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This contemporary classic, celebrating its twenty-fifth year in print, is no ordinary alphabet book. Why is “Q” for “Duck”?

Because a duck quacks, of course. Even the youngest readers will delight in the riddle-like text and lively, humorous illustrations.

Now in vivid full color for the first time, this interactive treat is sure to be enjoyed by a whole new generation of readers.

### Q Is for Duck: An Alphabet Guessing Game Details

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## From Reader Review Q Is for Duck: An Alphabet Guessing Game for online ebook

### Jennifer says

Cute concept book, probably best for kids who understand why the "wrong" letter is being used. I may try it at the pre-k tomorrow.

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### Shanteria Maddox says

It is great for inference! Although, it could be confusing for the students who do not yet have a solid grasp on letter i.d. and sounds, it is a cute and humorous book for alphabet.

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### Monica Rodriguez says

Elting, Mary & Folsom, Michael. Q is for Duck (1980). This book goes beyond teaching a letter that matches with a word. Some might wonder why, Q is for Duck, well everyone that reads this book will be on an alphabet guessing adventure. This book isn't the ordinary alphabet book that reads A is for Apple. It goes through the entire alphabet having the reader's guessing why A is for Zoo, B is for Dog, etc. This book is exciting to read and children will enjoy playing a guessing game as they learn; however, I wouldn't read it to a child that is at the beginning stages of learning the alphabet. They would get confused on why A is for Zoo and B is for Dog. I feel that this book might confuse English language learners as well. By all means, this book would be great for students who have mastered the alphabets because they get to go beyond and guess why A can actually be for Zoo. This book offers children to think beyond what they think they know and it also allows them to use their prior knowledge and their imagination. The pictures in the book go along with the text. Each page offers a colorful image that takes up the entire page. The illustrations bring the book to life. Target audience: ages 4-6.

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### Virginia says

2.5 stars

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### Erica says

This is a very fun book to read with anybody that is a THINKER. There is a clue given for every letter of the alphabet for something that has to do with animals. Very fun to read with younger students.

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### Chismark96 says

Q iz 4 duck iz mi fovorit boks evar. i gots it 4 mi fryends cumpleanos. weee readeed it lotsa timezz and did u no dat e iz 4 whalez cuz they r enourmous!!! mi reevew iz da bestest bestest evar and itz mi greetest bok evar. i luv it soooooo much and i luv it and itz soooo guud and itz amzzzing and itz goott lotsa leterz in it. hapy bierthdaa 2 mi fryend!!! plz do not antagonizze mi plz. so join antagonists 2dayy!!!

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### **Evelyn says**

So cute! I liked trying to figure out the riddles.

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### **Raven Cleveland says**

This book relates letters of the alphabet to animal names.

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### **Claudia Moore says**

Q is for Duck is a cute book about the alphabet and animals. I think the book is really cute and helps teach kids things about animals while using the alphabet. But, for a kid to be able to fully use this book to learn, I think they need to already understand the alphabet. If you use this book to teach the alphabet, I think it would confuse the kid. One line from the book is "Q is for Duck. Why? Because a Duck Quacks." I think this would confuse kids learning the alphabet because they might just remember that Q is for duck, they might think duck starts with Q. But this book would be great to help kids learn what sound animals make or other animal characteristics. I also like how the book continuously asks "Why?". Kids always ask why and try to learn new things. Reading this book would help reinforce that "Why?", it will help kids continue to ask questions and learn. I think the illustrations are really cute and detailed. It allows for the kids to really look at the pictures and find new things each time they read.

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### **Kirsten says**

This is a really fun interactive book, and a little more complex than your average ABC book. It worked really well with the kindergarten class I presented it to; I think it could probably work for kids three and older, but younger kids might be confused or frustrated. There's a pretty good mix of very easy riddles ("Q is for duck. Why? Because ducks quack!") and harder ones (for example, S is for camel because camels spit). This is definitely one I'll use again.

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### **Deana Metzke says**

This is a cute book to read with your kids or young students. You can read more about my experience reading this with my children here: <https://raisingreaders.site/2018/11/1...>

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## Edna Velasquez says

Awards: None

Grade Level: Preschool-3

Summary: This book explores each letter of the alphabet and each page is represent with a letter followed by a description and then a question. Which helps children connect different letter of the alphabet to objects thought vivid colors of illustrations.

Review: I love this book! I think it a fun and interactive book to read for children in any environment (classroom or home) and then have them guess why "Q is for Duck". Its a clear book that helps children understand how a letter could be related to something else that doesn't start with the same letter. Also, I like how it is repetitive and organized for each letter which encourages readers at an early age to recognize certain letters and riddles. For example, "A is for zoo" will have the child guessing how the letter is connected to the description but it is a new way to look at the alphabet and come up with their own connections.

In Class Uses: 1. After reading the book, you can ask the children to make their own page about themselves and choose a letter from their name. Ex: N is for Annie because she is nice.

2. Create a class alphabet book activity.

3. I could do a mini lesson and use examples of how to incorporate the letters of the alphabet with a description. Then I could assign each child a letter to have them illustrate it through a picture and write the letter and description.

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## Peter says

4.0 An exceedingly clever alphabet and reading book that introduces memory and logic into the typical "A is for Animal" repetitiveness by mostly focusing on each animal's most notable action.

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## Megan Gallagher says

Title: Q is for Duck

Author: Mary Elting and Michael Folsom

Illustrator : Jack Kent

Genre: Alphabet Book

Theme(s): Alphabet, Animals, Question and Answer

Opening line/sentence (type directly from text):

A is for zoo

Brief Book Summary : This book goes through each letter of the alphabet. On each page a new letter is

presented with the statement “ (said letter) is for (said animal)” the question “why” is then asked with a response of the sound that the animal makes, which evidently coincides with the letter being discussed.

Professional Recommendation/Review #1 (cut & paste):

Barbara Youngblood (Children's Literature)

Just when you think your child has the alphabet under control, along comes this little treasure. It gives all kinds of new associations for those letters. A is for Zoo starts off the story, and it will have your child guessing how the letter is connected to the description. It is a new way to look at the alphabet and a good brain exercise The illustrations are colorful and add to the total effect. Early readers will be able to do this on their own as the words are simple. Parents and teachers will be able to expand upon the initial connections and have children make up their own connections for the letters. 2005 (orig.1980), Clarion Books, \$16.00 and \$6.95. Ages 4 to 7.

(PUBLISHER: Clarion Books \$16.00 and \$6.95., PUBLISHED: 2005 (orig.1980))

Professional Recommendation/Review #2 (cut & paste):

Paula Day (The Lorgnette - Heart of Texas Reviews (Vol. 18, No. 4))

This is a fun and clever book of alphabet riddles. Jack Kent's lively, humorous illustrations are now in full color for a whole new generation of young readers to puzzle out and enjoy. The first page for each letter asks the riddle: Q is for Duck, Why? When the page is turned, the answer appears... Because...aduck Quacks. Each alphabet letter has a similar riddle and answer. This book will delight young children for years to come. Nonfiction (428.1). Grades K-1. 2005, Clarion Books, Unpaged.; Reprinted in full color., \$16.00. Ages 5 to 7.

(PUBLISHER: Clarion Books \$16.00 and \$6.95., PUBLISHED: 2005 (orig.1980))

Response to Two Professional Reviews : Both reviews think this book is a good book for children. Specifically both reviews discuss how the book asks the reader a question that is then answered. Both reviews believe this book to be very useful when learning the alphabet.

Evaluation of Literary Elements : This book does a fantastic job at providing brightly colored, large illustrations, particularly the letters presented. These illustrations are important in assisting to deliver the main theme behind the book, which is to teach the alphabet. The narrative structure of question and answer is both positive and repetitive, helping students learn the alphabet.

Consideration of Instructional Application : This is an extremely interactive book to use in a preschool and/or kindergarten setting. Using miniature chalkboards for each student and having them write each letter as it is read is a fantastic way to introduce the alphabet to your students. Students may also orally make the animal sounds out loud as the story is read.

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## **Mama Bibliosoph says**

Let me begin by bragging that Harry asked his first why-question last week! I nearly fell over. And I will not hesitate in crediting this book with being a part of that.

I specifically bought Q is for Duck because I wanted to try to teach why. After flipping through it, I realized Harry had the necessary prerequisites for this book to be useful. But there are a lot of prerequisites, and my other son Luke isn't nearly ready to read this one yet.

I think that first a child needs to have mastered the idea that letters begin words like "D is for duck." Then, the child has to be able to actively point out when someone does this incorrectly ("Q is for duck"). Finally, the child needs some fluency in common animal sounds and action verbs. This will allow the child to get these jokes:

Q is for Duck. Why?  
Because a Duck Quacks.

or:

L is for Frog. Why?  
Because a Frog Leaps.

Brilliantly the 'because' page is actually the reverse side of the 'why' page, so the child gets the opportunity to guess the reason. It's not always going to be something they are likely to figure out (N is for cat because it "naps," for example), but there are a lot of easy ones based on straightforward animal sounds and behaviors.

I'm thrilled with how quickly this book helped Harry generalize why. It's certainly a word a child will hear enough naturally, but this provides a clear structure for repetitive, errorless practice. The fact that it's a funny book sure doesn't hurt either!

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I review books for children from the perspective of a parent of kids with autism. The review above is from a longer blog post about great books for kids with autism who REALLY love the alphabet:  
<http://www.lineupthebooks.com/obsesse...>

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