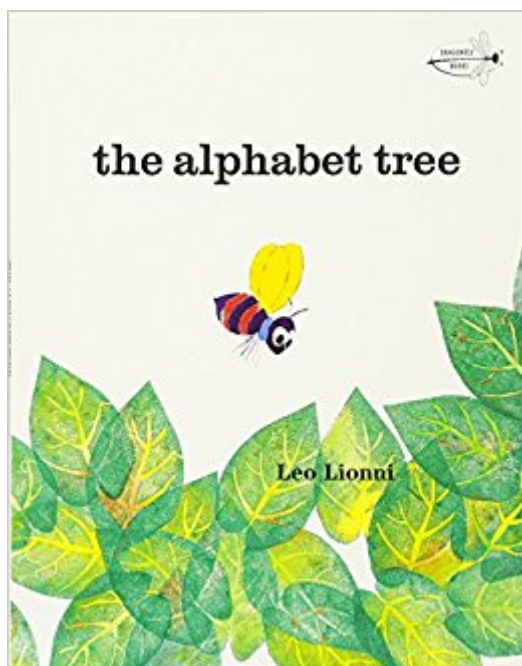


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# The Alphabet Tree (Dragonfly Books)



## Synopsis

When a fierce wind threatens to blow all the little letters out of the alphabet tree, they must band together in words and then sentences to create a message that's even stronger than the wind: peace on earth. With their newfound knowledge, there's nothing the letters can't do in this gentle parable about the power of the written word.

## Book Information

Lexile Measure: 0620 (What's this?)

Series: Dragonfly Books

Paperback: 32 pages

Publisher: Knopf : Distributed by Random House (October 24, 1990)

Language: English

ISBN-10: 0679808353

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Product Dimensions: 7 x 0.2 x 8.9 inches

Shipping Weight: 10.4 ounces (View shipping rates and policies)

Average Customer Review: 4.4 out of 5 stars 38 customer reviews

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Age Range: 3 - 7 years

Grade Level: Preschool - 2

## Customer Reviews

"The Alphabet Tree, by Leo Lionni, is tops on the list of picture books that teach as well as amuse." "Time" "Handsomely illustrated . . . an amusing and informative word game." "The Chicago Sun-Times"

Illus. in full color. The letters on an alphabet tree, torn and tossed by the wind, find strength in banding together to form words. Then a clever caterpillar teaches the letters to become even stronger by forming sentences with a message of peace in a gentle parable about the power of the written word.

I bought this book because it seemed like a great educational book for my special ed students

struggling with basic literacy concepts. I love how Lionni begins with single letters, and then puts 2 or 3 together to create words - great teachable moment. Then, the words are put together to create sentences. There are countless related activities that can be done with this book, as simple as identifying single letters on the leaves, or getting a little more complicated by having kids go through the whole process of letter to word, word to sentence, sentences to meaningful paragraph. The only thing I wasn't crazy about was the somewhat political message at the end. Not that I'm opposed to author's including their moral beliefs into their works, it just felt a little out of place with the rest of the book, and I find it a little difficult to weave into my teaching objectives while working with primary aged kids. That's just my opinion as a teacher of literacy basics, though. If my objective were to teach my students or children a kind of life lesson, I might enjoy it a little more.

Political or not I'm not sure, but it just doesn't make sense in a child's book that is about learning the alphabets.

This is a cute book but I won't consider it an ABC book. It is more of a word book.

Perfect for Kindergarten!

Great book, but too advanced for the 3 year old I purchased it for. Passed it on to another teacher who will be able to use it.

I had high hopes for this book but it was just okay. It's a little smaller in size compared to other picture books so hard to see the pictures in a large classroom setting.

this book appeals at so many levels. as a story, we learn that standing together in unity can protect us as well as give meaning to our actions. at another level, its about how letters come together to make words, and words come together to make sentences. its a great story for telling, for reading aloud and for acting as a little drama in pre-school classes.

Ordered as a gift for a friend's baby. Cute pictures but didn't appreciate the "political" ending!!

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