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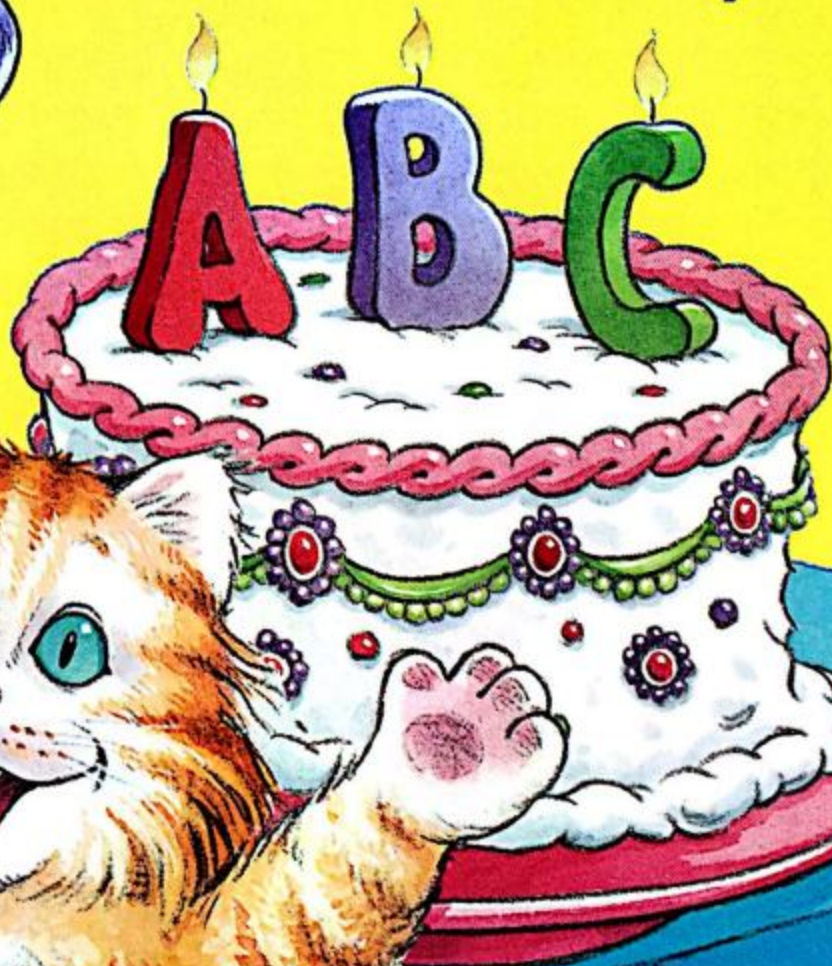
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# HAPPY ALPHABET!

A Phonics Reader



by **Anna Jane Hays**



Illustrated by  
**Joe Mathieu**

## DEAR PARENT,

Our world is filled with letters—these magical squiggles on the page that stand for sounds. Unraveling the mystery of these squiggles will help get your child on the right track to reading success.

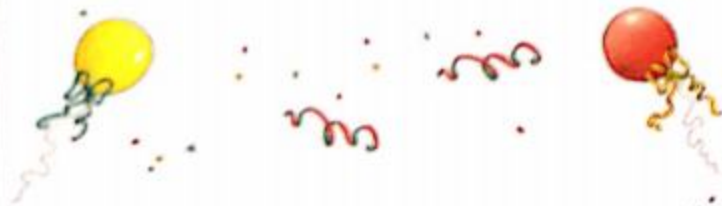
One way to lay the foundation for that success is to read with your child every day. Step into Reading Phonics Readers offer a way to make the most of that experience. These books are designed to help your child learn the sounds that letters stand for, how letters come together to make words, and how words can be put together to make sentences. Engaging illustrations help children make the connection between words and pictures.

Tips for reading this book with your child:

- Begin by reading this book aloud to your child. As you read, point to each word. This "tracking" will help your child make a connection between the written and spoken word.
- Emphasize the sounds in rhyming words, such as *cat* and *bat*, or words that share a common consonant, such as *sand* and *tail*.
- Read a word from the text and have your child find it. You can give hints, such as "This word starts with the 's' sound."
- When your child feels comfortable with the story, have him or her read it to you. Praise your child's efforts and encourage rereading of the story.
- Invite your child to find words from the story on signs or in other books. This will generate excitement about and interest in words.

Remember—all children deserve the gift of reading. As parents, you can help bestow that gift. It is one of the most important things you can do!

Wiley Blevins, Author and Reading Specialist  
Ed.M., Harvard University



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Remember, a lifetime love of reading starts with a single step!

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For Anna—A.J.H.

To my daughter, my pal, Kristen—J.M.

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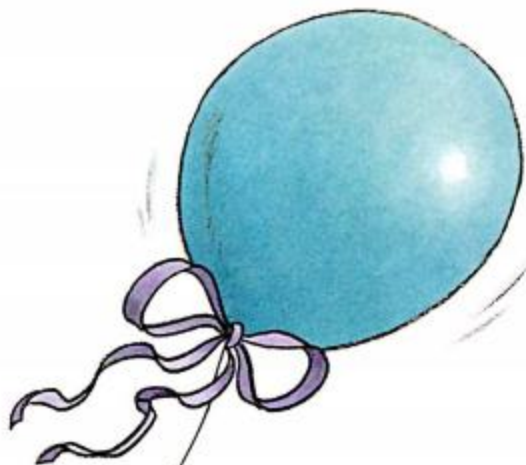
**Aa**

An airplane to fly.



**Bb**

A balloon so high.



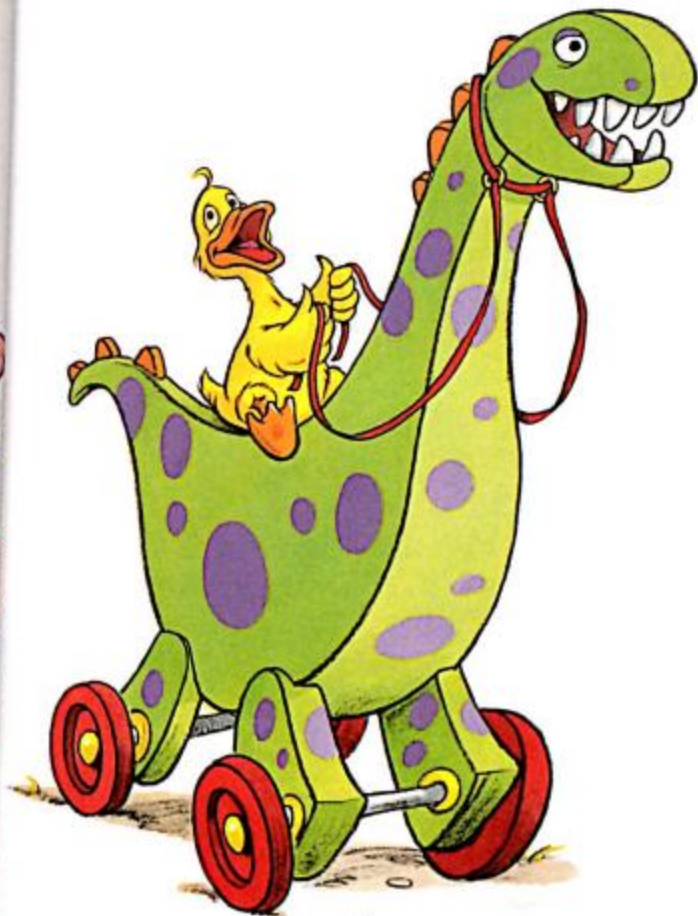
# Cc

A **cake**,  
but why?



# Dd

A **dinosaur** to ride.



# Ee

An **egg** to hide.



# Ff

A **fairy** with wishes  
and **fishes**.



# Gg

A game to share.



# Hh

A hat to wear.



# Ii

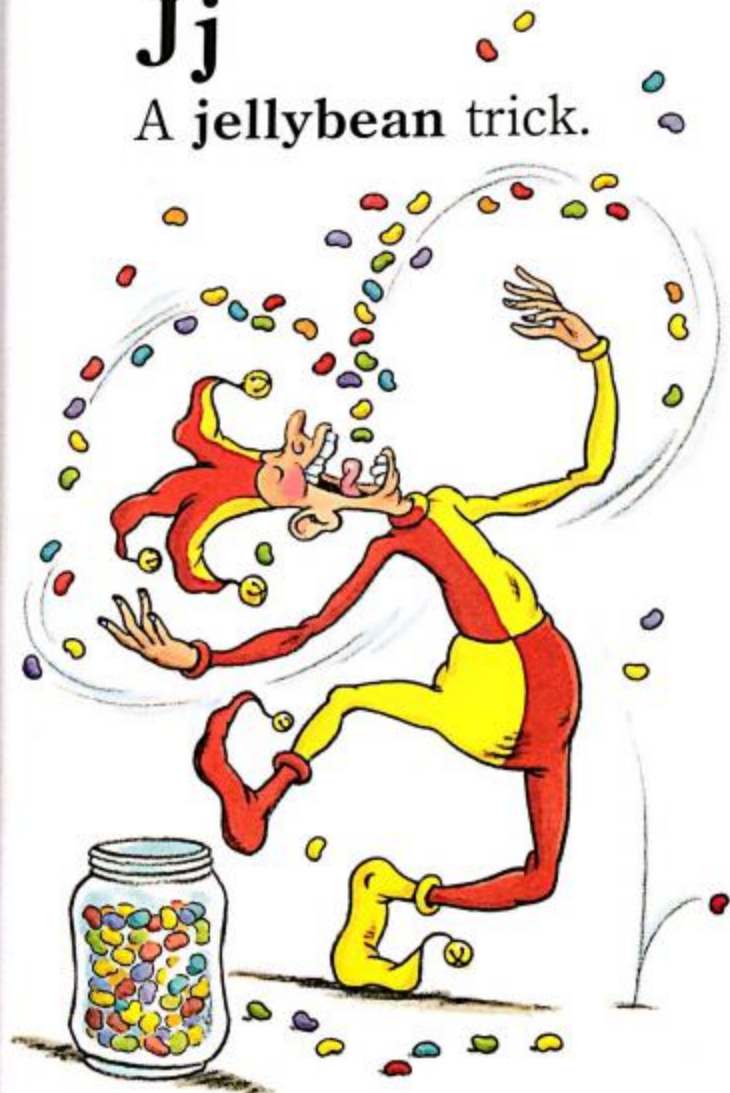
Ice cream to lick.



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# Jj

A jellybean trick.



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# Kk

A kangaroo  
springing.



# Ll

A lion singing.



# Mm

A **monster** in a vest.



# Nn

An empty **nest**.



# Oo

An **octopus** in a boat.



# Pp

A **parachute** to float.



# Qq

A queen on a throne.



# Rr

A rabbit on the phone.



# Ss

A spider spinning.



# Tt

A turtle winning.

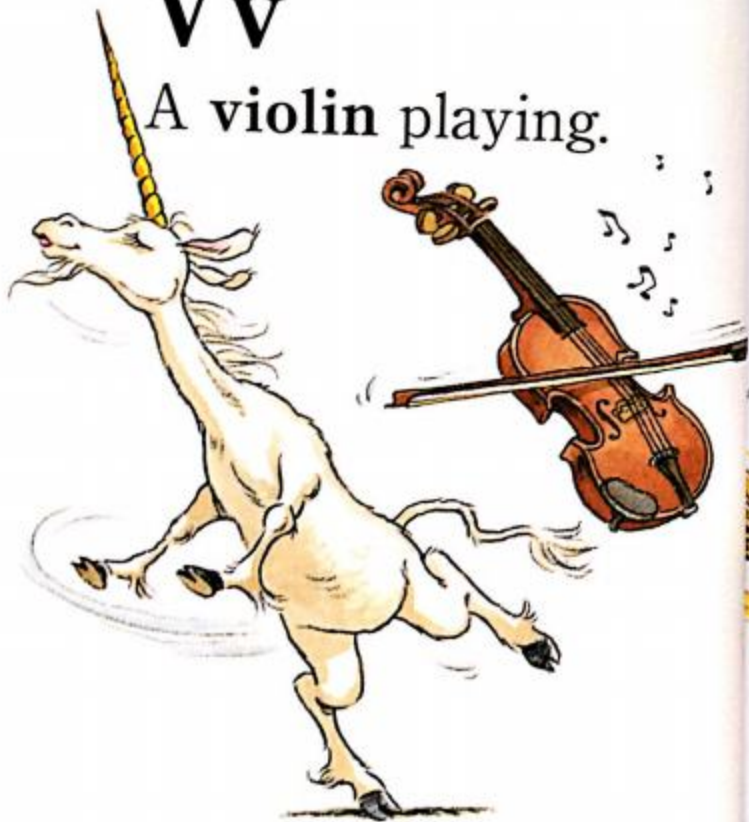


# Uu

A unicorn swaying.

# Vv

A violin playing.



# Ww

A witch hot shot.

# Xx

X marks the spot.



# Yy

A yo-yo skipping.



# Zz

A zebra zipping.



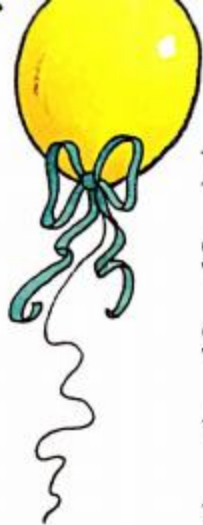
All have come  
to the party today.





All are singing,  
"Happy birthday!"





## HAPPY ALPHABET!

Sing the alphabet.

Sing along

to the tune of  
the birthday song.

One note for  
each letter you get—  
sing a

## HAPPY ALPHABET!

A-B-C-D-E-F,

G-H-I-J-K-L,

M-N-O-P, Q-R-S-T,

U-V-W-X-Y-Z.



If you know the alphabet and are ready to read,  
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 THE BERENSTAIN BEARS  
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 THE BERENSTAIN BEARS  
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 THE BERENSTAIN BEARS  
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 PIG PARADE  
 PIG PICNIC  
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 THE PUP SPEAKS UP ◆  
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 SEE THE YAK YAK  
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 SLEEPY DOG  
 THE SNOWBALL  
 THE SNOWMAN  
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 THOMAS AND PERCY AND  
 THE DRAGON >  
 TOO MANY DOGS  
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It's time for YOU!  
Pick your favorite  
spot to read.  
This is going to be  
a great book!

What this book is about . . .

**Happy Alphabet!**

An airplane, a balloon,  
a cake . . . but why?

Come to the party and see!



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