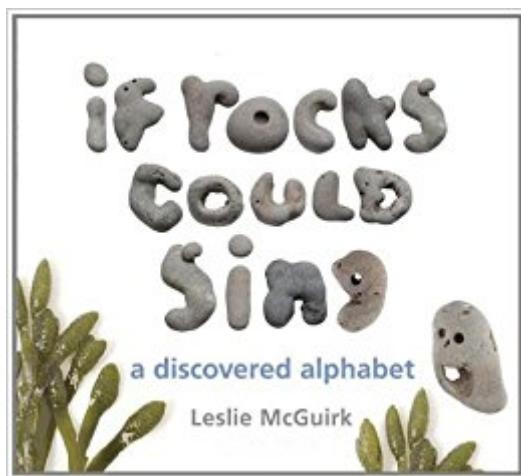


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If Rocks Could Sing: A Discovered Alphabet



Synopsis

Amazing rocks, found on a stretch of beach near the author's home, comprise this unique alphabet book. A is for Addition, and there are rocks in the shape of real numbers, too. B is for Bird, and there is a bird rock on a nest with an egg. G is for Ghosts, and there is a host of rocks that look like ghosts! Children and adults alike will pore over these fascinating rocks, and will be inspired collect their own.

Book Information

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Age Range: 3 - 7 years

Grade Level: Preschool - 2

Customer Reviews

Review, The Wall Street Journal, June 11, 2011 "There is as much wit here as there is potential pedagogy: The rock that is used to show "O is for ouch!" looks as though it is shouting and wincing at the same time; the slab of "toast" used to illustrate the letter T so nearly resembles whole-grain bread that you can imagine yourself biting into it." Review, School Library Journal, May 1, 2011 "Sure to spark imaginative rock-finding hunts and found-object art projects, this quirky title will earn its place in any picture-book collection." Review, Booklist, May 1, 2011 "With clean page design, restrained use of color, and minimal text, this intriguing book showcases the rocks themselves and may inspire children to discover their own found art." Review, Kirkus Reviews, April 15, 2011 "Begs to be pored over again and again." Review, Publisher's Weekly, March 14, 2011 "It's an unusual labor of love that may have kids checking the ground for familiar shapes."

LESLIE MCGUIRK says that when she was a child she wanted to be a game warden in Africa. Instead, she grew up to become an author and illustrator whose favorite topic is the animals she loves so much. Leslie is the author-illustrator of many children's books, including the *Tucker the Dog* books, *Pip the Penguin*, and *Wiggins Learns His Manners at the Four Seasons*.

This book is a "must have" for every child's library. It's very creative and my kids love how the rocks are natural and we're found along the beach, one of their favorite places to be. I give it as a gift to friends when they have a baby and they always comment on how unique it is.

I read this to my kindergarteners every year--we all thoroughly enjoyed it! Warning: if you read this to your class, you will have students bringing you cool rocks for the rest of the year!

My daughter is learning her alphabets now, so she loves pointing at the rocks and saying what letter it is. I love how it stimulates the imagination - a rock version of "what does that cloud look like?" and encourages us to really notice our surroundings. I plan on using this book as a launching pad to encourage my kids to find things in nature that speak (sing) to them.

This book is a great way to creatively teach and reinforce alphabet skills in young students. I only wish that the author could have chosen something different, almost anything else really, for letter "G". This page uses rocks that look like ghosted and they are on a black backdrop. One of them is truly scary for young kids and I had to improvise for that page, using "Gone. Letter G for gone. The page is gone!" It works, but I would love to have seen "grapes," "goldfish," "gumdrop." I can't imagine these would have been hard to find in rock form. Otherwise, wonderful book!

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The message in this book is awe-inspiring. The found rocks are wonderful, the imagination of the author is stupendous, and the patience taken to complete this product inspirational. If she could wait 10 years to find the right rocks...what can we wait for to see come to pass in our lives.

Really fun book. Gives great ideas of things to do with rocks.

This book is truly a piece of art and unlike anything else. The author created this book showcasing stones she has collected over the years. The stones are in the shape of letters and for each, something that starts with that letter. We live near Lake Michigan and spend a lot of time collecting very similar looking stones. I bought this book for my four children, ages 7 and under, so they could be inspired in their own rock collecting and so that I could display it in my youngest son's lake/beach-themed nursery. This book is beautifully done, and I would highly recommend.

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