

# Curriculum Connections: The Latest in Alphabet Books

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## Primary Concept Books

- Baker, Keith. *L M N O Peas*. Beach Lane, 2010. ISBN: 978-1416991410 (hc), \$11.55.
- Brown, Margaret Wise. *Goodnight Moon ABC*. HarperFestival, 2010. ISBN: 978-0061894848 (hc), \$11.55; 978-0061894909 (bb), \$8.99.
- Brown, Margaret Wise. *Sleepy ABC*. HarperCollins, 2009. ISBN: 978-0061288630 (hc), \$13.25.
- Crowther, Robert. *The Most Amazing Hide-and-Seek Alphabet Book*. Candlewick, 2010. ISBN: 978-0763650308 (pbk), \$7.05.
- Frasier, Debra. *A Fabulous Fair Alphabet*. Beach Lane, 2010. ISBN: 978-1416998174 (hc), \$12.23.
- Goldman, Todd Harris. *The Zoo I Drew*. Random House, 2009. ISBN: 978-0375852015 (hc), \$10.19; 978-0375952012 (lb), \$17.99.
- Pearle, Ida. *A Child's Day: An Alphabet of Play*. Harcourt, 2008. ISBN: 978-0152065522 (hc), \$10.36.
- Sierra, Judy. *The Sleepy Little Alphabet*. Alfred

- A. Knopf, 2009. ISBN: 978-0375840029 (hc), \$11.55.
- Ziefert, Harriet. *ABC Dentists: Healthy Teeth from A to Z*. Blue Apple Books, 2008. ISBN: 978-1934706312 9 (hc), \$10.85.
- Ziefert, Harriet. *Me! Me! ABC*. Blue Apple Books, 2008. ISBN: 978-1934706206 (pbk), \$6.95.

## Art Concepts

- Bancroft, Bronwyn. *Possum and Wattle: My Big Book of Australian Words*. Little Hare Books, 2009. ISBN: 978-1921272585 (hc), \$13.22.
- Gu'ery, Anne. *Alphab'art*. Frances Lincoln, 2009. ISBN: 978-1847800138 (hc), \$15.56.
- Johnson, Stephen. *A Is for Art: An Abstract Alphabet*. Simon & Schuster, 2009. ISBN: 978-0689863011 (hc), \$12.74.
- McArthur, Meher. *An ABC of What Art Can Be*. Getty Museum, 2010. ISBN: 978-0892369997 (hc), \$12.21.
- Schwartz, Joanne. *City Alphabet*. Groundwood, 2010. ISBN: 978-0888999283 (hc), \$14.78.

## Bilingual/Spanish, Hispanic Culture

- Campy, F.Isabel. *Mi Dia De la A a la Z*. Alfaguara Infantil, 2008. ISBN: 978-1598209426 (pbk), \$11.86.
- Cordero, Flor De Maria. *M Is for Mexico*. Frances Lincoln Limited, 2008. ISBN: 978-1845075934 (hc), \$13.22.
- Hudes, Quiara Alegria. *Bienvenidos a Mi*

- Bario! (Welcome to My Neighborhood!)*. Scholastic, 2010. ISBN: 978-0545094252 (hc), \$11.55.
- Johnston, Tony. *P Is for Pinata: A Mexico Alphabet*. Sleeping Bear Press, 2008. ISBN: 978-1585361441 (hc); \$12.21.
- Lozano, Jose. *Once around the Block*. Cinto Puntos Press, 2009. ISBN: 978-1933693576 (hc), \$13.22.
- Morales, Yuyi. *Just in Case: A Trickster Tale and Spanish Alphabet Book*. Roaring Brook, 2008. ISBN: 978-1596433298 (hc); \$7.18.

## Environmental Titles

- Hertzog, Brad. *S Is for Save the Planet*. Sleeping Bear Press, 2009. ISBN: 978-1585364282 (hc), \$14.00.
- Siddals, Mary McKenna. *Compost Stew: An A to Z Recipe for the Earth*. Tricycle, 2010. ISBN: 978-1582463162 (hc), \$10.87; 978-1582463414 (lb), \$18.99.

## Literary Springboards

- Asper-Smith, Sarah. *Have You Ever Seen a Smack of Jellyfish?* Sasquatch, 2011. ISBN: 978-1570616877 (hc), \$11.53.
- Hopkins, Lee Bennett. *Alphathoughts*. Boyds Mills, 2010. ISBN: 978-1563979798 (hc), \$15.25.
- Lawlor, Laurie. *Muddy as a Duck Puddle and Other American Similes*. Holiday House, 2010. ISBN: 978-0823422296 (lb), \$11.53.
- Parker, Marjorie. *A Paddling of Ducks: Animals in Groups from A to Z*. Kids Can, 2010. ISBN: 978-1553376828 (hc), \$13.22.

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- Spieker, Diana. *Alphabetica: Odes to the Alphabet*. Personify Press, 2009. ISBN: 978-0979749100 (hc), \$13.22.
- Wilbur, Helen L. *Z Is for Zeus: A Greek Mythology Alphabet*. Sleeping Bear Press, 2008. ISBN: 978-1585363414 (hc), \$12.21.

## For Older Readers

### Animals:

- Fredericks, Anthony D. *A Is for Anaconda: A Rainforest Alphabet*. Sleeping Bear Press, 2009. ISBN: 978-1585363179 (hc), \$12.21.
- Fredericks, Anthony D. *D Is for Dinosaur: A Prehistoric Alphabet*. Sleeping Bear Press, 2009. ISBN: 978-1585362424 (hc), \$14.00.
- Harris, Stephen. *Ballroom Bonanza: A Hidden Pictures ABC Book*. Abrams, 2010. ISBN: 978-0810988422 (hc), \$12.71.
- Salzmann, Mary Elizabeth. *Albatross to Zebra Finch: Birds from A to Z*. ABDO Press, 2009. ISBN: 978-1604530094 (lb), \$25.65.
- Werner, Sharon. *Alphabeasties and Other Amazing Types*. Blue Apple, 2009. ISBN: 978-1934706787 (hc), \$13.59.

## Geography

- Grodin, Elissa D. *C Is for Ciao*. Sleeping Bear Press, 2009. ISBN: 978-1585363612 (hc), \$12.21.
- Jansen, Karen. *Mardi Gras in New Orleans: An Alphabet Book*. Author House, 2008. ISBN: 978-1438915432 (pbk), \$12.59.
- Mrowczynska, Agnieszka. *P Is for Poland*. Frances Lincoln, 2009. ISBN: 978-1845079178 (hc), \$11.53.
- Pyper, Nilufer Topaloglu. *T Is for Turkey*. Frances Lincoln, 2010. ISBN: 978-1845079987 (hc), \$13.82.
- Rahman, Urmi. *B Is for Bangladesh*. Frances Lincoln, 2009. ISBN: 978-1845079185 (hc), \$13.22.
- Skewes, John, and Robert Schwartz. *Seattle ABC*. Sasquatch, 2009. ISBN: 978-1570615900 (hc), \$12.71.
- Whelan, Gloria. *K Is for Kabuki*. Sleeping Bear Press, 2009. ISBN: 978-1585364442 (hc), \$12.21.

## Travel and Transportation

- Demerest, Chris. *All Aboard! A Traveling Alphabet*. McElderry, 2008. ISBN: 978-0689852497 (hc), \$14.03.

- Geisert, Arthur. *Country Road ABC: An Illustrated Journey through America's Farmland*. Houghton Mifflin, 2010. ISBN: 978-0547194691 (hc), \$11.56.
- Ipzicade, Catherine. *H Is for Honk*. Capstone, 2011. ISBN: 978-1429644648 (hc), \$19.75.
- Kirk, Shoshanna. *T Is for Tugboat: Navigating the Seas from A to Z*. Chronicle Books, 2008. ISBN: 978-0811860949 (hc), \$12.47.
- Kluth, Paula, and Victoria Kluth. *A Is for All Aboard!* Paul H. Brooks, 2010. ISBN: 978-1598570717 (hc), \$11.53.
- Riehle, Mary Ann McCabe. *A Is for Airplane*. Sleeping Bear Press, 2009. ISBN: 978-1585363582 (hc), \$12.71.

## Potpourri

- Ashman, Linda. *M Is for Mischief: An A to Z of Naughty Children*. Dutton, 2008. ISBN: 978-0525475644 (hc), \$6.80.
- Flett, Julie. *Owls See Clearly at Night: A Michif Alphabet*. Simply Read, 2010. ISBN: 978-1897476284 (hc), \$12.20.
- McGuinness, Lisa. *B Is for Baseball*. Chronicle, 2009. ISBN: 978-0811860963 (hc), \$10.87.
- Mooney, Melissa Duke. *The ABCs of Rock*. Random House, 2010. ISBN: 978-1582462936 (hc), \$11.55; 978-1582463575 (lb), \$19.99.
- Salas, Laura Purdie. *A Is for Arrr! A Pirate Alphabet*. Capstone, 2010. ISBN: 978-1429632911 (lb), \$19.75; 978-1429638449 (pbk), \$7.95.
- Salzmann, Mary Elizabeth. *Airedale to Zuchon: Dogs from A to Z*. ABDO, 2009. ISBN: 978-1604534917 (lb), \$25.65.
- Salzmann, Mary Elizabeth. *Alley to Zippy: Cats from A to Z*. ABDO, 2009. ISBN: 978-1604534931 (lb), \$23.09.
- Ziefert, Harriet. *Lights on Broadway: A Theatrical Tour from A to Z* (with CD). Blue Apple Books, 2009. ISBN: 978-1934706688 (hc), \$13.59.

## Holiday Alphabet Books: Halloween and Birthdays

### Birthday:

- Bruel, Nick. *Happy Birthday, Bad Kitty*. Roaring Brook Press, 2009. ISBN: 978-1596433427 (hc), \$10.07.
- Salas, Laura Purdie. *C Is for Cake! A Birthday*

- Alphabet*. Capstone, 2010. ISBN: 978-1429639149 (lb), \$19.24.
- Wells, Rosemary. *Max's ABC*. Penguin, 2010. ISBN: 978-0670060740 (hc), \$12.47.

### Halloween:

- Brennan-Nelson, Denise. *J Is for Jack-O'-Lantern: A Halloween Alphabet*. Sleeping Bear Press, 2009. ISBN: 978-1585364435 (lb), \$10.17.
- Gaiman, Neil. *The Dangerous Alphabet*. HarperCollins, 2008. ISBN: 978-0060783334 (hc), \$12.23; 978-0060783341 (lb), \$18.99.
- Kontis, Althea. *Alpha Oops! H Is for Halloween*. Candlewick Press, 2010. ISBN: 978-0763639662 (hc), \$15.99.
- Salas, Laura Purdie. *Y Is for You! A Scary Alphabet*. Capstone, 2010. ISBN: 978-1429632928 (lb), \$19.75; 978-1429638487 (pbk), \$7.95.
- Stone, Tanya Lee. *H Is for Haunted House: A Halloween Alphabet Book*. Price Stern Sloan, 2010. ISBN: 978-0843137163 (pbk), \$4.99.

## Sports

- Salas, Laura Purdie. *S Is for Score! A Sports Alphabet*. Capstone, 2010. ISBN: 978-1429639156 (lb), \$19.24; 978-1429648332 (pbk), \$7.95.

## A Few Titles with Girls in Mind

- Horowitz, Dave. *Twenty-Six Princesses*. G. P. Putnam's Sons, 2008. ISBN: 978-0399246074 (hc), \$12.47.
- McLaren, Chesley, and Pamela Jaber. *When Royals Wore Ruffles: A Funny and Fashionable Alphabet!* Wade Books, 2009. ISBN: 978-0375851667 (hc), \$11.55; 978-0375951664 (lb), \$19.99.
- O'Connor, Jane, and Robin Preiss Glasser. *Nancy's Favorite Fancy Words: From Accessories to Zany*. HarperCollins Publishers, 2008. ISBN: 978-0061549236 (hc), \$9.35.
- Salas, Laura Purdie. *T Is for Tiara! A Princess Alphabet*. Capstone, 2011. ISBN: 978-1429644624 (hc), \$19.75. ◀

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