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In the mold of our very popular series of state alphabet books, we offer "Z is for Zamboni" to hockey fans young and old across North America. Matt Napier's "breakaway" rhymes and "hard-checking" expository text team up with the "top-shelf" illustrations of Melanie Rose to elucidate this increasingly popular game for every beginning hockey aficionado. Highlighting rules, players, coaches, teams, and the history of the game, it is both fun and educational.

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Author : Matt Napier , Melanie Rose (Illustrator)

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Upstatemamma says

We took this book out of the library awhile ago and then after we had taken it out several times we got it for our son for Christmas. He loves it. It has lots of information and is really interesting. It almost has two books inside itself. One for the kids and one more in depth with more information about everything hockey related.

Brittany Faux says

Great pictures, great use for each letter. My only complaint is of the 26 letters, only one is a female (wickenheiser). I'm glad they did include her at least, but the only other woman is a mom sewing, they could have had some female fans at least. Still a great book I will read lots to my son

Alice says

3.5 stars Fun for hockey fans!!! (Like me) It is simple with the basic a is for...and also in the margins more detailed information about Hockey!! A nice one! It it a little outdated because the last Olympics it mentions is 2002 SLC (Yes I remember Feb 2002 VERY well here in Utah)But we have had many more since then. Still it is a fun one!! Go Hockey!!

Jacob says

Yes it is a children's book. Yes I am most definitely not a child but this book brings back the old feelings of the beginnings of my love for hockey. PErfect for any hockey player no matter how tall, small pro or house player.

Adela Bider says

Interesting book to engage students to learn the alphabet

Kristin says

Matt Napier's short lyrical verse walks the through the basics and history of the game and through the alphabet, while more advanced readers can get more in-depth information in the paragraphs on the side making this book an interesting read for both primary and intermediate readers. Melanie Rose's acrylic paintings vary from bold and crisp of current players to gentle, sepia toned historical depictions: a delight for all.

Elaine says

What a gem for NHL and hockey fans. I liked how there is a cute rhyme scheme for kids but for those who want to know more information about the game there is a complete description of hockey terminology! It's also interesting to see how some of the NHL rules have changed since there were two lockouts since this book was published in 2002. One thing will always be the same (hopefully), the puck must cross the red line completely to be credited as a goal. AHHH, I love hockey :)

Kristine says

I think this is my husband's favorite book of our son's. Any hockey lover would appreciate it for kids. Good illustrations also.

Nancy says

I bought this book to give to my son and grandson. I'm not much of a hockey fan, but it looks like an excellent book for a hockey family with a preschooler. Each letter of the alphabet is illustrated with a hockey related word and has a short rhyming description of the picture. There is also a longer explanation with more detail aimed at the adult reading the book, perfect for sparking discussion about the pictures.

Virginia says

This is our current favorite board book. Not only does it quiet the kid every time (though she's still preverbal, so that's not really an indicator of whether it appeals to children or not), but we enjoy it, too, and actually learned a couple of things. Doesn't have the typical rhyming pacing of an ABC book, but meh. Does assume some basic hockey knowledge, more than we had, actually, it's inspired us to look some concepts and people up which is always pleasantly surprising. We consider ourselves to be hockey fans, but as we grew up in a part of the country that likes, but doesn't live and breathe hockey, it was really cool to learn some things. From an ABCs board book.

Not the best illustrations for kids, but they feel right for the subject. And why did Zamboni get in the figure skating hall of fame (from the postscript on the back), but not the hockey? That just feels wrong.

Todd Freer says

Concept Book (ABCs) -- Wonderful book--each letter describes something that has to do with hockey. Next to each page in the margin is a summary that relates to each picture in addition to the letter and photo on the page itself.

Cynthia says

Good stuff - my kid enjoys this alphabet book a lot and it has been a great teaching tool. Though, I must have an old printing of this book, as there's no rhyming phrases (which is a nice change) and actually doesn't even mention the word "hockey" anywhere in the actual text of the book.

Typhani says

Summary: From "A is for Arena./The game is played in here,/a building where the fans all gather/to clap and boo and cheer" to "-Zamboni for Z-/a machine that cleans the ice,/ensuring for tomorrow's game/a surface smooth and nice," this volume introduces various aspects of the sport and some highlights from its history. For example, "U is for Team USA-/Who, to everyone's surprise,/at Lake Placid won Olympic Gold/before a nation filled with pride." The use of Canadian spelling, according to the author, is a tribute to the origins of the game. Bold acrylic paintings depict professional players, as well as youngsters at play. Thanks Amazon!

Audience: Ages 3-6

Genre: Picture book

Use: Independent reading

Life Lessons: Teaches about the sport of hockey

Recommendations/Awards: I would recommend this because I LOVE hockey!

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Tami says

I love the book because it is about the alphabet and because she loves hockey. And one time a person was trying to tackle someone and a guy in black and white prevented the tackle from happening and that is why I like the referee. ??????????????????????. Per hope. Good content surprisingly and she has retained a lot from prior readings.

Nay says

Really cute

For my little hockey fan it was a great story to make the alphabet a little more fun and easier to remember.
