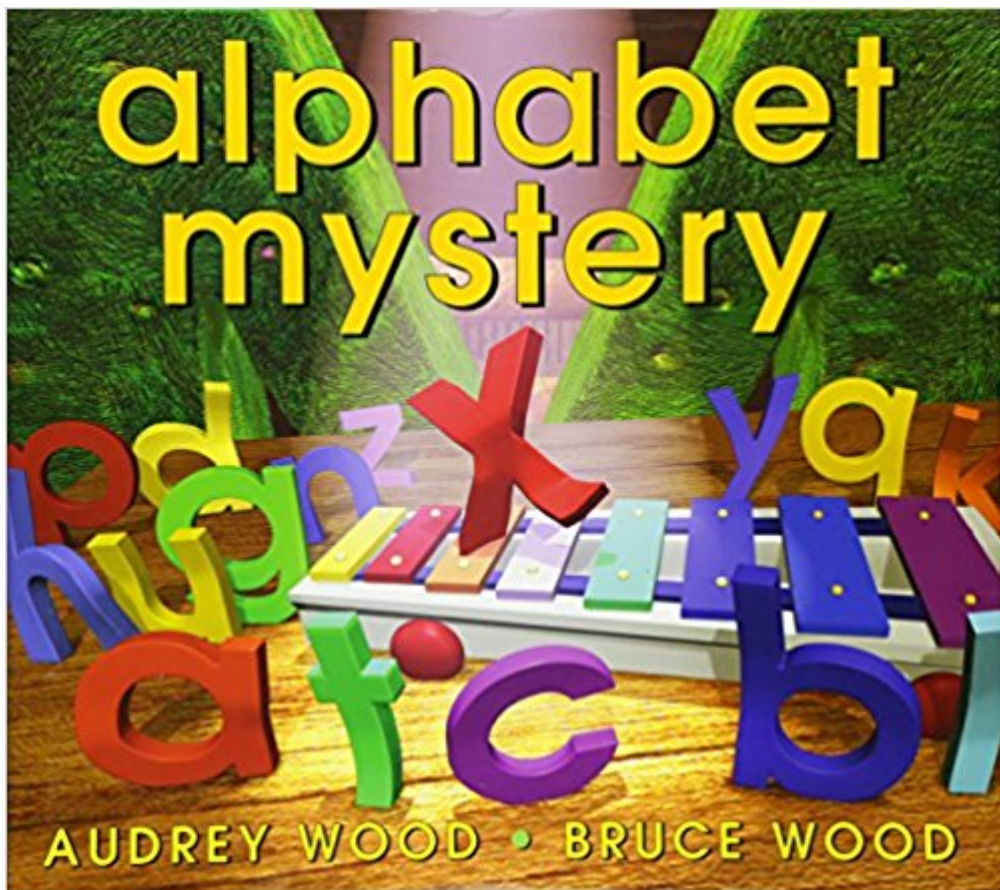




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Synopsis

Engaging alphabet books are perennial bestsellers with unlimited demand. As in their previous collaboration, the Woods bring lower-case letters to life in a fun adventure. Little x has left, upset he's hardly used, and the other letters set out to find him. They find x playing the castle xylophone for the mysterious Master, capital M, who threatens to turn them into alphabet soup! Some quick thinking by Little x saves the day, and soon they are all on their way home--just in time to make Mom's birthday surprise: a cake with Little x all over. He's the only one who stands for kisses!

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Customer Reviews

PreSchool-Grade 2-A story that invites participation and promotes letter recognition. When Little x disappears from Charley's Alphabet, the rest of the letters search for him, finding him in the castle of Master M. To their surprise, he does not want to be rescued, because he is useful there unlike at home, where Charley seldom uses him. When Master M awakes and threatens to use the letters in soup, Little x comes to the rescue and they all return home safely. There, Charley helps his dad decorate a birthday cake for his mother, and he uses Little x four times-because it is the only letter that stands for kisses. As in *Alphabet Adventure* (Scholastic, 2001), children will work on a skill necessary to begin reading as they enjoy the story and the bright, three-dimensional-looking digital illustrations filled with detail. Margaret R. Tassia, Millersville University, PA Copyright 2003 Reed Business Information, Inc.

PreS-Gr. 2. Charley's letters from Alphabet Adventure (2001) set off on another escapade to find Little x, who was absent from the bedtime roll call. After Little t tattles that x took a pencil and flew away, the other letters hop on a pencil and take off to hunt for him. They find him in a castle, held captive by Giant M, a miserable monster. It seems Little x ran away because Charley never used him. But Little i knows a secret; tomorrow is Charley's mother's birthday, and Charley plans to use Little x. Monster M lets Little x go and allows each letter to choose a gift from his treasure room. As it turns out, Charley makes a cake, spells out "I Love You Mom," and uses Little x four times--for kisses, of course. Visual and verbal puns add to the fun of learning the alphabet, as do the vividly colored, digitally created illustrations that look like animated photographs. Kids will love the "I Spy" aspect of matching letters to the gifts. Julie Cummins Copyright © American Library Association. All rights reserved

My 3 1/2 year old had no interest in traditional A, B, C books that went through the letters in order and just said words that started with each one. I really wanted her to start recognizing her letters so I began researching other options when I found this book (and the other 2 alphabet books by Audrey Wood). We were already fans of Wood from reading 'The Napping House' and 'Silly Sally' so I felt confident these wouldn't disappoint. Alphabet mystery is my daughter's favorite of the three alphabet books by Wood. She loves the story and recognizes all the main letters now, even outside of reading the story. Since buying this and the other alphabet books by Wood a month ago, my daughter has finally begun to recognize many letters both upper and lower case. I recommend these to all my friends with pre-school age kids.

My kids love this book! I'm now anxious to get the others. My 4 yo loves searching for the letters and asks to read it each night!

My daughter, who goes in and out with being excited and engaged with learning to read and stuff, loves these books! We have the other two. These are just very cute books!

I bought this for my daughter who was learning upper and lower case letters in preschool. I found it to be a great teaching tool. She likes the story so would ask for it to be read again and again. Then we could discuss the lower case letters and their sounds as we read. I particularly like the part where the letters pick out a gift, and each gift starts with the letter who picked it. Clever story and

fun way to teach lower case letters!

This is a marvelous book for children learning their lower case letters. The concept of a mystery is clear and easy to then apply to any lost toys. The capital I and M can become bad guys just by reading their lines in a different voice. Adults will enjoy reading this book over and over again to the delight of their child. If Mom's birthday is coming, or has recently passed, the story will be very meaningful. The illustrations are beautiful and the text is clear and concise. A wonderful book for any young child.

My 4 year old loves this book. We have to read it regularly at bedtime. It is cutely written. Great way to learn the alphabet! I could see 3-5 year olds enjoying it, possibly slightly older.

Cute book about alphabet adventures.

My 3 year old son loves this book. He has already learned his uppercase letters, so this book is great for teaching the lowercase letters that he is still quite unfamiliar with. The story is very cute, and he is hooked on it! We checked this one (along with Alphabet Adventure and Alphabet Rescue) out at our local library and he loved it so much that we bought them. I would highly recommend this book (and the other two!) to anyone with preschool/kindergarten children.

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