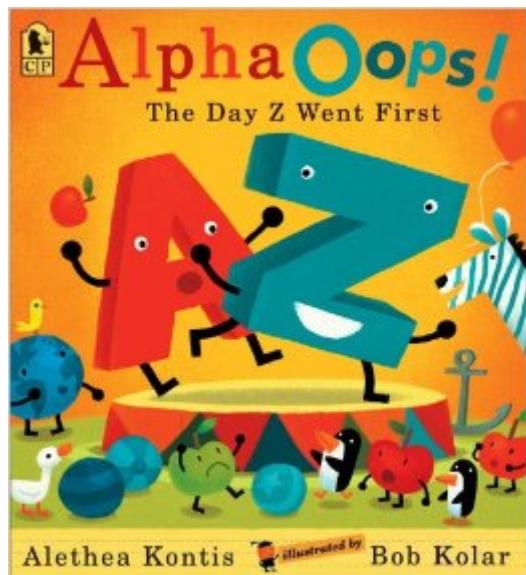


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# AlphaOops!: The Day Z Went First



## Synopsis

It's backwards! It's inside out! It's every letter for itself! This laugh-out-loud romp is not your average alphabet book! Z is tired of always having to be last when the alphabet family lines up. He is demanding fair and equal treatment! The letters (more or less) agree to go backwards, but it's not long before P has some ideas of his own. And so does H, for that matter. In fact, it seems as if almost every letter has a different opinion about how the alphabet should be arranged. It's chaos! It's pandemonium! And it's definitely not as easy as A-B-C! Filled with visually humorous details, Bob Kolar's colorful illustrations are the perfect foil for Alethea Kontis's snappy story about the comic confusion that comes when the letters of the alphabet, like a class of unruly children, step out of order and show that each one has a mind of its own.

## Book Information

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## Customer Reviews

Grade 1-2â "Letter A starts to introduce itself and is interrupted by activist letter Z, demanding fair and equal turns at going first, wary of its last place in line, and followed in backwards order by letters Y, X, W, and (oops!) P. Soon all harmony disappears out the window, with the bickering letters and their accompanying words. Letter A remains disgruntled, and letter V insists on a second turn.

Turmoil grows until letter A blossoms with not one, but a whole spread of words beginning with its sound. Digitally created googly-eyed letters with stick arms and legs, washed in bold colors, animate the alphabet with personality and emotions. Letter R performs a parody of Singing in the Rain, letter B is suspended from big beautiful balloons, letter Y knits a yarn cap, and a Sendak Wild Thing

look-alike represents the letter M. Plenty of details to absorb, colorful images to grab the eye, and a confused letter template running below the action create alphabet antics for early readers. A fun addition.â “Mary Elam, Forman Elementary School, Plano, TX Copyright Â© Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved. --This text refers to the Library Binding edition.

Who says A comes first and Z goes last? Taking the stage in an uncharacteristically disorderly lineup, the letters of the alphabet speak up and act out like a group of unruly children, jockeying for better positions in the line, demanding second turns, and even taking bathroom breaks. The result is a zany alphabetical romp that begins with an animated letter Z ("Zebra and I are SICK of this last-in-line stuff!") and proceeds with splendid chaos to include all the letters, ending with A getting the last word. Every child whose name makes him or her last on any list will feel a kinship with the complaints of the end-of-alphabet letters, and perhaps other kids will see the justice of their grievance. Reflecting the letters' saucy ways, the colorful, stylized artwork dramatizes the action and offers bits of comic byplay for the observant. An alphabet book with attitude. Carolyn PhelanCopyright Â© American Library Association. All rights reserved --This text refers to the Library Binding edition.

I bought this for a friend's child, growing up in a Spanish-speaking home. Little 4-year old Reyli is so smart, and pretty good already with English, thanks to his attendance at Head Start. I bought him this book, and from it he has learned the alphabet. He had also learned to relate to the letters individually, vs. the "abcdefg" song. This, in turn, is helping him with early reading. We also have a lot of fun with it, even when the book isn't around. Sometimes when he's here, I ask him out of the blue, "Hey Reyli, can "M" go first today?" "No!" he says. Then we have fun back and forth about it. "OK, how about "C" for the cookie you are eating?" Lots of fun, giggles and play in that. I guess the best compliment I can pay is that not only does Reyli love the book, but so does his older sister, his mom, and I, and I'm 54! Don't hesitate, grab this one, no matter what your age.

My kiddo enjoyed this book. It's silly but with a cause. He really enjoyed the mixed up alphabet.

Adorable story for young readers leaving their alphabet. Teaches that sometimes we have an order of things for good reasons, but change is also okay too.

My First Graders LOVED this story. It was whimsical and silly. It was a fun little read aloud and the kids thought it was funny that the alphabet was going backwards.

Before taking my older daughter to preschool, I sat down to read this book with my 5 year old and 2 year old. They loved it so much that they brought it with them in the car, and my preschooler wanted to bring it with her and share it with the class. She insisted that I read it to her several times, and now she's reading it on her own. I'm very happy with this purchase! :)

Maybe my 3 year old granddaughter isn't quite ready for it yet.

Both me and my 4 year old son love this book. It is educational and funny. Please check the attached photo of first page.

Hehe this is a cute story about how chaos incurs when the letters mix it up! A very good lesson and why we do things the way we do.

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