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An alphabet book by this graphic designer.

Bruno Munari's Abc Details

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From Reader Review Bruno Munari's Abc for online ebook

Kelly says

An alphabet book with alliteration and color. And flies.

Sonaksha says

As I was reading Bruno Munari's Abc, I kept wishing that I had it as a child. Munari's brilliant use of colours, rhymes, pictures, sounds keep the focus on learning the alphabet but have beautiful illustrations to guide you along from page to page adding to the experience. From the fly flying across pages to the vertical violet violin, his use of design is lovely (and very inspiring, of course)!

Rosanna says

Probably should have read this one to Z a few years ago. He has pretty low expectations for his bedtime story, but he does have expectations, nonetheless. He wants a coherent storyline, and something entertaining. F. Feather. Fly. Didn't do it for him. He kept asking me to stop and read Strega Nona again. This one is headed back to the library fast!

Molly says

No "A is for..." here, just a list of things with the letter.

Ian Yang says

Colorful, simple and intuitive. Even though I find that "Glasses in the Green Grass" is hilarious and Ice Cream for I and Juggler for J seem a bit too negligent of the author, nevertheless, it's quite satisfactory to hear my cousin pronounce "An Ant on an Apple" correctly.

Collin Powell says

This non-fiction book dedicates each page to a different letter and each letter has multiple items shown which start with that letter. This allows the young reader to hear the sound of each letter in commonly used words which enhances their phonetic understanding. There was a lot of variability in the illustrations as some of them were very simple and others were much more elaborate and beautiful. I liked the book and could see that this would be something useful for me to use in my reading classes once I

start working as a teacher. I think the pictures make the alphabet much easier to remember, allowing the student to recall immediately the sound of the letter in the words used in the book.

Taylor Washington says

Summary: This book goes through the letter of the alphabet with things that start with a certain letter. When it gets to the letter F and little fly goes through the remaining letters and finds himself Zzz'n for the letter Z.

Activity: Students will pick a letter and have to cutout the letter and things that start with that letter from a magazine and glue onto a piece of paper.

James says

Started out really cute, but then it got a little weird. First of all, many of the word choices were not the best. The worst page in this regard was K because it had only one word with a K sound. The other words were silent K's like "Knife." Not really helpful for little kids learning their alphabet. S also had "sh" words, which again was not the best to learn the S sound.

I was also a little annoyed that he seemed to think putting a fly on 1/4 of the pages was somehow funny.

Heidi says

Something about the simplicity of this book moves me each time I read it. I also love how the dedication is "to the child who owns this book" with a line for their name.

Andrew says

Well, it lived up to the title atleast. Not a very enthralling subject for a man in his 20s. I think its a bit derivative as well... I won't accuse him of plagiarism though.

Obviously, I'm here for the art and it doesn't disappoint in that regard. Munari is a master of design.

Manik Sukoco says

Bruno Munari's ABC is beautiful to look at and interesting to read. Your first image in this book is of a luscious orange/red apple sitting in a white space. On its stem crawls a realistically rendered black ant with the only words on the page, "an Ant on an Apple". Then you turn the page to a full double spread of a brilliant Blue Butterfly. It's a deep royal blue, but of a shade that brings to mind deep pockets of the ocean and long shadows late in the day. Munari uses watercolors to their fullest in this book. A careful reading through each page displays objects on white with simple words and recognizable objects. To my mind, the

only object here that struck me as a little out of date was the rendering of an old rotary-dial telephone. And in any case I sincerely doubt that your kids will find it unrecognizable.

It's the range of colors in this book that really let it stand out though. Whether you're viewing a purple violin, the pink flesh of a watermelon, the brown of an owl, or the green of a leaf, the book is a visual cacophony of shades and images. There's something about Munari's sparse style that continues to appeal, even to this day. If you want alphabet books that blow you away with their wit and wonder, they exist I assure you. There are probably tons of them out there that seek to impress far more than this creation. But if you want something classic and classy that teaches the alphabet without distracting or obliterating its original message (which is to say, teaching the alphabet in the first place) then "Bruno Munari's ABC" should be a first choice.

Melissa says

3.5

Yarb says

Absolutely beautiful English / Italian ABC for kids. Quirky and creative; bravo!
Additional review by user nitaafonso, pieced together from tags:"In this imaginative ABC, Bruno Munari shows how fun letters can be. From an Ant on an Apple to a Blue Butterfly to a Cat in a Cage, Munari pairs words in whimsical ways until Fly frees itself from its page, lands on the Hat, buzzes near the Ice Cream and provides the final sound for Zzzzz."

Drew Graham says

Bruno Munari presents his own unique take on the ABCs.

This alphabet book didn't really do much for me. It has a graphic style to the illustrations, much I didn't find them that memorable, and there's some nice sort of rhythm to the text, though it didn't really stick with me. Overall it's kind of a wash, which sometimes happens when you take a chance judging a library shelf book by its cover.

Karen says

Clean pictures, simple abc.
