Eating The Alphabet
Synopsis
While teaching upper- and lowercase letters to preschoolers, Ehlert introduces fruits and vegetables from around the world. A glossary at the end provides interesting facts about each food.

Book Information
Age Range: 2 - 3 years
Board book: 28 pages
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Customer Reviews
Lois Ehlert's Eating the Alphabet: Fruits & Vegetables from A to Z contains illustrations of 74 fruits and vegetables, from the everyday apple to the exotic jicama. Each letter of the alphabet is represented in large serif font in uppercase and lowercase and is represented by illustrations of one to eight fruits and vegetables. The illustrations are captioned with spellings of each fruit and vegetable, once in all uppercase and once in all lowercase. The illustrations depict the fruits and vegetables as they appear at the supermarket, even including the wide rubber bands often found on asparagus and broccoli and the cardboard tubs that hold strawberries and blueberries. The bright illustrations are in sharp contrast with the flat, white background. The overall effect of the illustrations and type styling is crisp, clean, and colorful. The book also includes a glossary of fruits and vegetables, with a small picture, pronunciation, designation as fruit and/or vegetable, and a brief description. This glossary is particularly useful for items such as xigua (she-gwah), the Chinese name for watermelon. Children will enjoy learning the more exotic fruits and vegetables. This book will aid children in recognizing letters and the multiple words for each letter allow children to recognize the pattern of sounds associated with each letter.
This is a very nice board-book. The illustrations are bright and eye-catching, featuring all the usual fruits and vegetables as well as some of the more exotic ones. Each letter is printed in both upper- and lower-case, as are all the names of the fruits and vegetables (Yy YAM yam). This board book--based on a picture book for slightly older children--is probably best suited for toddlers who can identify some of the familiar items. It would be an ideal gift for a vegetarian or vegan family as it shows absolutely no animal products!

Excellent! All three of my children adored the board book version of Eating the Alphabet. It provides a nice way to expose toddlers to a variety of interesting fruits and vegetables -- they get a kick out of repeating words like "jicama" and "jalapeno". Highly recommended.

The board book version of this title is cute, but treat yourself ( and your child, too!) to the full-sized hardcover edition. It’s a feast for the eyes! Yum!

My children love this colorful book, Eating the Alphabet, by Lois Ehlert. This book helps to educate children about the different fruits and vegetables for every letter of the alphabet. It has inspired my children to want to try new fruits and vegetables that they’ve never had before. We have also been able to identify fruits and vegetables in the produce section at the grocery store that we might have once overlooked. One of my daughters actually requested Brussels sprouts after reading this book for the first time. We made them, and while she didn’t love them the first time she had them, she was proud to say that she tried them. After having eaten them many times now, she likes them, and I have to say we probably never would have tried Brussels sprouts in the first place if it wasn’t for this book! We love the artwork of Lois Ehlert and the bright, bold colors she uses. She makes everything look appetizing and as a result will encourage children I’m sure to try more fruits and vegetables!

I cannot say enough good things about this book! the pictures are amazing and colorful. It’s so freakin adorable listening to my toddler say things like "Persimmon" and "Rhubarb". She is always reading this book and I like that it’s introducing new foods to her through reading, that way when she’s over the "scary food" toddler phase she might be more inclined to try them!

Our two year old child loves this board book. It’s thick and made of high quality material. She loves
the colors and graphics. Able to point the fruits she recognize for now. This is for ages 3 and up so I say it's age appropriate.DISCLAIMER: I received this product at a full price and this is my honest and unbiased review

My kids and I enjoyed this cute book. It was especially fun to look for fruits and vegetables that we have tasted before. However, I bought it to be a gift and it arrived warped. Not good for giving but ok to keep for our own bookshelf. I don't know what might have caused that, since I've received several books before in the same kind of packaging with no problem.

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