

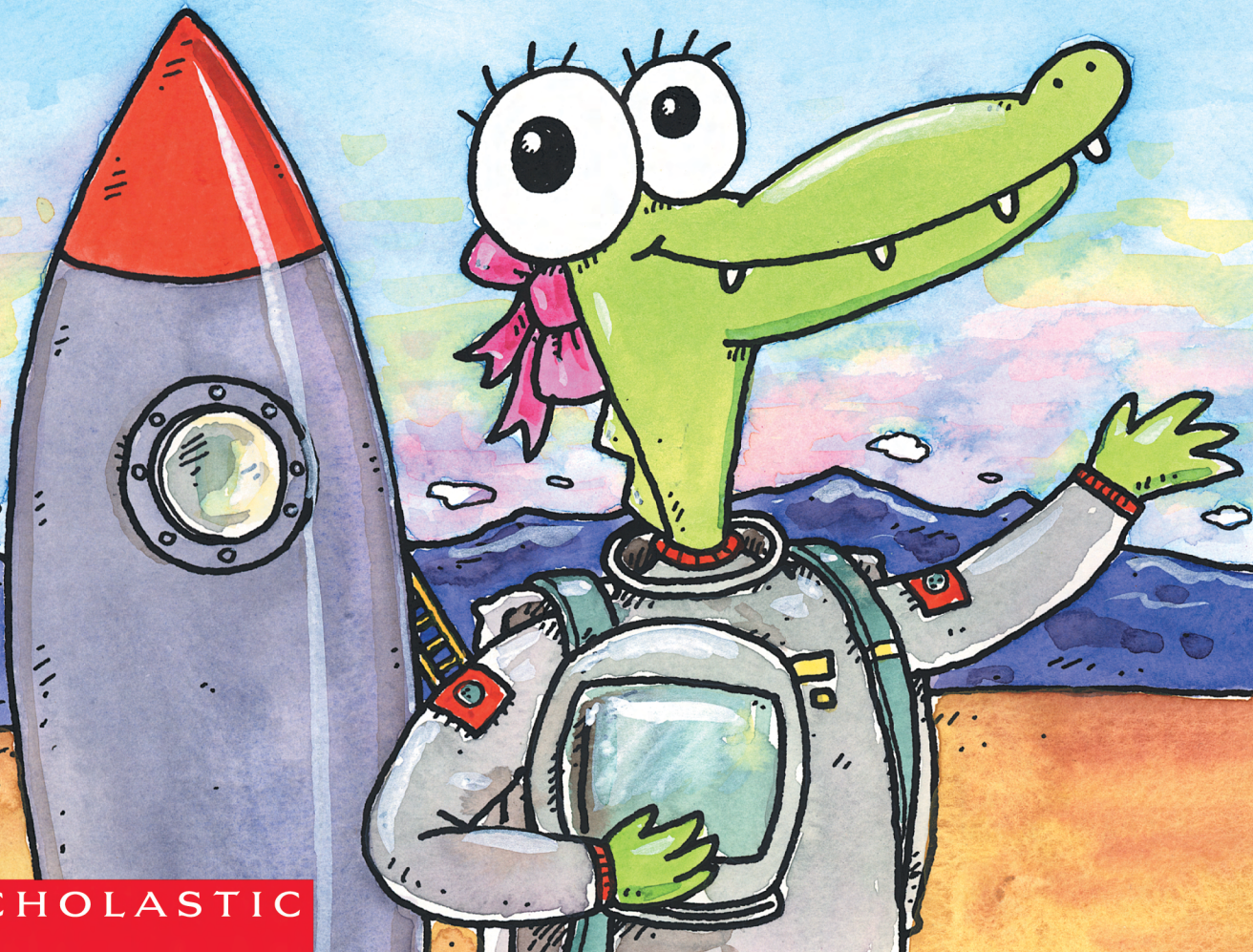
AlphaTales

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The Adventures of Abby Alligator

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For Jess B.,
in honor of her own AMAZING adventures
in the world of work.



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Abby Alligator is ready to work.
What will Abby do?



Abby wants to be an acrobat.



But she's afraid of falling.



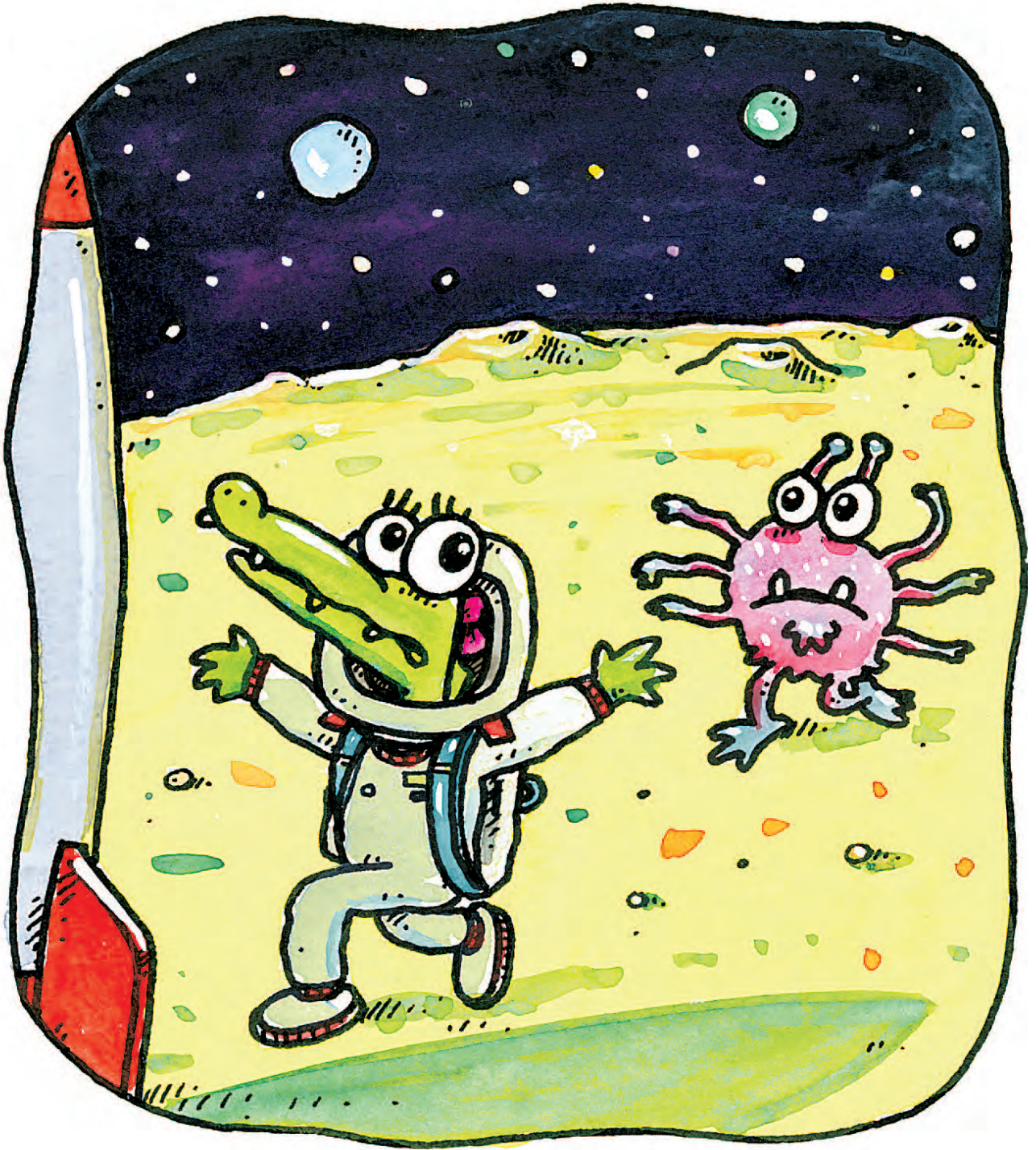
Abby wants to be an artist.
But she can only paint apples.



Abby wants to be an animal doctor.
But she's allergic to cardvarks.



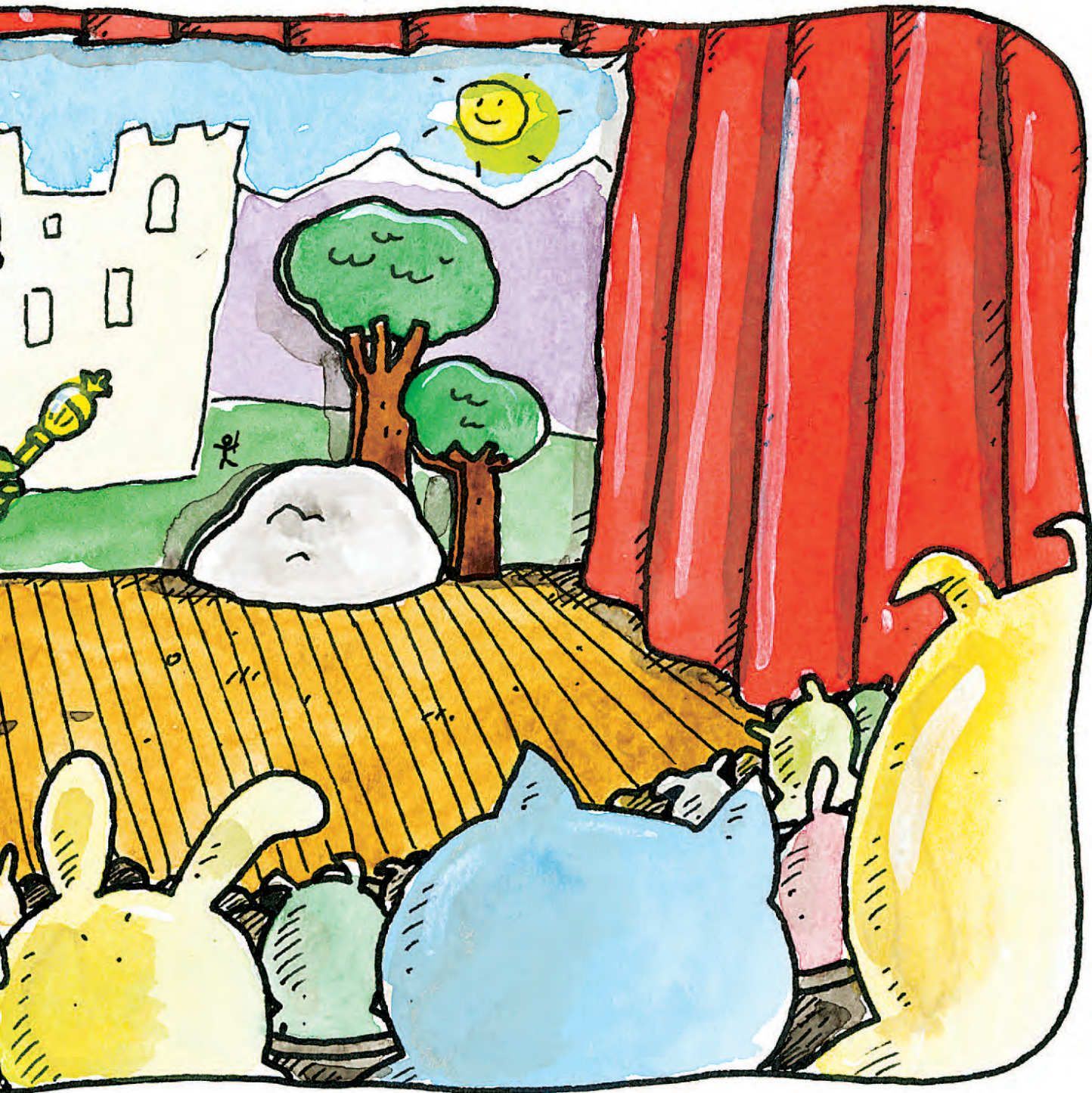
Abby wants to be an astronaut.



But she meets an angry alien.



Abby wants to be an actor.



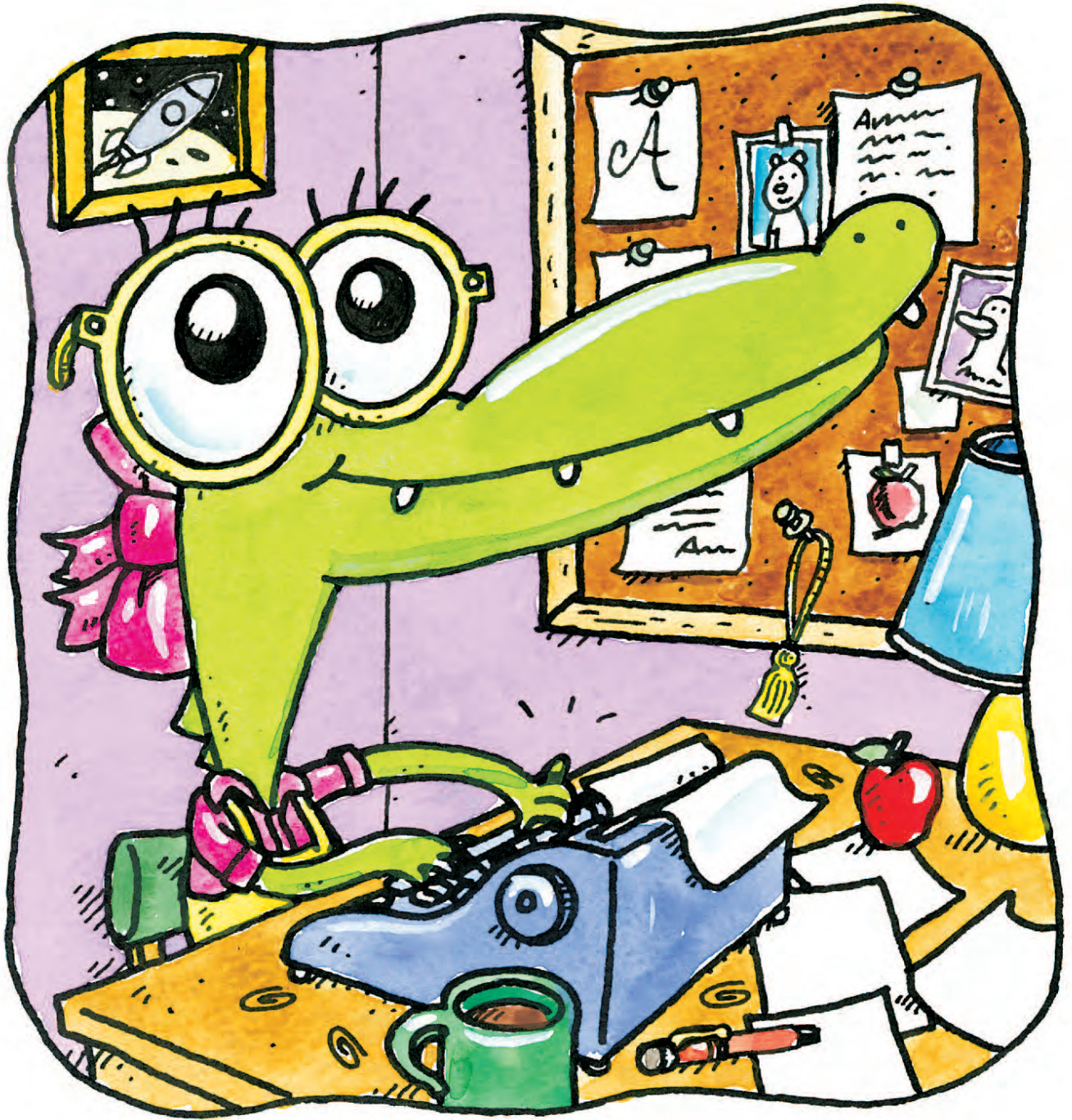
But she is awful.



Abby can't think of any other jobs.



Then Abby has an AMAZING idea.
“I’ll be an author!” Abby says.



Abby Alligator writes all about her adventures as an acrobat, an artist, an animal doctor, an astronaut, and an actor.



Being an author is AWESOME!

How many things can you find that begin with the letter A?





Aa Cheer

A is for alligator and acorns on trees

A is for “Ah-choo!” when you sneeze

A is for apples baked in a pie

A is for airplane up in the sky








Hooray for **A**, big and small—
the most awesome, amazing letter of all!



Reading Tips

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Here are some quick and fun ways to use this story to help children build important alphabet recognition skills.

-  Ask children to find big A and small a at the top of the front cover. Review the long A/a and short A/a sounds with children. Can they find three words in the title that begin with the letter A/a? Read the title aloud, emphasizing the A/a sound as appropriate.
-  Flip the book over and read the story summary on the back cover. Ask children to point out words they hear or see that begin with A/a. Explain that the story you are about to read includes many more words that begin with the letter A/a. Can they help you find them?
-  Read the story aloud once for pleasure and enjoy together the whimsical illustrations. Then reread the book, emphasizing the initial A/a sound in the appropriate words. Ask children to listen closely for and identify all the words that start with A/a. Point out these words in the text, and make a list of them.
-  Write each of the words from your list on an unlined index card. Read each word on the cards aloud with children. On another reading of the story, children can match the words on the index cards with the words in the story.
-  Pages **16-17** of the book depict a busy scene full of A/a words. Some of these words have been introduced in the story, but a few are new. Ask children to find as many A/a words as they can. Add any new words to your list. The A/a words depicted in the scene include: alligator, apples, ants, acorns, aardvark, artist, astronaut, airplane. (Children may come up with other A/a words on their own!)
-  Read aloud the cheer on page **18** several times, with lots of energy and enthusiasm. Invite children to join you in reciting the cheer when they feel ready. Encourage them to find any new A/a words in the cheer. Again, add these words to your list.
-  Don't let your exploration of the letter A/a end with the story! Display your list of words in a place where children can easily see it. During the rest of the day or week, children can add new A/a words that they encounter in other books, on signs, on food labels, and so on.

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What will Abby Alligator be — an artist, an astronaut, an actor? Read all about Abby's adventures in the working world.



AlphaTales are humorous stories designed to help young children recognize letters and the sounds they make. Lay the foundation for reading success with these kid-pleasing books — one for each letter of the alphabet!