p>	E K8634A
K - 2	<p>Lichtenheld, Tom. <b><i>E-mergency!</i></b> San Francisco, CA: Chronicle Books, 2011.</p> <p>The letter E has fallen and injured herself-- which letters will replace her and how will words be spelled without her?</p>	E L6176E
PreK - 1	<p>Lobel, Anita. <b><i>Playful Pigs from A to Z.</i></b> New York: Alfred A. Knopf, 2015.</p> <p>One golden morning, twenty-six pigs leave their pen, race along a country road, and find a field of letters, where they play all day until Zeke Pig falls asleep on a Z and they wearily return home by moonlight.</p>	E L78351PL

PreK - 1	McDonnell, Patrick. <i>The Little Red Cat Who Ran Away and Learned His ABCs (the Hard Way)</i> . New York: Little, Brown and Company, 2017.	E M1462L
	In this nearly wordless alphabet book, a little red cat runs away and gets caught up in a wild chase that goes everywhere from A to Z and back home again.	
K	McGuirk, Leslie. <i>If Rocks Could Sing: A Discovered Alphabet</i> . Berkeley, CA: Tricycle Press, 2011.	E M1799I
	Displays photographs of rocks that resemble the letters of the alphabet and objects represented by each letter.	
PreK – K	Martin, Bill Jr. <i>Chicka Chicka Boom Boom</i> . New York: Simon & Schuster for Young Readers, 1989.	E M3633CHB
	An alphabet rhyme/chant that relates what happens when the whole alphabet tries to climb a coconut tree.	
3 - 6	Martin, Steve. <i>The Alphabet from A to Y with Bonus Letter, Z!</i> New York: Flying Dolphin Press, 2007.	E M3655A
	Presents a rhyming couplet featuring each letter of the alphabet, with such characters as David the dog-faced boy, who dons a derby despite being dirty, and Victor, whose frequent victories have made him vainglorious.	
PreK - 1	Mora, Pat. <i>Marimba! Animales from A to Z</i> . New York: Clarion Books, 2006.	E M79M
	Rhyming text reveals the antics of an alphabet full of zoo animals as they enjoy a night of singing, dancing, feasting, and playing musical instruments while their keepers sleep. Includes pronunciation and translation guide to Spanish words that appear throughout the text.	
1 - 3	Morales, Yuyi. <i>Just in Case: A Trickster Tale and Spanish Alphabet Book</i> . New York: Roaring Brook Press, 2008.	E M7929J
	As Señor Calavera prepares for Grandma Beetle's birthday he finds an alphabetical assortment of unusual presents, but with the help of Zelmiro the Ghost, he finds the best gift of all.	
K - 2	O'Connor, Jane. <i>Fancy Nancy's Favorite Fancy Words: From Accessories to Zany</i> . New York: HarperCollins Publishers, 2008.	E OC55FZ
	Fancy Nancy provides one or more of her favorite fancy words for each letter of the alphabet, defines them, and uses some in sentences that show what they mean to her, such as that she yearns--wants really badly--to visit Paris someday.	

PreK – K	Saaf, Donald. <i>The ABC Animal Orchestra</i> . New York: Henry Holt and Company, 2015.	E SA11A
	Aardvarks play accordions Butterflies strum banjos Chimpanzees crash cymbals. Preschoolers can learn their ABCs with the alliterative text and illustrations of animal friends playing music with instruments from around the world.	
PreK	Twohy, Mike. <i>Oops Pounce Quick Run! An Alphabet Caper</i> . New York: Balzer + Bray, 2016.	E T932O
	When a bouncing ball wakes a sleeping mouse, it's just the beginning of an alphabet adventure.	
PreK - 1	Vamos, Samantha R. <i>Alphabet Trains</i> . Watertown, MA: Charlesbridge, 2015.	E V256A
	Simple text uses railroads to teach children about different trains and the alphabet.	
PreK - 1	Wood, Audrey. <i>Alphabet Rescue</i> . New York: Blue Sky Press, 2006.	E W85017AR
	While on vacation in Alphabet City, Little e and the other lowercase letters repair an old fire truck and come to the rescue when a fire engulfs the letter-making factory.	

## NONFICTION

PreK - 1	Johnson, Stephen T. <i>Alphabet School</i> . New York: Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers, 2015.	421.1 J6375A
	Explore the alphabet in everyday objects found at school in this dazzling picture book.	
K	Thomas, Isabel. <i>Alphabet Fun: Making Letters with Your Body</i> . Chicago, IL: Heinemann Library, 2014.	421.1 T3639A
	Alphabet Fun combines literacy learning with physical development, as children learn the alphabet while exercising!	
N/A	Deselms, Derek. <i>ABC's Around the World</i> . Livermore, CA: Wheel Books, 2010.	428.1 D4569A
	Photographic illustrations of the English alphabet, with 8 colors and 6 shapes, including Spanish and French translations.	

PreK	Franceschelli, Christopher. <i>Alphablock</i> . New York: Abrams Appleseed, 2013.	428.1 F8449A
	Features thick pages cut into the shape of each letter, creating a sort of peek-through guessing game around the letter form itself. As children interact with the pages, they will familiarize themselves not only with the 26 letters and associated words, but also with each letter's physicality--angles, holes, and curves, both front and back.	
PreK	Ghigna, Charles. <i>The Alphabet Parade</i> . North Mankato, MN: Picture Window Books, 2014.	428.1 G344A
	Oh, what a sight to see--a big parade of letters from A to Z.	
PreK	Bell, Jonas Fearon. <i>My First Book of Letters</i> . Franklin, TN: Flowerpot Press, 2012.	428.1 M9903
	Pictures of objects from A to Z that help children learn the alphabet.	
PreK - 1	Viano, Hannah. <i>B is for Bear: A Natural Alphabet</i> . Seattle, WA: Little Bigfoot, 2015.	508 V655B
	The flora, fauna, and geological features in this book are found throughout North America, so readers around the country will connect with Viano's gorgeous art and poetic/scientific text. Examples of the accessible but beautiful alphabet: A is for Acorn, B is for Bear, C is for Cloud, D is for Dandelion, E is for Egret, F is for Fawn. . . all original and stunning artwork for that will appeal to children and adults.	
PreK - 2	Cooper, Elisha. <i>8, an Animal Alphabet</i> . New York: Orchard Books, 2015.	513.2 C7849E
	Look carefully, because for each letter of the alphabet, one animal is pictured eight times. Why 8? Come inside and find out.	
2 - 5	Smith, Marie. <i>T is for Time</i> . Ann Arbor, MI: Sleeping Bear Press, 2015.	529.2 SM622T
	This alphabet book uses poetry and expository text to explore the concept of time, from explaining basic units of measurement to showcasing important scientific achievements.	
PreK - 1	Voiland, Adam. <i>ABCs From Space: A Discovered Alphabet</i> . New York: Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers, 2017.	550 V874A
	An alphabet book of photographs of Earth taken from outer space that look like each letter.	
K - 3	Hodge, Deborah. <i>West Coast Wild: A Nature Alphabet</i> . Berkeley, CA:	577.51

- House of Anansi Press, 2015. H662W
- This stunning nature alphabet book explores the fascinating ecosystem of the Pacific West Coast a magnificent area that combines an ancient rainforest, a rugged beach and a vast, open ocean, and where whales, bears, wolves, eagles and a rich variety of marine species thrive in an interconnected web of life.
- 1 - 4 Delacre, Lulu. *¡Olinguito, de la A a la Z! Olinguito, From A to Z*. New York: Children's Book 599.763 D3710
- Uses the framework of the alphabet to present information about plants and animals of the cloud forest on the western slopes of the Ecuadorian Andes and the 2013 discovery of the olinguito.
- PreK Olivera, Ramon. *ABCs on Wings*. New York: Little Simon, 2015. 629.13 OL47A
- In this book, kids will learn their ABCs through the amazing world of aviation. From A is for ace to Z is for zeppelin, young children will be introduced to biplanes, carriers, gliders, jets, and many more vehicles of flight.
- K - 2 Watterson, Carol. *An Edible Alphabet: 26 Reasons to Love the Farm*. Berkeley, CA: Tricycle Press, 2011. 630 W345E
- A rhyming alphabet that names things related to modern farming, and provides background information on each one.

## PROFESSIONAL COLLECTION

- Goren, Ada H. *Alphabet Puppets from A to Z. PreK-K Build a Strong Foundation for Reading Success!* Greensboro, NC: Mailbox/Education Center, 2008. 372.21 G669A
- Between the Lions. *L is for Lion: and Other Playful Alphabet Fun*. Silver Spring, MD: Gryphon House, 2011. 372.46 L1
- Armstrong, Linda. *ABC, Follow Me! Phonics, Rhymes and Crafts, Grades K-1*. Columbus, OH: Linworth Learning, 2007. 372.465 AR579A
- Drolet, Lynn. *Everything Alphabet: Timesaving Tools for Teaching Letters A-Z*. Greensboro, NC: The Mailbox Books, 2008. 372.465 EV279
- Feldman, Jean R. *I Love Letters! More than 200 Quick & Easy Activities to Introduce Young Children to Letters and Literacy*. Beltsville, MD: Gryphon House, 2009. 372.465 F3334I



Van Doren, Elizabeth. *Get Ready for School: Letters*. New York: Black Dog  
& Levanthal Publishers, 2008.

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