

Alphabet Books

Anglund, Joan Walsh. *In A Pumpkin Shell*. New York: Harcourt Brace Jovanovich, Publishers, 1960. ISBN 0156444259.

This ABC book of traditional nursery rhymes, beautifully illustrated in both colour and black and white, features Joan Walsh Anglund's sweet children, mischievous animals and quirky-looking adults. Well-known rhymes combine with a few not-so-familiar ones to entertain and invite participation in a variety of A-Z verse.

📖 Related Reading: *The Disappearing Alphabet*, *The Alphavegetabet*, *April Bubbles Chocolate: An ABC of Poetry*

Bannatyne-Cugnet, Jo. *A Prairie Alphabet* (illus. Yvette Moore). Toronto: Tundra Books, 1992. ISBN 0887763235.

This is an alphabet book that uses illustrations and sentences in alliteration format to reinforce initial sounds. This book also holds a great collection of art about Prairie life as seen through the eyes of children. It won the Mr. Christie Book Award for its illustrations.

📖 Related Reading: *Patty's Pumpkin Patch*, *A Seaside Alphabet*, *The Blue and Green Ark: An Alphabet for Planet Earth*

Hughes, Shirley. *Alfie's Alphabet*. London: Random House, 1997. ISBN 0370323386.

Falling in love with Shirley Hughes' books is as easy as ABC! No ordinary alphabet book, this one features Alfie and Annie Rose, two of her best-loved characters, in everyday indoor and outdoor experiences shared with their favourite people, animals and toys. Beautiful pictures show the tender, mischievous, curious, fun-loving nature of young children. Large, clear letters, both capital and lower case, are prominent on each page.

📖 Related Reading: *ABC - I Like Me*, *The Handmade Alphabet*

Jordan, Martin and Tanis. *Amazon Alphabet*. New York: Kingfisher, 1996. ISBN 1856976661.

This amazing alphabet book takes us on a journey through the Amazon jungle of South America. For emergent readers it is a breathtaking look at 26 animals that live in the rainforest. For more mature readers, the descriptive sentence accompanying each painting gives pertinent information. The phonetic spelling of the many unique animals is provided where necessary. The end of the book provides detailed notes on each of the spectacular animals. Thus, this is an alphabet book for many ages.

📖 Related Reading: *The Wildlife ABC: A Nature Alphabet*, *A B Sea*, *The Butterfly Alphabet Book*

Martin, Bill Jr. and Archambault, John. *Chicka Chicka Boom Boom* (illus. Lois Ehlert). New York: Scholastic Inc., 1989. ISBN 0590438891.

An energetic, rhythmic, finger-snapping, must-join-in kind of book brings the alphabet to life. In their race to get to the top of the coconut tree, the letters' spirited climb comes crashing to a halt. The brightly coloured, jazzy illustrations add to the story's appeal.

☞ Related Reading: *Old Black Fly*, *Eating the Alphabet*, *Albert's Alphabet*, *A my name is Alice*