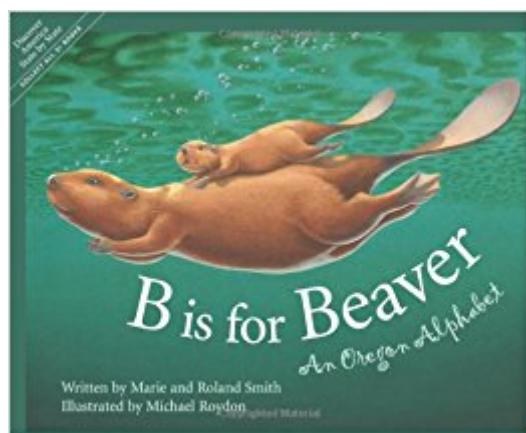


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B Is For Beaver : An Oregon Alphabet (Alphabet Series)



Synopsis

Join authors Roland and Marie Smith and illustrator Michael Roydon as they take you on a journey across the Oregon Trail and through the picturesque Beaver State. In B is for Beaver, the Smiths' rhyming verse and sidebar expository text illuminate the wonders of Hell's Canyon, the lush lands of the Willamette Valley, and the surging seas of the neighboring Pacific Ocean. An effective educational tool inside the classroom and out, readers of all ages in the state of Oregon and beyond can embark on this journey any time they wish.

Book Information

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Age Range: 6 - 9 years

Grade Level: 1 - 3

Customer Reviews

Marie and Roland Smith have collaborated on several alphabet titles, including B is for Beaver: An Oregon Alphabet and Z is for Zookeeper: A Zoo Alphabet. They live on a small farm south of Portland. The author of many books for children, Roland has also penned Sleeping Bear Press's middle-grade series, I, Q. Michael is an award-winning illustrator and a native Oregonian. A lifelong northwesterner, he has traveled to and through all the places in the Oregon alphabet book. He lives with his wife in Portland.

Nice facts in the margin in addition to the text. The items for each letter were for the most part well

chosen, but I do not know enough about Oregon to pick different items (my husband's family is from there - not me). Overall, what is presented in this book just feels/seems like something is missing but I cannot put my finger on what it is. I also do not like that some letters have two page spreads and some only one page. I wish all the letters were treated the same for consistency. Here are the letters:

A- Astoria
B- Beaver
C- Cowboys and Clowns
D- Douglas Fir
E- Egg as in Thunder Eggs (the state rock)
F- Fossils
G- Gorge
H- Hells Canyon
I- Island (referring to Crater Lake)
J- Joseph (tribal chief who tried to escape to Canada but ended up forced onto a reservation - sad story of settler greed)
K- Kiger mustang
L- Lion (For the huge sea lion caves and the Stellar Sea Lions)
M- Marionberries
N- Nike
O- Oregon trail
P- Pacific Ocean
Q- Quimbys
R- Roses
S- Salem (capital)
T- Timberline
U- Union (refers to flag and seal - it used to be the State's Motto until 1987)
V- Volcanoes
W- Willamette
X- X-Ray (really about Linus Pauling the Nobel Prize winning chemist)
Y- Yellow (color on the state bird)
Z- Zoo (their elephants paint for fun)

Wanted our grandchildren to remember "all things Oregon" as they move to Mississippi. This was a rare and well presented book on Oregon's treasures.

I recently moved from the east coast to Oregon. Before I made the move I purchased several copies of the book *B is for Beaver: An Oregon Alphabet* for my nieces and nephews (ages 3-10) as a way for them to learn a little about the state in which I would be living. I was quite pleased with the quality of this book. The illustrations are beautiful and the book does a great job at pointing out key geographical locations, historical events and traditions that are unique to the state. The main part of each page gives information pertaining to the each letter of the alphabet while the sidebar on each page goes in to further information about that particular bit of information. Therefore, while the book may be geared to younger children, older children and even the adults reading the book to them will walk away a little more informed about the workings of the state. I have read two other books in this series and it appears like each state's book has the same format.

A-Z, Oregon ABC's. I recently moved to OR and am a teacher. I learned TONS about my new state from reading this book to my students and I was even able to teach them some fun new facts from reading it to them. Must have for anyone who loves OREGON.

I was introduced to this wonderful series when a friend of mine gifted me the 'V is for Volunteer' alphabet book as a fun memorabilia from our days in Tennessee. I bought the 'B is for Beaver' for

my nephews who live in OR and they loved it. I think the books are very creative and the illustrations are very well done. However some of the references might not be very easy for little kids to understand. It almost feels like something you would want to get as a souvenir from each state you visit. Overall a great series and a nice memory keeper if you care to have one from the states you visit.

I gave this book as a gift to some friends who recently moved to Oregon. Their kids loved it and now know a bit more about their new state!

Bought this book to be given from my children to their dad who is from Oregon. Illustrations are BEAUTIFUL!!! Love that it can be read different ways - each letter has both a short rhyme as well as a longer informational section. My kids loved hearing the book read with the rhymes for each letter, "A is for..." Their dad loved (in addition to reading the book to his kids) learning new and interesting facts about his state and commented often, "I didn't know that!" Overall very pleased with this book and this series in general!

I grew up in Oregon and I learned so many things from this book. Each page has a short text of each alphabet letter for younger kids. But for older kids it also goes into more detail. I think it's great!

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