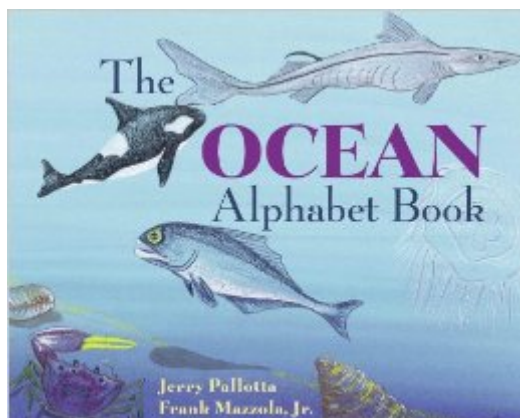


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# The Ocean Alphabet Book (Jerry Pallotta's Alphabet Books)



## Synopsis

Do you know which deep sea creature scares away its enemies by spraying ink at them, or which fish has lights inside its mouth to attract food? Learn the answer to these questions and other fascinating details about ocean life in this engaging and informative book. Young readers will delight in Jerry Pallotta's words and Frank Mazzola, Jr's illustrations on this alphabetical journey through the North Atlantic Ocean.

## Book Information

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Age Range: 4 - 8 years

Grade Level: 1 - 3

## Customer Reviews

Tired of the same old, same old. Want to teach your preschooler more about the world. This book is great for an ocean theme unit and an alphabet unit. I have a home daycare with lots of 2 to 4 year olds and this is a favorite book. Now I don't think you are going to get your 18 month old too interested, but I find the preschoolers love the challenge of learning more about the world. I haven't tried any of Jerry Pallotta's other books, but I am planning on adding some more to my home library. Don't let your preschooler think that all things swimming in water are just called fish. Help them improve their vocabulary with this great ocean book. "A is for Alphabet Book. A is also for the Atlantic Ocean. The fish and other creatures in this book live in the North Atlantic Ocean. B is for

Bluefish. Everyone loves to catch Bluefish because they love to fight. Their teeth are very, very sharp, so don't ever put your fingers in their mouths. C is for cod" and so on. very clear and colorful pictures.

Over all this is a great book that has a little bit of information about the animals in it. The reason I give it 4 stars instead of 5 is because of one page: "K is for Killer Whale." They are not called "killer whales," and as a teacher, I don't like that kids grow up thinking this is what orcas are called, especially in light of all the Sea World mistreatment of these majestic creatures.

"A" doesn't always have to stand for "apple," especially when dealing with older children who haven't mastered the alphabet yet. This book is great to read aloud with young children because of the vivid pictures and interesting topics. The book lends itself to many different extension activities and will encourage children to want to learn more about the ocean. It's a great way to begin a study on ocean animals. I learned something new myself!

My 3-year old loves this book already (we also like Bird Alphabet Book) and remembers the facts after one reading-- Bluefish has sharp teeth so don't put your fingers in her mouth;)...and so on. I disagree with another reviewer who thinks that the facts are too complex for preschooler. This is a very interesting book for both 3-year old and a parent and a good different way to review alphabet.

Children need to learn basic facts and learning the alphabet is about as basic as you can get. The Ocean Alphabet Book aims to help children learn this important and basic skill and it accomplishes this by teaching children to recognize the upper and lower case versions of each letter and helping them understand the proper pronunciation for each by including a type of creature from the sea, with a name that begins with that particular letter. Some of the featured fish and other ocean creatures include lobster, minnows, octopus, tuna, and more. The Ocean Learning Book is very similar to other educational books in this same genre. This book teaches kids to recognize letters by sight and then remember them for the sound they make. Along with that, it wants kids to learn what a capital letter and lower case letter look like. Many children are first exposed to the alphabet through books, but this book extends the learning to include lower case as well. This is better than other alphabet books, which often concentrate solely on uppercase letters. Even though this book touches on a common subject, there are some differences that set it apart from others. First, it doesn't just list names of fish and then move to the next page. Instead, it takes the educational aspects a step

further by listing the names of the fish followed by a brief description of each. Second, this book includes some interesting choices for its fish. Most children's books play it safe and include well-known fish like guppies, goldfish, etc., but this book includes some fish that even the average adult is likely unaware, like the quahog, goosefish, and inkfish. I like the illustrations in this book. They look like watercolors and they remain on the simple side. Many children will recognize the different fish and animals from other children's books and they will enjoy figuring out what type of fish is in the illustration on each page. Some will recognize the fish, even though they cannot yet pronounce its name. The Ocean Alphabet Book helps kids make the association and teaches them how to spell and pronounce the fish's name. Overall, this is a very good children's book that teaches more than just the alphabet. It teaches kids some new things about life in the ocean and the facts about each of the sea creatures will even surprise some adults. The book is offered in standard and in board book form and it makes a good choice for toddlers and others who are learning their alphabet and like anything that deals with oceans and sea life.

This is a wonderfully illustrated book, with lots of interesting information. Just make sure your child has a long attention span if you intend to read it all at once!

I didn't realize it was strictly Atlantic Ocean this book was focusing on and I bought it to get my kids excited for a trip to the Pacific, so that backfired a tad. But the book itself is nice with beautiful illustrations.

I bought this book at a garage sale - I think I paid 50 cents. I was desperate to purchase as many books as I could lay my hands on because my two daughter is a bookworm, demanding sometimes 30-40 books a day be read to her and both of us needed variety! Once I got it home and looked it over I thought it was a dud I didn't believe she would be interested because the subject matter seemed too advanced for a two year old/board book form. Instead she loves it - demands it be read daily. The subject matter that I thought would be dry/too challenging is actually very engaging. I'm off to purchase more of Jerry Pallotta's books for her.

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